

Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church

1003 North Tyler Street - Little Rock, Arkansas 72205
"Encounter Jesus, Serve Others."



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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - December 31, 2023

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 Matzewski @ 501.747.4454 or Pete Stabnick @ 501.400.4460

ORDER ONLINE at holysouls.org


All Reservations Must Be Made Before January 3, 2024

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP

**SIPS
~AND~
SCRIPTS**

FOOD, DRINK,
FELLOWSHIP,
AND THE WORD!

1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
PARISH HALL FOLLOWING 5:30PM MASS



OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SOULS

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. A prayer for vocations is provided for your use.

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.

ARKANSAS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference (ACMC), the annual men's conference held in the Diocese of Little Rock, will be held Saturday, Feb. 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. To register for free, visit arcatholicmen.com.

Saint of the Month

Saint Lucy



FEAST DAY: December 13

PATRON SAINT:

Blindness; Those with Eye Ailments

Prayer to St Lucy...

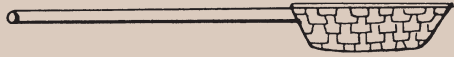
*Saint Lucy,
you did not hide your light under a basket,
but let it shine for the whole world,
for all the centuries to see.
We may not suffer torture
in our lives the way you did,
But we are still called to
let the light of our Christianity
illumine our daily lives.
Please help us to have the courage
to bring our Christianity
Into our work, our recreation, our relationships,
Our conversation — every corner of our day.
Amen.*

Learn, Pray, Be a Saint



Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy is in need of volunteers at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. If you would like to assist our priests and deacons at 10:30 Sunday Masses in the joyful ministry of bringing the Liturgy of the Word to our children at an age-appropriate level, please call Wendy at the Church Office. Volunteering simply involves your going with the children into the Parish Hall just before the First Reading, and returning just prior to the Offertory.



COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Mass attendance --	Adults	Children	Total
December 2 & 3	850	154	1,004
December 9 & 10	834	133	967
December 16 & 17	829	127	956

Diocesan Collections –

National Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 8,018

Weekend Collections –

December 2 & 3	\$ 22,634
December 9 & 10	\$ 66,974
December 16 & 17	\$ 34,848

Total December Collections \$ 124,456

Total Dec. Budgeted Collections \$ 275,000

Actual Collections (7/1/23 - 11/30/2023) \$ 642,075

Budgeted (7/1/23 - 11/30/2023) \$ 635,000

Amount in excess of Budget \$ 7,075

Children's Collection \$ 433

Maintenance Fund \$ 2,453

The attendance and collection figures for Dec. 22 & 23 will be printed in the next bulletin.

Thank you for supporting our church.

Project Rachel's Virtual Gathering

Project Rachel Ministry's next Virtual Healing Resource Gathering will take place on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. These monthly gatherings offer a safe, confidential space for healing from the trauma of abortion. The unique format allows participants to remain anonymous if they choose. January's gathering will feature a presentation on the importance of self-honesty and the opportunity for discussion. To receive a confidential Zoom link, call or text 501-663-0996.



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.



Monday, January 1 ~ Mass at 10:00 a.m.

January 1 is New Year's Day in our secular life, but in our liturgical life, it is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Mary has been honored as the Mother of God since the early centuries of the church. As we remember her during the Christmas season on January 1, this celebration reminds us that Jesus was divine from his very conception.

Since the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God falls on a Monday this year, it is a Holy Day, not a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have just one Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother at 10 a.m. on January 1, 2024. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass.

SENIOR HIGH CYM

2023-2024 Schedule
9th - 12th Grade

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

January 10, 17, 24 & 31

JUNIOR HIGH CYM

2023 - 2024 Schedule
7th - 8th grade

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

January 10 & 24

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

Yuletide Feast at St. Andrew

You are cordially invited to the Yuletide Feast at Saint Andrew Hall on Friday, Jan. 5 at McDonald Hall, 617 Louisiana St., LR. Seating at 6pm - Feast at 6:30 p.m! The Choir of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew will host a traditional Madrigal celebration, a true feast for eyes, ears, as well as the taste buds. This evening of Medieval & Renaissance Choral Music, Drama and Fine Dining will transport you to another time and place, to enjoy the glories of Christmas past. Includes a four course dinner, with wine and all the trimmings by chef Fr. Shaun Wesley. Cost is \$90 per person. Seating is limited. Email music@csalr.org or call 501-374-2794x228.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



