

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	03:30 to 03:50 p.m.
Saturday	03:15 to 03:45 p.m.

OR by appointment with the Pastor

MARCH 9, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	Mar. 10
09:45 am	LOSH General Meeting, Lower Hall
01:00 pm	Inviting You Back, Classrooms A & B
Tuesday	Mar. 11
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
05:00 pm	Men's Club Meeting, Lower Hall
Wednesday	Mar. 12
09:45 am	COR Group, Classroom D
11:00 am	Caregiver Support Group, Classroom A
11:00 am	LOSH Funds Distribution Mtg. Upper Hall
01:00 pm	Singles Game Day, Upper Hall
01:00 pm	Spades and Table Games, Upper Hall
01:30 pm	Inviting You Back, Lower Hall
01:30 pm	Choir Practice
02:30 pm	3rd Degree O & D Meeting, Classroom C
04:30 pm	Lenten Meal
05:20 pm	Inviting You Back, Lower Hall
Thursday	Mar. 13
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
01:00 pm	Taste of Faith Committee Mtg, Classroom D
06:00pm	COR Group, Classroom D
Friday	Mar. 14
09:45 am	COR Group, Classroom D
12:00 pm	K of C Fish Fry Set-up, Lower Hall
04:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
05:00 pm	K of C Catfish Dinner, Lower Hall
Saturday	Mar. 15
04:00 pm	Mass
Sunday	Mar. 16
08:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass
11:15 am	Youth Faith Formation, Classroom B

K OF C CATFISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a catfish dinner on Friday, March 14 at 5:00 pm in the Lower Hall. Come enjoy a catfish dinner prepared by "Master Chef" Danny Elser with net proceeds benefitting local charities. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex at all Masses the weekend of March 8/9 for planning purposes. You may also contact **Mike Gonda 501 226-3102** or img573@comcast.net and let him know if you will be participating in this delicious meal which will include 2 catfish fillets, baked potato, green beans a roll and dessert. **Free will offerings will be accepted.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday throughout Lent at 4:30 pm. Various Stations of the Cross booklets will be used.



MEN'S CLUB MARCH MEETING

The March meeting for the Sacred Heart Men's Club will be on Tuesday, March 11 at 5:00 pm in the Lower Hall. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 5:00 pm followed by social time. The 5:45 pm dinner, catered by Chef Johnna, will be cole slaw and potato salad, BBQ pulled pork slider and 2 ribs, baked beans and bread pudding for dessert. Meal cost is \$15. Guest speaker, Jennifer Allen with the Village Voice, will talk of the history of the Voice and their travel club. Please call **501 922-1767** or email your meal reservation to russ-harrison68@gmail.com by **5:00 pm today, March 9**. No shows are responsible for the meal cost.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP



The Caregiver Support Group meets once a month on the second Wednesday of each month in a classroom from 11:00am - 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 information.

SPRING 2025 BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Sacred Heart Grief Support Group is for those who have faced or are facing challenges in their lives; perhaps the death of a loved one, a spouse, sibling, or child, divorce or any number of events in your life that have shaken your ground. The SHJCC Bereavement Ministry's Grief Support Group is a safe space where we can learn and grow together. We are grateful that you have survived and will assist in helping you reclaim your life, increase happiness and be inspired to be the person you were born to be. The Spring 2025 Grief Support Group will meet on the Mondays between March 31 and May 12 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm in Classroom D. We will use a DVD format by the Good Mourning Ministry. It offers prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship. To register, contact the SHJCC Bereavement Ministry, **Deacon Gary Christoff 573-645-6814** or **Bob Hoffmann 501-922-3611**. You may also register by calling the Parish Office **501-922-2062**. *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."* Mt. 5:4

FREE. TAKE ONE PLEASE

One of our prolific Rosary Makers has spread her wings and creates one of a kind Bible bookmarks. They come in various sizes to accommodate Bible and other reading materials. Slip the cord into the spine, leaving the beads to hang above and below. Amazingly, something so simple works so well. Available while they last in the A & E hallway.

