

## *Other Areas of Interest*

### **CENTRAL ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SINGLES (CACS)**

CACS is a group of single Catholics sponsored by the Diocese who gather for social and spiritual activities. Call 664-0340 for more information.

### **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

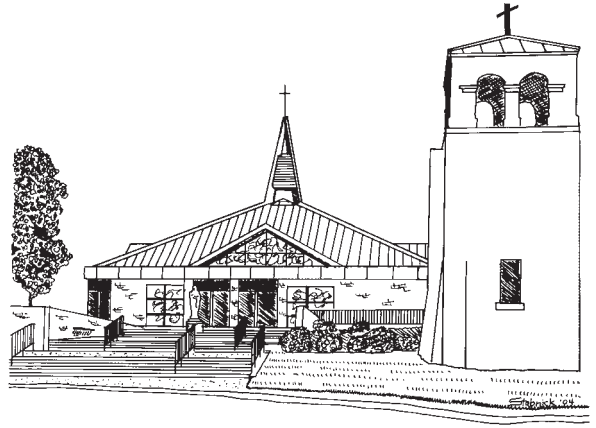
If you enjoy organizing and scheduling, this could be the volunteer opportunity for you. Setting up and scheduling appointments for the Church's Pictorial Directory.

### **RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

As Catholics, we respect the holiness of life knowing that all life is precious. It is our moral responsibility to protect all life. You are invited to proclaim the sacredness of life by joining this committee.

### **VOCATIONS COMMITTEE / SERRA CLUB**

This committee is comprised of a group of people from Holy Souls Parish who are interested in promoting vocations to the religious life through prayer and various activities.



## **OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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## *Committees Appointed by Pastor*

### **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

This committee oversees improvements and maintenance of parish facilities.

### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

The Finance Council is a consultative body to the pastor. Its purpose is to assist the pastor in the administration of the parish finances.

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

The Sponsor Couple program is a couple-to-couple approach to marriage preparation. The sponsor couples meet in their home with the engaged couples sharing day-to-day experience of Christian Marriage.

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Stewardship Committee guides and monitors the parish giving campaign for time, talent and treasure. The goal of the committee is to spread the feeling that stewardship is a way of life.

## *Virtus*

All volunteers who work around children are required to attend the program, "VIRTUS, Protecting God's Children". This program is sponsored by the Diocese of Little Rock, but classes are held at Holy Souls.

## *Ministry and Organization Directory*

### **Mission Statement**

*Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parish is a family of believers seeking to know, love, and serve God as a faith community. To celebrate the presence of Christ among us, we will enhance the community atmosphere of our parish and develop stewardship of time, talent and treasure.*

# Liturgy

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT MASS**

They participate at Sunday and daily Masses assisting the Priest with Holy Communion. Special training is given by the Director of Religious Education and you must be at least 18 and a Catholic in good standing.

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TO THE SICK**

Take Holy Communion to the homebound and the sick in hospitals and nursing homes. Special training is given by the Director of Religious Education and you must be at least 18 and a Catholic in good standing.

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

Boys and girls, 5th grade and older, assist at weekend Masses, Funerals, Weddings, Stations of the Cross, and other services. They must attend a training session.

## **LECTOR**

Lectors must be a Catholic in good standing and receive an orientation/training session by the Director of Religious Education where duties and responsibilities are explained. You may choose which Mass you would like to serve.

## **USHERS**

Ushers duties include arriving 20 minutes prior to Mass, greeting and seating parishioners, passing collection baskets, distributing bulletins and closing the church after Mass.

## **GREETERS**

Greeters welcome everyone attending weekend Masses.

## **HOLY ADORATION**

Holy Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Wednesday beginning after the 7 a.m. Communion Service and ending at 5:15 p.m. with Benediction followed by Mass

## **LADIES CIRCLE**

Membership is open to every woman in the parish. The primary purpose of this organization is the care of the physical church. The Sacristy and Flower Committees organize members to clean the church, care for altar linens, order and inventory wine, hosts and candles, and decorate the church. The Ladies Circle meets throughout the year and offers rides to those who need them. Through the profits from their annual fundraiser, the Mardi Gras Celebration, they fund decorations and improvements to the church and Parish Hall.

## **MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

Members offer daily prayer for the specific needs of the parish noted in weekly bulletin. Each member is given a daily prayer book.