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

<p>Monday, January 1, 2024 10:00 a.m. Mass</p> <p>Tuesday, January 2 7:00 a.m. Mass</p> <p>Wednesday, January 3 5:30 p.m. Mass</p> <p>Thursday, January 4 7:00 a.m. Mass</p> <p>Friday, January 5 7:00 a.m. Mass 8:15 a.m. School Mass</p> <p>Saturday, January 6 8:00 a.m. 1st Sat. Mass 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass</p> <p>Sunday, January 7 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Mass</p>	<p>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 Intention of Parishioners</p> <p>ST. BASIL THE GREAT - 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28 Mary Lou Hoffman by Gary & Robbye Flynn</p> <p>THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS - 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3-6; Jn 1:29-34 Special Intention for Deacon Joe Lukacs by a friend of the School of Spiritual Direction</p> <p>ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON - 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42 Mary Agnes Goshen by Doloris Wiedower</p> <p>ST. JOHN NEUMANN - 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Jn 1:43-51 Special Intention for Deacon Lawrence Fox by a friend of the School of Spiritual Direction Special Intention for Our Lady of the Holy Souls School by Holy Souls Parish</p> <p>ST. ANDRE BESSETTE - 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 The Guzik & Pawlowski Families by Elzbieta Pawlowski Eamon McManus by Breda McManus</p> <p>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; MARYMt 2:1-12 Mary Agnes Goshen by Jim & Ruthmary Goodhart Intention of Parishioners Craig Louviere by The Geohegan Family</p>
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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; Sam Williamson; Alice Price; Frances DeLeuil; Hank & Carole Schulte; Russell Dority; Roberta Cagle; Sally Crisp; Annette Wahlgreen; James Louviere; Margaret Olberts; George & Sylvia Hart; Charlie Baker; and Bob Skarda.

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; Bea Williams; and Landon Scroggins.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -- **Annette Wahlgreen**, aunt of Theo Wahlgreen.

OUR SEMINARIANS – **Steven Wilson, Ryan Carlson**, and especially Our Lady of the Holy Souls' seminarian **Phillip Zawislak**.

MASS FOR LIFE 2024

On Sunday January 21, 2024, Bishop Anthony Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The **Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew Cathedral**, 617 Louisiana St., Little Rock at noon. Please join us for this Mass as we pray especially for an end to abortion and for the legal protection of unborn children. Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email cphillips@dolr.org for more information.

MARCH FOR LIFE

On behalf of Arkansas Right to Life, the Respect Life Office invites everyone to participate in the 46th annual March for Life, beginning at 2:00 p.m., after 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's route is along Capitol Ave, beginning at State Street. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Arkansas Right to Life 501-663-4237 or email artl@artl.org.

Petitions of the Ministry of Praise

January 2024

Pope Francis' Intentions:



For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian Community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church

Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

Laura Humphries,
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

*"For surely I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord, plans for your welfare and
not for harm, to give you a future with hope."*

Jer 29:11

There's a lot going on in the world today that doesn't seem to be good for anyone's welfare, and I am sure it is not of God's making. God wants us to be happy and hopeful and to lead lives that bring us closer to Him. There is a lot for us to pray about today. As good stewards we are called to pray for all of God's people. We pray for those we love and those we don't love. We pray for peace all around the world and at home. It is a good way to start the New Year, pray for peace and love to spread across the world just as the apostles spread the Word of God; we are also called to do the same. This can be our New Year's Resolution as stewards of God, pray daily. We can spread the love of God and that love will come back to us.

Encounter Jesus, Serve Others

Invitation to the Men of the Parish

If you are interested in:

- Helping those in need
- Serving our parish
- Growing in your Catholic faith
- Having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family
- (yeah...and a little fun along the way)
- Then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you!
- Please consider joining us!
- For more information, please contact Pete Stabnick at 501-663-8632 or office@holysouls.org.



Responding to the Word This Week

Simeon and Anna rejoice because
Jesus has come to them

**How can I share with others how Jesus'
presence has changed me and my life?**

Jesus, help me to . . .

*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to
www.usccb.org/bible/readings/123123.cfm

A Prayer for



God, Our Father, we ask your Blessing upon this coming New Year. During the passing of its minutes and hours, its weeks and months, make us more aware of the miracle of life we experience. May our calendars and clocks help us to recall those events which are important for contemplation and celebration. Bless us with happy seasons of favorable weather, prosperous opportunities for employment, good health for the members of our families, and a New Year of Your Grace and Love. We ask this through Jesus Your Son who lives forever. Amen.



Thank You



Thank you to members of the Funeral Luncheon Ministry Group who helped with the luncheon for the family of Gary Korte: Ruthmary Goodhart, Dorothy Hall, Megan Thornton, Rachel Sievers, Becky Binz, Susanne & Mary-Alma Smith, Rose Peckham, Debbie Jones, Margaret McGinness, Mary Ann Zakrzewski, Jane Bregy, Cathy Fetzek, Christina Miller, Denise Moix, Kelly Ochoa, Kelly Pace, Cindy Uhrynowycz, Lori Hoyt, Anita Smith, and Cindy Stabnick.

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.