

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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	03:40 to 03:55 p.m.
Saturday	03:15 to 03 :45 p.m.

OR by appointment with the Pastor

JANUARY 7, 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday January 8
 09:45 am LOSH Board Meeting, Lower Hall
 09:45 am COR Group, Classroom D
 01:00 pm Bible Study, All Classrooms

Tuesday January 9
 10:00 am Fit 'n Go Fitness, Lower Hall
 11:00 am OCIA, Classroom D
 11:30 am Chair, Stretch & Balance, Lower Hall
 11:30 am Mat Yoga, Upper Hall
 05:00 pm Men's Club Meeting, Lower Hall

Wednesday January 10
 10:30 am Caregiver Support Group, Classroom D
 01:00 pm Singles Game Day, Upper Hall
 01:00 pm Spades & Table Games, Upper Hall
 04:00 pm Mass

Thursday January 11
 09:30 am Rosary Makers, Classroom B
 09:45 am Finance Council Meeting, Classroom D
 09:45 am COR Group, Classroom A
 10:00 am Fit 'n Go Fitness, Lower Hall
 11:30 am Chair, Stretch & Balance, Lower Hall
 06:00 pm COR Group, Classroom A
 11:30 am Mat Yoga, Upper Hall
 06:00 pm COR Group, Classroom A

Friday January 12
 09:45 am COR Group, Classroom A

Saturday January 13
 11:00 am Centering Prayer Group, Classroom A
 04:00 pm Mass
 Jesus & the Eucharist Sign-up, Narthex

Sunday January 14
 08:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Mass
 03:00 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour & Confessions

K OF C BLOOD DRIVE

The next Arkansas Blood Institute Blood Drive supported by the K of C and hosted by Village United Methodist Church, 200 Carmona Rd., is 8:00 am -2:00 pm Tuesday, January 9, 2024. **There is an urgent need for blood at this time.** Previous donors with emails have been sent an email reminder. New donors may contact **Connie at 501 922-4891**. Thank you in advance for your "gift of life."



CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregiver Support Group meets once a month on the second Wednesday of each month in Classroom D from 10:30am - 12:30pm. A light lunch is provided. You are welcome to attend even if you do not have the care receiver living in your home. We also have trained men and women from our parish who will come to your home in order for you to attend the meeting. Call **Evelyn 501 204-4134** or **Maureen 228 342-0491** for more information.



CHURCH CALENDARS

The 2024 church calendars are available in the church office to parishioners. Please take one per family. Cedarvale Funeral Home has once again generously donated our calendars.

PARISH BABY SHOWER

Our spiritually adopted babies, due this month, are always showered by gifts from our parishioners. We thank you!



The last day for the unwrapped gifts in the crib or cash (checks payable to Sacred Heart) is **January 14**. Any gift is welcome, especially diapers in all sizes, fragrance free baby wipes, 0-3 month clothing, Similac Advance or Enfamil formula. LOSH members may bring your gift or money donation to the meeting on January 8.

2024 ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE

On Sunday January 21, 2024, Bishop Anthony Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated at noon at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 Louisiana St., Little Rock. Join us at this Mass as we pray especially for an end to abortion and for the legal protection of unborn children. You may contact the Respect Life Office at **501 664-2340 x 326** or cphillips@dolr.org for additional information.

MARCH FOR LIFE

On behalf of Arkansas Right to Life, the Respect Life Office invites everyone to participate on the 46th annual March for Life beginning at 2:00 pm following the Mass for Life. Join hundreds of Catholics and people of goodwill as we give public witness to our firm belief in the sacredness of life from the very first moment of conception. This year the march is along Capitol Ave., beginning at State Street. Contact Arkansas Right to Life **501 663-4237** or artl@artl.org for more information.

MEN'S CLUB 50/50 SUPER BOWL RAFFLE

The donation per square is \$20 with payout as follows: 1st Quarter \$200, 2nd Quarter \$250, Third quarter \$200 Final Score \$350. You may purchase a total of 8 squares per person, 4 per board. Family members, neighbors are permitted to participate. If there are squares remaining the final week of January, they will then be available to purchase. This is a Men's Club fundraiser enabling us to make donations to selected charities or in-house projects deemed worthy. Checks made out to Sacred Heart Church with "50/50 squares" on the memo line. Drop off payment to my mailroom folder or mail to:

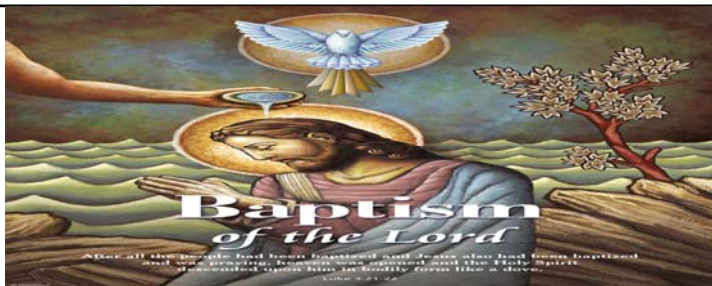
Mike Webster 32 Alteza Dr. HSV, AR 71909 in December & January. **No entries after January 31**. Numbers will be drawn by Men's Club board members January 29. Completed boards to Club Reps on February 1.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

It is a new year and new opportunities to do things we have done before (but maybe not for a while) and try new things that can bless our lives beyond what we can imagine. Since we are in the second year of the Eucharistic Revival in our country, I have two possibilities for all of us to consider.

