

# Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church

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*"Encounter Jesus, Serve Others."*



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - March 12, 2023



Seniors



Group Meeting

Monday, March 13  
10:00 a.m.  
Parish Hall



Lunch, Fellowship & Fun

## Holy Souls Lenten



**FISH FRY**

Friday, March 17 & 31  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Allen Center Cafetorium

In Person Dining and To Go Orders are available.

**MENU:**  
Catfish Fillets, Cole Slaw, French Fries,  
Hush Puppies, Iced Tea, Beer & Wine

**PRICE:**  
\$12 Adults, \$10 Seniors, \$6 kids (8th grade or younger),  
and \$30 max. for family (immediate family member  
including 2 adult plates and 3 or more kid plates).

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Holy Souls Men's Club

## HOLY SOULS MEN'S CLUB MEETING & DINNER



Monday Evening, March 13  
in the Allen Center  
6:30 p.m.

Email [mensclub@holysouls.org](mailto:mensclub@holysouls.org) for more information.

## Stations of the Cross



Every Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

At Holy Souls during Lent, Stations of the Cross are every Friday in the church at 5:30 p.m. or you may say a private Stations of the Cross any time the church is open.

This year different parish organization will present special Stations of the Cross each week:

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| March 17 | - Youth Group   |
| March 24 | - Senior's Group  |
| March 31 | - Holy Souls School's 4th Grade<br>(Living Stations of the Cross) |



Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation to abstain begins at age 14. The law of fasting is for those between the ages of 18 & 59.

Parents and teachers are asked to educate those not bound by the laws of fasting and abstinence about the true spirit of penance and to encourage them to perform acts of penance suitable to their age.

All members of the faithful are encouraged to perform acts of penance and charity beyond what is prescribed by

## SENIOR HIGH CYM

2022-2023 Schedule  
9th - 12th Grade

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

March 15 and 29

Have Questions?

Contact Andrew Baka at [office@holysouls.org](mailto:office@holysouls.org)

## ATTENTION PARENTS

We love to see all the children here at Mass. All are welcome! We kindly ask that you tidy up your pew after Mass, because we do not have a cleaning crew between Masses. Thanks for your understanding.

## Saint of the Month



## Saint Joseph

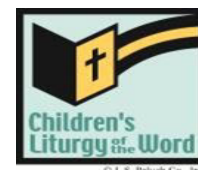
**FEAST DAY:** March 20

**PATRON SAINT:**

Carpenters, Workers, Fathers, Happy Death

- The Bible pays Saint Joseph the highest compliment: **he was a "just" man**. This means that he was one who was **completely open to all that God wanted** for him.
- This just man was **simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly, and lovingly obedient to God** - in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.
- **Join in the Novena to St Joseph sponsored by our Carmelite Nuns which starts March 11.** Brochures with the daily prayers are in the vestibule and at the St. Joseph window shrine in the sanctuary.

*Learn, Pray, Be a Saint*



Children's Liturgy of the Word has begun on a trial basis at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, led by our clergy, when available. This Liturgy is designed to make the gospel message relevant to the lives and experiences of children aged 5-11. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed with an adult leader before the first reading and return just before the offertory.

Adult Helpers are needed on a rotating basis to assist with supervision of the children during the celebration of the Liturgy. If you are interested in assisting, please call the church office 501-663-8632.

## UPDATE ON OUR AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY

Since May 2022, Holy Souls Parish has been the sponsor of an Afghan Refugee family of 8. Our Parish has been helping to provide for their most basic needs (food, shelter, employment, medical care, education, etc.) until they can become fully acclimated and self-sufficient. More volunteers are needed as we continue to help this wonderful family settle into their new lives in Little Rock, Arkansas. Please call the church office if you can volunteer and check out the upcoming Spring 2023 *The Parishioner* for news and opportunities about of family.

## Traveling Chalice for Vocations



Has God been asking you to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Our Vocations Chalice is a beautiful way to pray for vocations. We are in need of someone to host the chalice for the week of April 15/16 and April 21. Maybe it's you!

Every weekend, the chalice will be presented during the closing Mass Announcements and can be returned on Fridays at the 7:00 a.m. Mass or to the Church Office during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. To be assigned a week or for more information, please contact the Church Office at 501-663-8632 or [office@holysouls.org](mailto:office@holysouls.org).

## Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office (501-663-8632) or email [office@holysouls.org](mailto:office@holysouls.org).

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

## Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

Laura Humphries,  
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

*Whoever confers benefits will be amply enriched, and whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25*

I found this article written by Stephen King called *What You Pass On* in files in my office on Stewardship. I want to share it. "A couple years ago I found out the meaning of *you can't take it with you*." He was lying in a ditch at the side of a country road, covered with mud and blood with his tibia of his right leg poking out of the side of his jeans like the branch of the tree taken down in a thunderstorm. He says that he had a MasterCard in his wallet but when you're lying in a ditch with broken glass in your hair no one accepts MasterCard. "I got a painful but extremely valuable look at life's simple backstage truths. We came in naked and broke and when we go out, we may be dressed up nice, but we're just as broke." Warren Buffett, Bill Gates, Tom Hanks, and Stephen King, all are going out broke. All the money and mutual funds you trade, all of that is mostly smoke and mirrors, he says. It's still going to be the same time on a Timex or a Rolex. "All you have that is your own is your body, your spirit and your mind. So I want you to consider making your life one long gift to others. All you have is on loan anyway. All that lasts is what you pass on. Yes, charity begins at home. Giving isn't about the receiver or the gift but the giver. It's for the giver. One doesn't open one's wallet to improve the world, although it's nice when that happens; one does it to improve oneself. A life of giving, not just money, but time and spirit repays. Right now we have the power to do great good for others and for ourselves."

*An excerpt from World Ark, Fall 2002*

How can we do great good for others? How can we make a difference, even if it is a small change. Can we increase our giving by 2% or more? Can we spend more time in prayer? Not just in intercessory prayer, but in prayers of thanksgiving and adoration. We can talk to God and thank him for all that we have. Some of us are very blessed with wealth and happiness. Are we doing our share to help those who are not? Scripture is very clear on how we should take care of one another. I pray that I meet the requirements, because my goal is to reach heaven. Sometimes I think this world is purgatory if not hell itself. All I do know for sure is that this is serious business: eternal life. I do so want to see the face of God one day. *Encounter Jesus, Serve Other*

## NEW MASS PARTS DURING LENT

During Lent we will be using Penitential Act B:

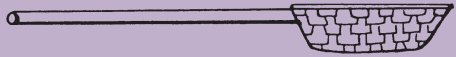
**Priest:** Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**Congregation:** For we have sinned against you.

**Priest:** Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**Congregation:** And grant us your salvation.

*See the ivory insert in the Hymnal for all the Lenten Mass Parts.*



## COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

<b>Mass attendance, March 4 &amp; 5</b>	851
<b>Weekend Collections –</b>	
March 4 & 5	\$ 29,657
<b>Total March Collection</b>	<u>\$ 29,657</u>
<b>Total March Budgeted Collections</b>	<u>\$ 120,000</u>
Actual Collections (7/1/22 - 2/28/2023)	\$ 1,105,885
Budgeted (7/1/22 - 2/28/2023)	<u>\$ 1,050,000</u>
Amount in excess of Budget	<u>\$ 55,885</u>
Children's Collection	<u>\$ 119</u>
Maintenance Fund	<u>\$ 797</u>

*Thank you for supporting our church.*



### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, March 18 & 19, our parish will take up the Second Collection for the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next weekend, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



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.



## CONFESSIONS AT HOLY SOULS

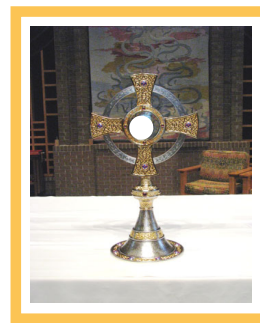
**Wednesdays** - 4:00 to 5:00 pm  
and  
**Saturdays** - 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Also, Sunday, April 2  
Confessions will be heard 30 minutes  
before the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

## Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers NEEDED

We need Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers at all Masses. If you are interested in training, please contact the church office (501-663-8632 or [office@holysouls.org](mailto:office@holysouls.org)). These ministries are wonderful ways to serve your God and your parish. Please pray about joining them.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Every Wednesday we are invited to come and sit with the Lord in Adoration from 9am to 5pm. "Behold God beholding you...and smiling." Fr. Anthony de Mello. Isn't this a beautiful way to look at Adoration, God smiling on us? Our Lord wants to spend time with us, longing for an intimate encounter. He wants to show us his love for us. Come spend an hour on Wednesdays with the Lord. Call the office to sign up for an hour, or just come. God will be happy to see you!

