

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Deacon Larry Lipsmeyer 501 922-3283
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Deacon Gary Christoff 573 645-6814

MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.....	09:00 a.m.
Wednesday.....	04:00 p.m.
First Saturday.....	09:00 a.m.
Saturday Anticipated	04:00 p.m.
Sunday	08:00 a.m.
.....	10:00 a.m.
Holy Day Vigil (with obligation)	as announced
Holy Day.....	09:00 a.m.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration	All hours
.....	7 days a week

CONFESSION

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	08:40 to 08:55 a.m.
Wednesday	03:30 to 03:50 p.m.
Saturday	03:15 to 03:45 p.m.

OR by appointment with the Pastor

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	Feb. 24
12:30 pm	Guild 2 Hand & Foot, Classroom D
Tuesday	Feb. 25
10:00 am	Fit'n Go Fitness, Lower Hall
11:30 am	Chair Stretch & Balance, Lower Hall
11:30 am	Mat Stretch, Strength & Balance, Upper Hall
Wednesday	Feb. 26
09:45 am	COR Group, Classroom D
01:00 pm	Singles Hand & Foot, Upper Hall
01:00 pm	Spades and Table Games, Upper Hall
01:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	Feb. 27
09:30 am	Rosary Makers, Classroom B
10:00 am	Fit'n Go Fitness, Lower Hall
11:30 am	Chair Stretch & Balance, Lower Hall
11:30 am	Mat Stretch, Strength & Balance, Upper Hall
06:00pm	COR Group, Classroom D
Friday	Feb. 28
09:45 am	Pastoral Council Meeting, Classroom D
09:45 am	COR Group, Classroom C
11:00 am	AARP Driver Safety Seminar, Upper Hall
Saturday	Mar. 1 First Saturday Mass & Devotions
09:00 am	Mass
04:00 pm	Mass
05:00 pm	K of C Spaghetti Dinner, Lower Hall
Sunday	Mar. 2
08:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass
11:15 am	Youth Faith Formation, Classroom B

AARP SAFE DRIVER PROGRAM

This is a new program. Improve your driving skills and be a safe driver. The program will take place Friday, February 28, 2025 from 11:00 - 3:30 pm in the Upper Hall. Sign up for this one day course in the A & E Hallway. On program day bring your Driver's License and AARP card along with a CHECK payable for \$20. Non AARP members should bring a check for \$25. Contact **Gene Widlowski** at **501 922-4145** with questions. Upon course completion, you may qualify for a discount on your auto insurance.



SHJ MEN'S CLUB FISH BAKE

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Men's Club invites you to a sit-down dinner on Friday, March 7 at 5:00 pm in the Lower Hall. Enjoy: Chopped green salad and rolls, parmesan lemon butter baked whitefish, wild rice pilaf and asparagus. LOSH Guild 8 will be offering dessert. Sign up for the dinner before or after 4:00 pm Mass Saturday, Feb. 22 or Sunday Feb. 23. The sheet will remain for the week with sign ups concluding Tuesday, March 3. You may also call or email **Bob Bowman** at **501 922-6619** or **robowman1@gmail.com**. All monies need to be received by **March 4**. Please make checks payable for \$17 per person to: Sacred Heart of Jesus and on the memo indicate Men's Club Fish Bake. Mail to: Bob Bowman 16 Isabella Way, HSV, AR 71909. *This event is a major fundraiser for SHJ Men's Club.*



K OF C SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 1 after 4:00 pm Mass in the Church Lower Hall. Come enjoy spaghetti and meatballs with sauce, salad, garlic bread, coffee and water. The refreshment center will be open and carry outs will be available. This dinner's price is a *Good Will* offering. All net proceeds benefit local Knight's charities. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for planning purposes or contact Mike Gonda at img573@comcast.net for more information.



LOSH CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

Announcing the LOSH Charity Golf Scramble! Open to ALL golfers, Monday April 28 at Isabella Golf Course. Shotgun start at 9:30 am.



4 person teams: all men, all women or mixed. \$100 per person. Visit hsvlosh.com for the online reservation form and additional information.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 and feature a sign with your name or business name and logo. A list of all sponsors is given to each golfer. For other sponsorship opportunities, please email loshfundraising.shj@gmail.com or contact Marie Hylden.