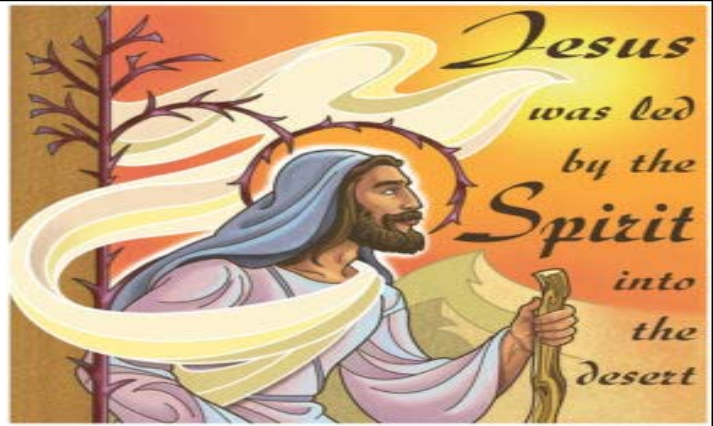
PASTORS COLUMN

While it was many years ago, I remember my fifth grade teacher, Sister Laurene quoting from St. Augustine over and over again with his statement that when we sing (at church) we are "praying twice". She was obviously stating how important singing is when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. I can truly say how impressed and proud I am of our congregation when it comes to singing at Mass and that has been echoed by some of the priests who have subbed for me over the years I have served as your pastor. I dare say all of us "older people" have developed quite a repertoire of hymns that we are familiar with and we all have certain hymns that are our favorites.

If I asked you to what or to whom are our hymns directed, I'm sure many of you would quickly answer, God, and in many cases you would be correct. There is however a difference in that some are speaking ABOUT God and some are speaking TO God. I must say, I prefer the ones that speak to God, as this is what prayer, spoken or sung is all about. Two hymns that immediately come to mind are "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" and "Beautiful Savior" Some hymns speak about our calling as disciples of Christ in the world. Two songs that come to my mind are "Go Make A Difference" and "Take The Word of God With You".

Perhaps, we are so caught up in the melody of some hymns and even the words that we don't realize that they speak more "about us" than they do "about" or "to" God. One favorite hymn, "Here I Am Lord" by Dan Schutte sings with self-possessive language twenty-nine times and directly to God only six times. Another popular song, "Be Not Afraid" seems to use words that are completely oriented toward oneself and none that address God directly. Those who are caught up in the "me, I and my" way of thinking or speaking no doubt love the song that quotes the repentant thief on the cross next to Jesus who calls out "Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Lk 23:42).

After saying all this, let me clearly state that I believe all types of hymns have their time and place in our gathering to give worship and praise to God. One favorite hymn that is often used at funeral Masses is "On Eagle's Wings" a song that speaks (at least in the refrain) about what God will do for us. We can and should find and use songs that speak to God like "O God Beyond All Praise" and that praise God like "Praise To The Lord", with regularity and without fail at every Mass, recognizing our God as worthy of our praise and the source of all blessings that come to us and others (especially the poor and poor in spirit).



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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the Real Presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Eucharist. We are obliged to adore Him and to give Him thanks.



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 6 -7:00 pm and Saturday 01:30 - 3:00 am.

Contact Mike Ritch at 832 231-7469 or mike74_ritch@yahoo.com regarding PEA.

FORMED

Chris Stefanick is a regular contributor on your free parish sponsored subscription to Formed. His *Chris Stefanick Show/Real Life Catholic* has a presentation called "Finding Joy in the Midst of Suffering". It features an interview with two students at Ave Maria University who will help you to understand how suffering helps them find strength and joy. Listen to this talk and enrich your Lenten experience. Sign up at [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) to gain access to this and many other inspiring presentations.

FORMER PARISHIONER

Former parishioner Conrad (Connie) Farner passed away in Wisconsin on February 14, 2025. He was the brother of SHJ parishioners Bob and Mary Ann Farner.

THE PILLARS OF LENT

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.