Firstly, the book we gave out as a Christmas -present "Beautiful Eucharist" (thanks to Becky Jordan in memory of her dear husband, Mickey) is a "must read" for all of us as it contains short stories and reflections of people who have grown in their love and appreciation for the miraculous gift of Jesus, body and blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist we consume and adore. I would encourage all of our Eucharistic Adorers to use part or all of your hour in the coming weeks reading and reflecting on a story or two in the booklet, then look at the Lord (hopefully for an extended time) and thank him for being so present to us in the Eucharist. Of course, it would be good to find a quiet place at home or in nature to read a chapter or two and reflect and pray about it. As we get renewed in our Eucharistic faith, hopefully we will be willing to share this book with someone who is no longer practicing their Catholic Faith or has grown lukewarm in their appreciation of the Eucharist. Hopefully, they will be drawn back to Jesus in the Eucharist and benefit from any reflections and insights we have had after reading this book that we share with them.

Secondly, we will be blessed to offer and join in with Catholics throughout the United States in a study and reflection on the Eucharist that is video-based and allows time for small group sharing. This will take place just before and during the Lenten Season, at a time when we are challenged to "put more on our plate" (not food) for our growth in the Lord in preparation for Easter and the Easter Season! Please be ready to sign up over the next two weekends on the day and time that works for you (on Mondays or Wednesdays for seven total sessions). Right now we are planning food and fellowship during those gatherings. I hope and pray this will be a "family affair" in those families who have more than one person in their household! I truly believe that those who participate in the ways I've described above in the first few months of the calendar year, will be blest and will be a blessing for others for the rest of 2024 (and beyond)! One of my hopes is that it will lead to more participants in weekday Masses, more Eucharistic Adorers, and even more participation in the life and ministries that we have here at Sacred Heart Parish.



I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. -John 6:51

Beginning next week, sign up for the small group study, Jesus & the Eucharist Feb. 7-March 25. Mondays 1-3pm, Wednesdays 1:30-3:30pm (then Mass) and Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm. A Lenten meal will be served between Mass and the evening session.

Holy Hour resumes at 3:00 pm this week. Come, and invite others to join in silent prayer & reflection; adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

"Our lives change when our habits change. Adopting a habit of Eucharistic Adoration will change every aspect of your life. By spending time in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become more like Him." Matthew Kelly We have an incredible gift, painstakingly created for YOU-our PEA website. We have over 40 adorers who've never created a login and another 40 who have, but have not logged in since. Please visit www.shjpea.com and review Getting Started and Chapel Operations on the home page. Create a login, update your password and request a sub. Show Mike Miller (website designer) your appreciation by familiarizing and utilizing.

FORMED

Are you aware that Sacred Heart Church provides a **free subscription** to all parishioners for "Formed." You sign up by going to FORMED.ORG and register as a member of our parish. The site offers a large variety of audio presentations, books, movies and programs for your family members at no cost to you. Especially valuable to those temporarily homebound, parishioners of any age can enrich their spiritual lives with the site's offerings. You can join a bible study, book club or study a sacrament at your convenience. Various children's programs will help your children/grandchildren grow in their faith. Don't miss out! Sign up today.

THANK YOU

Fr. Bill offers sincere thanks to all who extended Christmas greetings and kind words to him through cards and those who generously blessed him with monetary gifts or restaurant gift cards to enjoy meals away from the rectory. He also thanks those who have taken him out for a meal or provided food and fellowship in their homes. **God bless you all!!**



LADIES OF SACRED HEART CORNER

- ♥ All ladies are welcome to join us in the Lower Hall January 8 after 9:00 am Mass
- ♥ The LOSH General Meeting with Joanne Carter, from Change Point Pregnancy Center, is our guest speaker.
- ♥ Please remember Filly Feed Bags are to be returned January 8.
- ♥ The Social Justice Commission's Annual Parish Baby Shower is in January. Items purchased for this can also be brought to the church on January 8.

WHY BUILDING & MAINTENANCE ENVELOPE

Some parishioners have inquired as to why we have a monthly Building and Maintenance envelope. Below is a small list of "one time" expenses that occurred during 2022-2023:

⇒ Narthes restrooms upgrade	\$22,000.00
⇒ Lower Hall stairs recovered	\$10,152.00
⇒ Lower Hall Kitchen Upgrade	\$21,330.00
⇒ Repair Parking Lot lights	\$ 9,200.00
⇒ Replaced Chapel AC	\$10,162.00
⇒ Replaced A & E AC (1 of 4)	\$ 7,939.00
⇒ Replaced chapel flooring	\$ 5,200.00
⇒ Upper Hall flooring	\$16,187.00
⇒ Filled Parking Lot cracks	\$15,440.00
⇒ Various other expenses	\$ 8,680.00

The revenue received from these collections totaled \$108,617.00 over the same period. Building and Maintenance collections funded a major portion of these expenses. We appreciate your continued support of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church!!