SATURDAY NIGHT CHOIR

Do you play the piano or a keyboard instrument? You don't need to be a virtuoso to be a member of our Saturday Night choir. Sing or not, your talents will be greatly appreciated helping us to present our very best music and leading our congregation in praise of our Savior. We practice for an hour every Thursday afternoon and meet an hour prior to Mass on Saturdays. There is no pressure as we have the music at least one week in advance. Please allow us to welcome you into our group and to increase your participation in the Mass. Contact **Diane Patterson** **501 922-6965** today.



K OF C 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

This 4th Degree exemplification will be held Saturday, March 8, 2025 in the Lower Hall. Schedule as follows:

- ◇ 1:30 pm Registration
- ◇ 2:15 pm Exemplification
- ◇ 4:00 pm Mass

A reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be held in the Lower Hall following Mass.

This is a great opportunity here at Sacred Heart to join the 4th Degree Assembly in honoring God and country. Any candidates and potential candidates for 4th Degree exemplification contact **Russell Tessier** at **225 955-4596**. We encourage our brother Knights to attend in support of our candidates.

PASTORS COLUMN

I give thanks to God for all parishioners who seek to grow in their relationship with the Lord first and foremost, then their brothers and sisters "in the Lord" that is fostered in a variety of ways, especially in our celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

I also appreciate those who come out from the pews to serve the Lord and their fellow parishioners in the liturgical ministries that we have during Mass and before and after Mass (like the sacristans and ushers)

Then there are those who put in some or a great deal of extra time in serving the Lord outside of our times of worship. Two people who do this are our V.I.P.'s for the month of February, Mark and Kacky Leslie. When I think of Mark, the first thing that comes to mind is all the work he does in financial matters for our Knights of Columbus Council (10208). With all the fundraising activities of our Knight's and the normal collecting of dues and other monies that come in, Mark puts in an unknown (by me anyway) number of hours being proficient and responsible in his duties which is a blessing to our Knights and many others as well. There are of course other activities he is involved in and even takes a leadership role in such as the newcomers welcoming committee that he and Kacky have been heading up and coordinating for a while. I'm thankful to them for this and also appreciate all those who are in this ministry of welcoming and informing new parishioners about Sacred Heart Church. Mark is a past "Scribe" for our Knights 4th degree assembly, is part of the "kitchen crew" for Knights breakfast fundraisers, and comes early and at times stays later to set-up and clean-up for Knights events (which are mostly fundraisers that assist a variety of people in need). He has attended the annual parish men's retreat and has represented our Knights Council at the annual state convention. He has been serving on the Sacred Heart Parish Life Commission for a significant period of time and is currently one of two representatives from that commission on our pastoral council. Kacky is a native-born Arkansas, who has been a faithful, loving wife to Mark for over 50 years and a support to him in his career, much of which was in the military. Since they moved to Hot Springs Village in January of 2018 she has been an active member of LOSH, a past co-captain and now captain of Guild 6 and co-leads that guilds' efforts to minister to our bereaved through funeral receptions when her guild is called upon to do it. She and Mark have volunteered for the annual Arkansas Special Olympics event in Searcy Arkansas and has been blessed with Mark and others by attending the Knights couples retreat in Subiaco. As mentioned above she and Mark have been members of the welcoming committee, and have done a great job leading this ministry in our parish. Both Kacky and Mark have shown themselves to be always ready to help out when needed in too many instances to mention. I dare say that even though they have been here for a relatively short time (7 years) they are wonderful contributors to the growth and stability of our parish (and our Knights council and assembly) which hopefully is an inspiration for others to do the same!



GIFT OF ADORATION



There is a need for regular Adorers on Monday from 12:00 - 1:00 am (until April 1) and 2:30 - 4:00 am, Thursday 4 - 5:00 am and Saturday 12:00 - 1:00 am.

Contact Mike Ritch regarding PEA [832 231-7469](tel:832-231-7469)

FORMED

Our parish provides its parishioners with a subscription to Formed. This Lent sign up at FORMED.org. You can then access Symbolon which consists of two parts of ten different sessions meant to focus on knowing our faith and living it. One of these sessions is a discussion of "The Eucharist: Source and Summit", an excellent talk to access for the start of the Lenten season.

INVITING YOU BACK



Experience part of your Lenten and Easter faith journey by participating in seven sessions of "Jesus and the Eucharist," produced by the Eucharistic Revival and shown for the first time last spring. This masterful video series is modern and engaging and presented by well known clergy and lay ministers who teach and inspire. Ordinary folks also share their faith experiences. General Kevin Chilton, an astronaut, even shares how his Catholic faith was deepened by space travel! There are also periodic breaks to share small group thoughts and insights. Please consider signing up in the Narthex next weekend February 22/23. One of the best fasts we can choose in Lent is a personal time fast to grow closer to the Lord. We will skip Holy Week.