## Responding to the Word This Week

The Samaritan woman's knowledge of Jesus grew as they talked.

**How can I spend more time  
in conversaton with Jesus?**

*Jesus, today I will . . .*

\*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/031223.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/031223.cfm)

*To read the daily reading online, go to [www.usccb.org/nab/today.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/nab/today.shtml)*

<b>Monday, March 13</b> 7:00 a.m. Mass	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30 Christopher David Zani by Tom, Nancy, Patrick & Kathleen Zani
<b>Tuesday, March 14</b> 7:00 a.m. Mass	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35 Special Intention for Mark Humphries by Laura Humphries
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b> 5:30 p.m. Mass	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19 James Walsh by Becky Binz
<b>Thursday, March 16</b> 7:00 a.m. Mass	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23 Harcleve Joseph Sutton by John Sutton
<b>Friday, March 17</b> 7:00 a.m. Mass 8:15 a.m. School Mass	ST. PATRICK - Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34 Special Intention for Phyllis Marks by Laura Humphries Special Intention for Holy Souls School by Holy Souls Parish
<b>Saturday, March 18</b> 4:00 p.m. Mass	ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM - Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14 R. C. Minton by Joann Minton
<b>Sunday, March 19</b> 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Mass	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 Ernie Harper by Darlene Watkins Intention of Parishioners Brad McLaurin by Holy Souls Parish

*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; Frank Kremers; Doug Pilcher; Kelly Ochoa; Alice Stuff; Betty Dix; Rick Blank; Tom Johnson; Noel Oman; Lillian Henriquez; Judy Sims; Doug Schneider; Gene France; Nick Kirchner; Curt Lassiter; Chris Price; Ann Hoffmann; Mike Henry; Karen Blanzenski; Morgan Payne; Martha Flynn; Tracey Gibby; Cathy Donovan; Laura Peach; Buff Easterly; Jane Griffin; and John Flake.

**OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS** -- Lucille Marconi; Frances Heffington; Phil Marks; Chris Ashcraft, Susan Jones, Liz George; Alissa Hastings; Ceile Faulkner; Karmen Hopkins; Amy Woody; Gretchen Golden; Jason Brown; The Petty Family; Phyllis Marks; Mary Ellen Eddings; Lucinda Dixon; Pat Mondy; Daniel Kemp; Shelby Stafford; Shandy Roy; Jane Madden; Skylar Hammond; Alice Humphries; Charles Wickstrom; Pat Parker; Paula Thompson; Jamie Roper; Janet Reynolds; Samantha Tanner; and Craig Cagle.

**OUR SEMINARIANS** – especially Duwan Booker and Cody Eveld.

### REGISTRATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Registration for new members is completed in the church office or online by visiting our web page, [www.holysouls.org](http://www.holysouls.org). Please contact the church office or go online at [www.holysouls.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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### Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal

*Give us they 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 the blessings that we enjoy each day from God's providential hand is to share some of our "bread" with those who don't have enough of their own. Please consider becoming a monthly supporter of the Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal. Together, we can make a difference right here at home. Become a CASA supporter today. Return your CASA Gift/Pledge in the envelopes provided.

## Petitions of the Ministry of Praise

March 2023

### Pope Francis' Intentions:



We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

## Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 501-663-8632 or email - [office@holysouls.org](mailto:office@holysouls.org).



Join our  
**YOUNG CATHOLIC  
ADULTS GROUP**



## FROM FARMING TO FISHING

Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provide nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others? Rice Bowls are still available in the vestibule. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

## DONATE TO CHS JUNKTIQUE SALE

Junktique donations to support Catholic High School will be accepted weekdays March 13-24 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Furniture, items for your home, clothing and shoes in good condition will be accepted. Books, mattresses and box TVs are no longer accepted. Large item pick-up in Pulaski County can be scheduled by calling (501) 664-3939 or emailing [chsjunktique@lrchs.org](mailto:chsjunktique@lrchs.org).

The Junktique Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 1. All proceeds will be used for physical improvements to the school and for keeping tuition affordable.