

Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church

1003 North Tyler Street - Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

"Encounter Jesus, Serve Others."



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 10, 2023

Seniors Group Christmas Party/Meeting

Monday, December 11th

Meeting starts at 10:30

Lunch will be served

The Altar Society
invites members of the parish
to join them for the
*Annual Christmas
Decorating of the Church*
on Sunday, December 17th
after the 10:30a.m. Mass.

For more information email inquiries to;
altarsociety@holysouls.org



MEN'S CLUB
80TH ANNIVERSARY

**All men of the parish are invited to attend
our December Meeting
on Monday, December 11th
in the Allen Center.**

The meeting will begin with
social time at 6:30 p.m.

Rosary at 6:45 p.m.

Supper by VP Tyler Husser at 7 p.m.

and then the Business Meeting.

TOPIC: 2024 Shrimp & Oyster Dinner

Email mensclub@holysouls.org for more information.



Blue Christmas Mass A Liturgy of Remembrance

Thursday, December 21st
5:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Church

You are invited to our Blue Christmas Mass if you are suffering from grief due to a loss caused by death, divorce or a forced separation. The holidays can be a very hard time for those that are grieving causing sadness instead of joy. It is a beautiful Liturgy to celebrate the life of your loved ones. Come, join us!

OUR HOUSE 5TH SATURDAY DINNERS

We need more volunteers for the group that prepares dinners on the 5th Saturday of the month. The leader of the group contacts you prior to that Saturday and asks you to prepare something for the people that live at Our House. You then prepare the dish and get it to the proper place. It is a wonderful way to live a corporal work of mercy. Call the church office or email office@holysouls.org to volunteer.

Saint of the Month

Saint Lucy



FEAST DAY: December 13
PATRON SAINT:
Blindness; Those with Eye Ailments

- + **St. Lucy's feast day is a huge deal in Sweden**, and that's where most of the traditions for this feast originate.
- + Because her name is derived from the **Latin word "lux" for "light"**, her feast day is celebrated **in Sweden as a festival of light**.
- + Remember that **winter days are dark** in Sweden!
- + Celebrations include **many candles and lighted crowns**.
- + It is also customary to **make and decorate gingerbread** cookies and houses.
- + **Watch for some fun ideas next week...**

Learn, Pray, Be a Saint

38th Annual

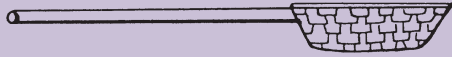
SHRIMP AND OYSTER - DINNER -

AN EVENING IN MONACO AFTERPARTY

Presented by whLaw
Sponsored by the Holy Souls Men's Club

Saturday, January 13, 2023 5:00-8:00 pm - Holy Souls Allen Center
Dinner Tickets - \$35 Corporate/Group Tables - \$600 (10 people)
Call Al Malzewski @ 501.747.4454 or Pete Stabnick @ 501.400.4460
ORDER ONLINE at holysouls.org

All Reservations Must Be Made Before January 3, 2024



COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Mass attendance --	Adults	Children	Total
November 4 & 5	820	139	959
November 11 & 12	743	121	864
November 18 & 19	820	143	963
November 25 & 26	758	119	877

Diocesan Collections –

Campaign for Human Development	\$	3,270
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Weekend Collections –

November 4 & 5	\$	27,474
November 11 & 12	\$	27,091
November 18 & 19	\$	9,641
November 25 & 26	\$	42,209

Total November Collections \$ 106,415

Total Nov. Budgeted Collections \$ 125,000

Actual Collections (7/1/23 - 10/31/2023) \$ 529,219

Budgeted (7/1/23 - 10/31/2023) \$ 510,000

Amount in excess of Budget \$ 19,219

Children's Collection \$ 650

Maintenance Fund \$ 1,458

The attendance and collection figures for Dec. 2 & 3 will be printed in the next bulletin.

Thank you for supporting our church.