- * **Mondays 1 - 3:00 pm** March 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 21, 28 (those at the golf scramble can attend either Wednesday session)
 - * **Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:30 pm** March 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9, 23, 30
 - * **Wednesdays 5:20 pm - 7:20 pm** after 4:00 pm Mass (daily Mass Liturgy) and the Lenten Suppers
- Jesus is always inviting us to journey deeper with Him every day. Invite someone to journey with Jesus and you too!



For additional information contact Lou Ann Kemper lou.ann.kemper.shj@gmail.com or text [469 323-2505](tel:469-323-2505). Please identify yourself if you leave a message.



LADIES OF SACRED HEART CORNER

- March 3 LOSH Board Meeting 9:45 am, Upper Hall
- March 10 8:30 am Rosary, Mass and 9:45 am meeting, Lower Hall. Speaker Lacey Goff from "Living Wall: A Monument to the Unborn-Arkansas Right to Life".
- Something Extra: Jackson House "Undie Monday" (New members always welcome!)
- April 28 LOSH Golf Scramble at Isabella Golf Course. Register on the parish website. Please sign up!
- Great recycling results! Please continue.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Your parish appreciates your donations of flowers for the altar. Special occasion recognition is not necessary. Sign-up in the white binder on counter in the Narthex. With questions, contact **Mark Lukasavage** at 314 443-9257.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



- ♥ Mike & Ruth Kerwin, 57 years on February 24
- ♥ Jerry & Jane Brandon, 49 years on February 28
- ♥ Richard & Barbara Sweeney, 16 years on March 2

* Call the church office to provide your anniversary date.

MEN'S RETREAT

All Sacred Heart men are invited to attend our annual retreat March 17-20. Details and sign up sheets are available in the Narthex. Our popular retreat leader, Fr. Stephen Gadberry, will be returning. The cost is only \$225 which covers 8 meals and 3 nights in a private room at St. John's Center in Little Rock. This is a great opportunity to improve your relationship with Jesus! Contact **Ed Doyle** for details at 501 922-5771.

GIFT BEARERS

What an honor to carry the wine, hosts, and offerings at Mass for consecration. Gift Bearers actively participate in the celebration of the Mass by presenting the gifts of Bread and Wine at the Offertory. No special skill or permanent ministerial duty required. It enables us to appreciate how God invites man to participate in bringing to fulfilment his handiwork. Sign up in the white binder in the Narthex to be a part of this beautiful and significant part of Mass.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ♦ Mar. 1 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 pm, Lower Hall
- ♦ Mar. 4 Bimonthly Blood Drive-Village United Methodist 8:00 am-2:00 pm
- ♦ Mar. 4 Monthly Council Meeting 5:00 pm, Lower Hall
- ♦ Mar. 7 Samaritan Ministries 5:30 pm
- ♦ Mar. 8 4th Degree Exemplification 1-6:00 pm, Lower Hall
- ♦ Mar. 14 Fish Fry 5:00 pm, Lower Hall. Free will offering
- ♦ Mar. 17-20 Men's Retreat St. John's Center, LR
- ♦ Mar. 19 O & D Meeting 2:20 pm, Classrooms A & B

** To join the Knights call **Bob Ward** at 501 416-1479

K OF C COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The March 4 Knights of Columbus meeting will begin with praying the Chaplet Rosary at 5:00 pm in the Lower Hall. There will be an Exemplification at 4:30 pm in an SHJ classroom with possible two candidates. Our guest speaker will be Rose Baglia who sits on the Board of Guatemala Sana. This organization provides help to a town in the mountains consisting of poor Mayan people. The town name is Santa Maria de Jesus or Mother of Jesus. Scott Willis with Knights of Columbus Insurance and Investments will be available for questions. Our caterer, Home Plate, will be serving chicken & sausage jambalaya, tossed salad w/ homemade ranch or raspberry vinaigrette, Cajun maque choux (corn & vegetables), fresh baked French bread and chocolate chip bread pudding w/whiskey sauce for dessert. Meal cost is \$15. Please call or email **Mark Leslie** 501 226-0074 or popsleslie@verizon.net if you will be attending (bringing a guest?) and if you will have a meal **no later than Saturday, March 1 at 5:00 pm**. The meal count must be to Home Plate by Monday morning.