## **ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART**

The family solemnly installs an image of the Sacred Heart in a place of honor and dedicates itself to Him by an Act of Consecration. The Enthronement is a powerful means to sanctify families and is a source of grace and blessings.

# Catechetical Ministry

## **RCIA (Order Of Christian Initiation)**

Is a process of welcoming adults and older children into communion with the Catholic Church. RCIA begins with the **Precatechumenate** process that offers a period of evangelization and conversion for inquirers to the Catholic Church. The **Catechumenate** continues the process begun in the precatechumenate of ongoing conversion and catechesis, culminating in reception of the Sacrament of Initiation. **Mystagogy** is a period of time that the Neophyte (the new Catholic) contemplates the mysteries of the Sacraments just received and establishes roots "in the life of the parish community".

## **P.R.E. (Parish Religious Education)**

The Religious Education Program is for children who do not attend a Catholic school, Pre-K thru 8th. Classes meet once a week. Teachers and helpers are needed. (*Virtus required.*)

## **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation classes guide a young person into full membership by answering their questions and giving them a chance to discuss and share their faith. The classes are for young men and women who have reached the age of 14 years and feel ready to be confirmed into the Catholic faith. We need volunteers for the instructional team and to help plan liturgies, receptions, and retreats. (*Virtus required.*)

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Holy Souls Vacation Bible School meets for one week in early summer from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The classes are for three-year-olds through fifth grade. (*Virtus required.*)

## **MOVIE NIGHT**

Volunteers are needed to assist with the monthly Movie Night featuring current and classic films with spiritual themes.

# Small Faith Groups

## **ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY**

There are two Scripture Study classes at Holy Souls. A group meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall and another on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The study groups recess June through August.

## **TEEN FAITH SHARING**

The CYM meets for Faith Sharing after 5:30 p.m. Mass each Wednesday during the school year. (*Virtus required.*)

## **CENTERING PRAYER GROUPS**

Leaders are needed for the Centering Prayer Groups.

## **SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES**

Small Faith Communities help build community in a small group setting allowing people opportunity to discuss faith issues in an accepting environment. There are existing groups in place and more groups will be formed in the future.

## Music Ministry

### ADULT CHOIR

Sings regularly for the 10am Sunday Mass and all other principal liturgies of the church. Membership is open to all those who enjoy singing.

### HANDBELL CHOIR

Open to all people from 5th grade and up who love music and want to learn the art of ringing.

### RESURRECTION CHORALE

Comprised of those people who are available to minister through music to loved ones at all parish funerals.

### GUITAR CHOIR

Focuses primarily on contemporary music and plays one Sunday a month.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

For children in grades 3 through 8 (older youths are welcome, too!). This choir sings on special feast days and at special concerts during Christmas and Easter.

### CANTORS

Individuals both professional and amateur alike who provide musical leadership at all parish liturgies, including weddings and funerals.

### MUSICIANS

Pianists, organists, guitarists and other types of musicians are always needed.

## Youth Ministry

### CYM (Junior and Senior)

The Holy Souls Catholic Youth Ministry provides social, service, and spiritual activities for the junior (7th and 8th graders) and senior (9th through 12th grades) high school youth of our parish. There is a Wednesday evening Scripture Study. Other activities are listed in the calendars mailed out monthly. (*Virtus required.*)

### SCOUTS - Cub / Brownie / Girl / Boy

Our parish has an active Boy Scout and Girl Scout program for boys (ages 7 to 17) and girls (ages 5 to 17). The Scouts have meeting facilities with meeting rooms, kitchen and arts and craft rooms in the Benedict House. (*Virtus required.*)

### YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

The ten member board meets four times a year to advise and give guidance to the parish youth director.

## Office Assistance

Offer computer assistance, stuff envelopes, and help prepare mailouts in the church office.

## Parish Life

### MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club promotes fellowship and provides gifts and services to the parish. All men of the parish (non-Catholic spouses too!) are invited to join. The Men's Club sponsors many parish events and functions including annual Shrimp & Oyster Dinner and Lenten Fish Frys. They provide a meal for the family of parishioners who have died. Meetings are the second Monday of each month and begin at 7 p.m. with a Rosary and a business meeting followed by refreshments and fellowship.

### SENIOR'S GROUP

This group is a very active group of parishioners ages 55 and older who meet the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The meetings begin with a brief business meeting followed by fellowship, cards and games. Members are asked to bring a sack lunch. The group takes several trips a year, both in and out of state. Joining the Seniors Group is a great opportunity to relax, have fun and meet other parishioners.

### EVENT VOLUNTEER

Help with setting up, serving and cleaning up at parish events..

### FUNERAL MINISTRY

This group prepares food, serves and cleans up at a luncheon for the family following the funeral. They are also available to housesit during funeral.

### HOSPITALITY & SUPPORT MINISTRY

Welcoming arm of parish. Visit and help register newcomers. Greet at Mass and parish functions. Prepares meals for recuperating parishioners or new mothers. Sends cards and makes telephone and personal visits to the sick.

### SOD SQUAD

Do you like to work in the yard? We need you! Opportunities to help quarterly are available.

### ELDERLY SUPPORT MINISTRY

Established as a volunteer ministry to assist elderly and homebound parishioners with grocery shopping, handyman chores, yard work, and with taking to the doctor and church.

### BRIDGE CLUB / CARD PARTY

The card party, including bridge and other card games, meets the third Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Participants bring their own lunch and drinks are provided. Everyone is welcome.

### NURSERY

The nursery is open to children through age four during weekend Masses. Parents should volunteer once a quarter. (*Virtus required.*)

## *School*

### **VOLUNTEER IN SCHOOL**

One hour a week. Do you like to read to children? Volunteer one hour a week and give yourself to our young ones. (*Virtus required.*)

### **VISION & HEARING VOLUNTEER**

Some medical background preferred. Tests are conducted one a year on our school children.

## *Parish Council*

Members of the Parish Council are elected for three year terms from the parish at large and meet the second Tuesday of each month. There are three members on each of the four parish council commissions. These 12 members are voting members. Council members are responsible for keeping up with activities, issues and needs of the organizations and ministries assigned to their commission.

### **LITURGY COMMISSION**

This commission meets monthly to plan for the spiritual needs of our parish. Primarily this involves planning music for Sunday and special liturgies, parish missions and days of prayer. Meetings and membership are open to all parishioners.

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION**

The purpose of this commission is to inform and involve the parish community in social concerns and charitable acts toward one another and towards the larger community of city, state, nation and world and to transform into action the Church's concern about social justice and charity towards all.

### **EDUCATION AND FORMATION COMMISSION**

The purpose of this commission is to coordinate, develop, promote, and evaluate all parish-related education and formation programs.

### **PARISH LIFE COMMISSION**

The purpose of the Parish Life Commission is to promote unity and a sense of "family" among the parish members by providing opportunities for people to be together and to provide a welcome atmosphere for newcomers to the parish.

## *Stephen Ministry*

Stephen Ministers are fellow parishioners who have been thoroughly trained to provide support to those who are passing through a particularly difficult time in their lives and to maintain total confidentiality. Typical issues addressed are grief over the death of a loved one, stress of caring for an ill or aging family member, feelings of isolation or loneliness, financial or employment issues, and difficulty dealing with chronic illness.

## *Social Concerns*

### **JENNY CIA'S THANKSGIVING/ CHRISTMAS MINISTRY**

This ministry, begun more than 30 years ago by Mrs. Jenny Cia, provides food, clothing, toys, and gifts for people in need. "Miss Jenny" retired from the ministry in 1995 but her spirit lives on through the many volunteers who support this ministry.

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**

We have a blood drive approximately every 56 days. Please give the gift of life. Sign up today!

### **RACE FOR THE CURE**

We have a team every year that is formed in August to early September.

### **OUR HOUSE SHELTER**

Our House is a community initiative to provide to the homeless emergency shelter, housing and children's daycare while job skills are learned, hope is nurtured, and opportunities are found to help the homeless re-enter productive society. Holy Souls Parish takes dinner to Our House on the 1st Tuesday and 5th Saturday of a month.

### **HELPING HAND**

Helping Hand is a non-profit, ecumenical ministry financed by private donations and providing emergency service to persons in crisis. It is basically a food and clothing center for those in need. Hours of operation are Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Baskets are available for donations in the storage room across from the ladies restroom in the church.

### **BIRTHRIGHT**

The focus of Birthright is on the distressed mother and her baby. Our responsibility is to provide her with the help she needs to bring her baby to birth.

### **CATHERINE'S HOUSE**

Catherine's House reaches out to young parents of first-time pregnant teenagers. Services include healthcare, parenting and social skills, daycare for the baby and career counseling.