Holy Sews MINISTRY



Holy Sews invites you to our Workday on Sunday, December 10, from 12 Noon to 4:30pm in the Benedict House, Tyler & "H" Streets. We will be making the beautiful layettes for stillborn babies who are too tiny and fragile for regular baby clothes. Even if you don't sew, there are many other things you can do to help this ministry fulfill its commitment to its mission. You can even do your part at home.



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gosponer, (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler St., Little Rock, AR 72207.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass*

4:15 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass #2 in Allen Center

6:30 p.m. Christmas Children's Mass*

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass *

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass*

**Carols begin 30 minutes before Mass begins.*

SENIOR HIGH CYM

2023-2024 Schedule
9th - 12th Grade

Regular Meetings: 6:00 - 8:15 at the Benedict House

December 13 (Christmas Party)

JUNIOR HIGH CYM

2023 - 2024 Schedule
7th - 8th grade

Regular Meetings: 3:00 - 5:00 at the Benedict House

December 13 (Christmas Party)

Have Questions?
Please contact Andrew Baka at
abaka@holysouls.org



Advent Wreath Prayer

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve you with pure minds. We ask this through Jesus' name, who lives and reigns forever. Amen."

(The oldest child then lights the purple candle from the first week plus one more purple candle.)

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



To read the daily reading online, go to www.usccb.org/nab/today.shtml

Monday, December 11 7:00 a.m. Mass	ST. DAMASUS I - Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26 Oliver Flynn by Gary & Robbye Flynn
Tuesday, December 12 7:00 a.m. Mass	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18-19; Lk 1:26-38 Adrian Morris by Anonymous
Wednesday, December 13 5:30 p.m. Mass	ST. LUCY - Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30 Thomas L. & David Goodgame by Rita Goodgame
Thursday, December 14 7:00 a.m. Mass	ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS - Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13; Mt 11:11-15 Frank Kremers by Carol Lantz
Friday, December 15 7:00 a.m. Mass 8:15 a.m. School Mass	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19 Dc. John "Bo" McAllister by Michael Lipsmeyer Special Intention for Our Lady of the Holy Souls School by Holy Souls Parish
Saturday, December 16 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18, 19; Mt 17:9-13 Michael Claud by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parishioners
Sunday, December 17 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Mass	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Is 61:1-2, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 Virginia & Joe Fetzek by The Fetzek Family Intention of Parishioners Robert Flynn by Gary & Robbye Flynn

Mass Intentions may be offered for the Repose of the Soul of a deceased loved one or for healing, a special occasion, or a special intention for yourself, a family member, or friend. Please contact Stacey in the Church Office for more information.



In order to keep our bulletin prayer list up-to-date for the sick, names will remain on the list for four weeks. Then their name will be written in the Book of Intercession where they will be remembered during every Mass. To continue for another four weeks, please call the church office.

OUR PARISHIONERS -- Benjamin Stuart; Glennabell McCumpsey; Kelly Ochoa; Alice Stuff; Tom Johnson; Noel Oman; Lillian Henriquez; Judy Sims; Doug Schneider; Nick Kirchner; Curt Lassiter; Chris Price; Karen Blanzenski; Morgan Payne; Tracey Gibby; Cathy Donovan; Aloise Medlock; Gary Korte; Sam Williamson; Alice Price; Frances DeLeuil; Hank & Carole Schulte; Russell Dority; Roberta Cagle; Sally Crisp; Annette Wahlgreen; James Louviere; Margaret Olberts; George & Sylvia Hart; and Jack Flynn.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -- Lucille Marconi; Frances Heffington; Craig Cagle; Eleanor Suttle; Ellen Perkins; Jack Finley; John Oaks; Suzanne Hanratty; Bill Margrave; Millie Cross; Sarah Graham Goin; Corbin Binz; Mason Harder; Robert Hall; Eileen Connell; Dorothy Ehlebracht; David Menz; Pete Pilkington; D. J. Pilkington; Tyler Grubb & family; Gary Davis; Loris Fullerton; Aid Maria Vega Morales; Tom Bartsch; Amanda Cogburn; John Cullen; Orville Bolin; Evan Hargett; Glenn Bratcher; Maude & Pat McGuire; and Bea Williams.