LAST YEAR'S PALMS

It's time to collect your old palms. You may bring in any that you have and place them in the marked container in the Narthex in order to be properly disposed.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Bereavement Support	Gary Christoff	573-645-6814
Caregiver Support	Evelyn Garrison	501-204-4134
	Maureen Halloran	228-342-0491
Columbarium	Gary Wolfer	501-204-1192
Eucharist: Homebound	Rose Farrell	860-208-9813
Helping Hands	Cathy Wedwick	501-915-8456
	Pat Widlowski	501-922-1395
Perpetual Adoration	Mike Ritch	832-231-7469
Youth Faith Formation	Lou Ann Kemper	469-323-2505

PARISH FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL			PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL		
David Witchger	Grounds, Chair	501-922-9058	Lou Ann Kemper	Education	469-323-2505
Carolyn Bowers	Administration	501-915-8022	Marian LaVelle	Liturgy Chair	501-209-2435
Bob Honzik	Stewardship	501-922-2702	Alison Kordsmeier	Liturgy	501-282-2030
Murray Claassen	Stewardship	501-908-4346	Larry Helton	Parish Life	903-278-9761
Pat Kalisz	Building Complex/ Equipment	630-926-6637	Becky Jordan	Parish Life	901-605-0333
Russ Harrison	Cemetery/ Columbarium	501-922-1767	Marge Newburn	Social Justice	501-922-9047
Larry Lipsmeyer	Cemetery/ Columbarium	501-922-3283	Jackie Fox Tomassi	Social Justice	501-282-3427
Larry Stein	Finance	501-226-5105	David Witchger	Finance Council	501-922-9058

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Effective immediately, the deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is the **Friday** one week prior to the weekend the bulletin is to be distributed. The deadline time is **12:00 pm**. Please submit announcements to hvsacredheart@gmail.com

Sick List - Names in bold italics have been recently added. A * next to last name Indicates non-parishioners.

Parishioners will be placed on the Sick List when a request has been made. To ensure privacy, remember to ask the person needing prayers if (s)he would like to be included in the listing. Recipients will remain on the Sick List for 60 days unless asked to be removed sooner or a request to stay on has been received.

Lew Ake
Nick Amrhein*
Darlene Barta
Dennis Becker
Tony Bertrand*
Buddy Dixon*
Evelyn Donnelly

Tom Donnelly
Theresa Drumwright
Mary Gerau*
Ken Gordon
Tim Gray*
Larry Gremillion
Joan Hardt

Betty Hoepner
Hoa Huynh*
Alice Justus
Vivian Le*
Elizabeth Naeger*
Rustie Seghers
Audrey Sitkowski

Jeffrey Smith*
Patti Svitak*
Mary Szczepaniak*
Tillie Tylka
Darin Wells*
Pat Widlowski



PRAYER WARRIORS

PRAYERS NEEDED?

We all need a prayer warrior in times of crisis, a critical or dangerous situation that needs serious attention, including emergencies, surgery, imminent death or the loss of a loved one. Our Parish Prayer Warriors are ready to help. Some ninety Parish Prayer Warriors will offer intercessory prayers to God for you and your loved ones at these and other critical times. Please call: **Jim Goodson 204-2494** or **Chris Stein, at 226-5105** to get your prayers started. They will continue for 30 days, unless cancelled by you, and may be continued by request. You too may become a member of our Parish Prayer Warriors by calling Jim or Chris.



Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you... Jeremiah 29:12

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Feb	22	4:00 pm	BOB STEINPREIS	CIFELLI FAMILY
Feb	23	8:00 am	MARVIN YOUNG	TOM/CATHY AMENT
		10:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
Feb.	24	9:00 am	RAY BENEDICT	KAREN BENEDICT
Feb	25	9:00 am	SANDY CARLE**	CINDY CALHOUN
Feb	26	4:00 pm	JOHN GUIDA	ROSE HARRIGAN
Feb	27	9:00 am	MARCELLA WALTER	OLIVER FIELD
Feb	28	9:00 am	BOB STEINPREIS	CATHY RANEY
Mar	1	9:00 am	NAMES ON REMEMBRANCE TREE	FR. BILL ELSER
		4:00 pm	MARY BURKE	KEN/CATHY RANEY
			JOHN MIERZWIAK	JOHN/BETTY MIERZWIAK
Mar	2	8:00 am	KATHY GONDA	MIKE/LINDA GONDA
		10:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER

** indicates living