LADIES OF SACRED HEART CORNER

- March 10 8:30 am Rosary, Mass (sit with your Guild) and 9:45 am meeting, Lower Hall. Speaker Lakey Goff from "Living Wall: A Monument to the Unborn-Arkansas Right to Life".
- Something Extra: Jackson House "Undie Monday"
- Please invite a friend to join you at our meeting!
- March 12 11:00 am Funds Distribution committee meeting in Upper Hall
- April 28 LOSH Golf Scramble at Isabella Golf Course. Register on the parish website.
- Check your email for March "Growing in Grace"

GIFT BEARERS

The following parishioners have volunteered to bring up the gifts this weekend at 5:00 pm Mass:



Jerry & Allison Kordsmeier

Sign up to present the gifts at Mass in the white binder located in the Narthex. With questions, call **Marian LaVelle** at 501 209-2435.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



- ♥ Rick & Marilyn Allen, 30 years on March 11
- ♥ Jack & Deb Troxel, 22 years on March 15

* Call the church office to provide your anniversary date.

CASA

Give us this day our daily bread. For most of us, this is not our most pressing daily concern. We will not wonder what we will find to eat or where we will sleep tonight. One of the best expressions of gratitude that we can show for all blessings that we enjoy each day from God's providential hand is to share our "bread" with those who do not have enough of their own. Please consider becoming a supporter of the Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal. Together we can make a difference right here at home. Return your pledges in the provided envelopes.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ♦ Mar. 14 Fish Fry 5:00 pm, Lower Hall. Free will offering
- ♦ Mar. 12 O & D Meeting 2:30 pm, Classrooms A & B
- ♦ Mar. 17-20 Men's Retreat St. John's Center, LR
- ♦ Mar. 28 Fish Fry 5:00 pm, Lower Hall
- ♦ Mar. 29 Knights of Columbus Founder's Day
- ♦ Mar. 30 State Free Throw Contest 2:00 pm, Morrilton HS Arena
- ♦ Apr. 1 Monthly Council Meeting 5:00 pm, Lower Hall

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

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE

Mike Kerwin and Susan Harrell assisted by Tom Donnelly have organized and planned a 3 day pilgrimage to The Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in Oklahoma City May 7-9. All parishioners are invited. The estimated cost per person is \$315 for dual occupancy and \$450 for single. The cost will vary based on the number of travelers within a plus \$25 and minus \$15 range. Sign up and information sheets will be available after all Masses the weekends of March 15/16 and 22/23. The bus capacity is 56. To make this pilgrimage financially viable we need at least 40 participants. A \$125 deposit along with signed travel documents are required by March 28.

For further details or advanced sign up, contact **Mike Kerwin** 501 226-9605 mpkerwin@icloud.com or **Susan Harrell** 501 226-8546 sh20hsv@gmail.com.

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.

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	Evelyn Donnelly	<i>Sheila Harrison</i>	Jeffrey Smith*
Nick Amrhein*	Tom Donnelly	Betty Hoepner	Patti Svitak*
Darlene Barta	Theresa Drumwright	Alice Justus	Mary Szczepaniak*
Dennis Becker	Ken Gordon	Elizabeth Naeger*	Tillie Tylka
Tony Bertrand*	Larry Gremillion	Rustie Seghers	Pat Widlowski
Buddy Dixon*	Joan Hardt	Audrey Sitkowski	



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

Mar	8	4:00 pm	TOM AUEL	GWEN AUEL
Mar	9	8:00 am	KELLY FARNER-SWICKARD	BOB/MARY ANN FARNER
		10:00 am	JOHN KOLODZIEJZYK	JIM/LORI BERGSTROM
			SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
Mar	10	9:00 am	ST. TERESA GUILD INTENTIONS	ST. TERESA GUILD
Mar	11	9:00 am	WAYNE SHELLENBERG	DENISE/BRUCE FOSTER
Mar	12	4:00 pm	ELIZABETH NAEGER**	ELSA NAEGER
Mar	13	9:00 am	DEDE BORONI & JAY GONDA	MIKE/LINDA GONDA
Mar	14	9:00 am	RALPH MELENSON	PHYLLIS MELENSON
Mar	15	4:00 pm	JULIAN TYLKA	TILLIE TYLKA
Mar	16	8:00 am	SUSIE CARDENAS	JAIME CARDENAS
		10:00 am	JIM STIEFVATER	M/M RALPH STIEFVATER
			SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER

** indicates living