OUR SEMINARIANS – Andrew Schaefer, Samuel Stengel, and especially Our Lady of the Holy Souls' seminarian Phillip Zawislak.



Please welcome the following newly baptized children of God into our church community:

Savannah Catherine Young
daughter of
Dan & Catherine (Robinson) Young

Bennett Rylan Phillips
and
Judith Emmalene Phillips
children of
Shane Phillips & Cindy Henriquez

Lectors, Ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Our parish is in need of Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for all weekend Masses. You need to be a Catholic in good standing with the Church to serve. If you are coming to Mass, please prayerfully consider serving. These ministries are very important and necessary to the Mass. If you are interested in learning more as to how you can serve your parish and your God, please contact the church office, 501-663-8632. office@holysouls.org. Women can be ushers, too!

Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

Laura Humphries,
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

*May the eyes of your heart be enlightened, that
you may know what is the hope that belongs to
His call.* Eph 1:18

"Being with the one who, out of infinite love, waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament, we will grow in peace amid the sufferings and trials of this life. We will find rest in the knowledge of his love for us, which is beyond our wildest hopes and dreams. When we truly know that we are loved, we can endure much and accomplish many things for the kingdom."** These words are so encouraging for me. Knowing that God is waiting for me, there for me whenever I need him is so very soothing. When things are not going well, or I am exhausted, I can call on him and he will give me strength. He is always with me. I wish that for everyone.

In our Bible Study written by Lisa Brenninkmeyer, one of the daily lessons was a *Key to Sainthood*. She says: "A saint is simply someone who has been radically transformed by Christ and has pursued Jesus wholeheartedly, and in that pursuit has been changed for the better."** We can all become saints if we choose. We need to be the people that God calls us to be, believe in God's love and mercy, be faithful to our religion, and do God's work. Our good works can be many things, helping others physically or financially. Praying for others. Donating money to organizations that help others. Being gracious, generous and kind with ourselves towards others. Be courteous, remember why we are here. Smile and speak to people; it might be the highpoint of their day. Don't waste an opportunity to be Christ to someone.

God is speaking to us in many ways. Are we listening to him?

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*Manual for Eucharistic Adoration

**Opening Your Heart

Responding to the Word This Week

John the Baptist invites us to repent --
to turn from what separates us from god.

**What most hinders
my relationship with God now?**

Jesus, help me . . .

*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to
www.usccb.org/bible/readings/121023.cfm

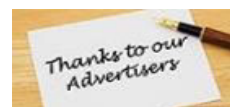


The Angel Trees will be in the vestibule for you to take ornaments until the deadline for their return.

The deadline for Helping Hand (**Christmas Trees**) is December 10th. Those gifts do not require wrapping. **NO BIKES ACCEPTED THIS YEAR!**

The deadline for Domestic Abuse Centers (**Round Ornaments**) and Birthright (**Angels**) is December 17th. Those organizations would like their gifts wrapped with the ornament attached to them.

Also, you may pick up an ornament and drop off your present whenever the church is open, not just on Sundays. Or you may make a donation to Holy Souls Church for the Angel Tree, and we will purchase presents or donate money to the organizations so they can purchase presents. Your generosity will make Christmas morning special for many.



Please be sure to thank the generous advertisers in our bulletin. Through their participation, our parish receives our weekly bulletin free of charge.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Registration for new members is completed in the church office or online by visiting our web page, www.holysouls.org. Please contact the church office or go online at www.holysouls.org if you have moved, changed your telephone number, or email address. When parishioners reach 18 years of age, they should register separately from their family.

RCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Susej Thompson at 501-663-8632 or office@holysouls.org.

RETURNING CATHOLICS

If you are interested in returning to the Catholic Church, please contact Susej Thompson at 663-8632 or office@holysouls.org.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30pm and Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00pm or call the church office for an appointment.

CHURCH VISITS

The Church is open for private prayer time on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 7:30am-3pm and on Wednesday from 7:30am -5:15pm. Please enter through the door on Harrison St. side by piano or the handicapped door in the front of church.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis. Please call the church office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the church office a minimum of six months in advance.