MEN'S CLUB JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting for the Sacred Heart Men's Club will be on Tuesday, January 9 at 5:00 pm in the Lower Hall. All men or spouses of a parish members are welcome to attend. Dues remain \$15 and new name badges are available for \$10. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will take place at 5:00 pm followed by social time. The Refreshment Center will open upon the Chaplet's completion. The 6:00 pm dinner by Home Plate is Chicken Cordon Bleu, rice pilaf, green beans almonidine and assorted cookies for dessert. The meal cost is \$15. The program will be "How I decided to become a Priest" and "A day in the life of a Parish Priest" personal reflections from Fr. Bill. Please call **501 922-1767** or email your meal reservation to russharrison68@gmail.com by **5:00 pm Sunday, Jan. 7. If you cancel after the meal reservation deadline you are still responsible for the cost.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ♦ Jan.9 Bi-monthly Blood Drive
- ♦ Jan. 16 through 24 Nine Day Novena for Life
- ♦ Jan. 17 Council O&D Mtg. 2:30 pm, Classrooms A & B
- ♦ Jan. 21 March for Life, State Capitol, 2:00 pm
- ♦ Jan. 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn
- ♦ Jan. 23 Assembly 2316 Mtg, 5:00 pm, Lower Hall
- ♦ Jan. 24 Michael McGivney Relic Pilgrimage 4:00 pm Mass
- ♦ Jan. 27 K of C Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 pm, Lower Hall

FOOD BASKET

They say, "it takes a village," but in this case, it took our Parish! Many thanks to those who helped in the Christmas effort made by the Food Basket Committee. Special thanks to Susan Harrell and Sharon Osterhout for their tireless efforts, Rick Darnell for his computer skills, Russ Harrison and the Men's Club for their efforts with non-perishable food and loading cars with food & gifts, LOSH member for coordinating the Angel Tree from beginning to end (including Patty Dublin's last minute shopping), Ed and Claudia Keearns shoe certificates and finally ALL of our volunteers who delivered the food and presents to 52 area families. Also, I didn't forget those who gave generous donations so that these less fortunate families received help. This was truly an entire parish effort and I am certain there are 120 happy children!!

***Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One has come;
And kingship is in his grasp, and power and
dominion.***

cf. Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 29:12

ACMC

The Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference, the annual men's conference held in the Diocese of Little Rock, will be held Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock. It was founded in 2010 and has featured speakers who impact men's lives with their passion for Christ and His Church. For free registration go to arcatholicmen.com.

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	Kathy Clark	203-816-7737
Youth Faith Formation	Lou Ann Kemper	469-323-2505

PARISH FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL			PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL		
David Witchger	Grounds, <u>Chair</u>	501-922-9058	Deb Troxel	Education	515-240-6729
Carolyn Bowers	Administration	501-915-8022	Lou Ann Kemper	Education	469-323-2505
Bob Honzik	Stewardship	501-922-2702	Sandy Darnell	Liturgy	501-7251296
Murray Claassen	Stewardship	501-908-4346	Marian LaVelle	Liturgy	501-209-2435
Pat Kalisz	Building Complex/ Equipment	630-926-6637	Mark Leslie	Parish Life	501-226-0074
Bill Patterson	Cemetery/ Columbarium	501-922-8631	Becky Jordan	Parish Life	901-605-0333
Larry Lipsmeyer	Cemetery/ Columbarium	501-922-3283	Marge Newburn	Social Justice	501-204-2000
Larry Stein	Finance	501-226-5105	Pietro Tomassi	Social Justice	501-282-4427
			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 hsvsacredheart@gmail.com

*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.*

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

Tony Bertrand*
Vivian Centenio*
Douglas Cepicky*
Theresa Drumwright

Emmanuel Goff*
Iona Green*
James Heaser
Judy Heaser

Wally Newburn*
Diane Prescott
Don Prescott
Joan Rankin Aykens

Larry Sack*



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: **Mary Costello 209-0008, Jim Goodson 204-2494, Lucy or Marvin Young 915-8028; or Chris Stein, 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 Mary, Jim, Lucy, Marvin 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

Jan	6	4:00 pm	PAT AKE	LEW AKE
Jan	7	8:00 am	M/M FRANCIS HOESS	M/M BOB KOSCIELNIAK
		10:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
Jan	8	9:00 am	LOSH INTENTIONS	ST. TERESA GUILD
Jan	9	9:00 am	AGNES ALPS	WILLIAM & PAT BUTLER
Jan	10	4:00 pm	MARGUERITE ERNST	THE ALLEN FAMILY
Jan	11	9:00 am	CHRISTOPHER TEBBE	SHIRLEY TEBBE
Jan	12	9:00 am	JUNIOR WILKIN	KAY WILKIN
Jan	13	4:00pm	EDWARD AKE	LEW AKE
Jan	14	8:00 am	EBBY ELSER	M/M DAVE WITCHGER
		10:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER