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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - February 12, 2023



Seniors Group Meeting

Monday, February 13th
10:00 a.m. ~ Parish Hall

Meeting ~ Lunch ~ Fellowship



HOLY SOULS ALTAR SOCIETY PRESENTS

MARDI GRAS 2023



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

FAT TUESDAY FEAST, FULL BAR, MUSIC & SILENT AUCTION

IN THE ALLEN CENTER	VIP PRE-PARTY 5:00 PM	MAIN EVENT-6PM AFTER PARTY-8PM
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THIS YEAR'S BIG RAFFLE ITEM "WINE CELLAR"
(30 plus bottles of wine)
PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE AT THE EVENT

Main Event-Dinner tickets \$40 ~ VIP Pre-party tickets \$60
Order online at holysouls.org or scan the QR code below.

Proceeds from this event help support Our Lady of Holy Souls Church and School, and special needs of the Parish.

Questions please email Selina at
altarsociety@holysouls.org



HOLY SOULS MEN'S CLUB MEETING



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

Dinner follows meeting

Email mensclub@holysouls.org for more information.

FEBRUARY 12, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



BEING FAITHFUL DISCIPLES

Our readings today together provide powerful insight into how to be faithful disciples. Sirach reminds us that, in the deepest places in ourselves, in our primary attitudes and tendencies in living, we face choices. We have real agency to embrace what is good, and resist what is destructive, for our own flourishing and for the common good. We are shaped, but we are not ultimately shackled, by social forces or by other persons. In Matthew's Gospel, we read that God cares not only about our observing boundaries, but about these deep areas of ourselves and our basic choices in life. God knows our fears and wounds that influence our choices. God is actively providing wisdom, as Paul wrote to the Corinthians. God will help us sort out the bewildering decisions we often face. God is here, deep within, offering challenge, healing, and courage so we may choose to love.

BOTH PRESENT AND FUTURE

Matthew continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in today's Gospel, which is Jesus' extended teaching on the central theme of his ministry, the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew highlights Jesus as a teacher like Moses, and who is rooted in the law of Moses. Jesus interprets the law by intensifying its meaning, by going to the root values behind the specific teachings in the law. These include reconciliation with others; mutual care for all persons as sacred, especially women; and being trustworthy and honest.

The Kingdom of Heaven is described as both in the present and in the future. When these values are lived out in daily life within the community, the Kingdom becomes present there and demonstrable to others. Jesus also spoke about life in the future, when God fulfills the divine promises to establish fully justice and peace on earth. The reconciliation, care, and trust experienced now will reach their fullness in the promised Kingdom.

WITH EACH OTHER

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount today turns to the relationships within the community. Jesus understands the traditional teachings about relationships in light of the coming Kingdom. He describes a deep trust and accountability among members of the community. Not settling for meeting minimum requirements, he points his new community toward an intimate knowledge and caring for each other, so that all may flourish as individuals and as a whole.

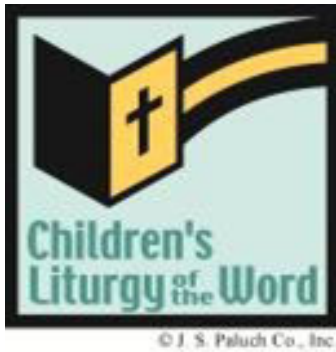
Although he highlights the dignity of each individual person, Jesus also envisions a community life where there is both a responsibility for each other and an accountability to each other. Members are to attend to each other's struggles and sorrows. Members become aware that their individual choices and lifestyle will be an example to others. We are to work out how to follow Jesus together in community, not only as individuals. We discern and live out our community's vocation, not only our own. Our unity with God is also with each other.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 15:15–20
Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 17–18, 33–34
1 Corinthians 2:6–10
Matthew 5:17–37 [20–22a, 27–28, 33–34a, 37]

*“Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away,
not the smallest letter or the
smallest part of a letter will pass from the law.”*

MATTHEW 5:18



This Lent we are introducing Children's Liturgy of the Word on a trial basis at the 10:30 am Mass to help children participate and understand the Word of God more fully while growing their faith. The Children's Liturgy, led by our clergy, when available, is designed to make the gospel message relevant to the lives and experiences of children aged 5-11. Beginning Sunday, February 26, 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.



You are invited to attend an upcoming Bible study, "No Greater Love: a Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion" by Ascension Press. This group will meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall starting February 28 for 5 sessions. Cost is \$27 plus tax and shipping. Contact Christina Clark at office@holysouls.org or 501-663-8632 to sign up and for more information.

SENIOR HIGH CYM
2022-2023 Schedule
9th - 12th Grade

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

February 15

Have Questions?
Contact Andrew Baka at office@holysouls.org



Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal

Giving is a lifestyle. Generosity, whether it be a selfless giving of your time, your talents or your treasure, is a true mark of a follower of Christ. In the Diocese of Little Rock we are blessed with many individuals and families that have joined together to make a difference in our world by being long-time, monthly supporters of the Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal. Return your CASA gift/pledge in the envelopes provided.

Traveling Chalice for Vocations



Fr. Daniel and the Spiritual Life Committee invite all parishioners to participate in a parish-wide prayer campaign for the increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. One special way you can be involved is by volunteering to take home our new vocations chalice. Families and individuals are encouraged to sign up to take it home for almost a week (Sunday to Friday) for daily prayer.

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.

Join our
YOUNG
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ADULTS GROUP



COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Mass attendance, February 4 & 5 872

Weekend Collections –

February 4 & 5	\$ 30,573
Total February Collection	\$ 30,573
Total Feb. Budgeted Collections	\$ 100,000

Actual Collections (7/1/22 - 1/31/2023)	\$ 919,179
Budgeted (7/1/22 - 12/31/22)	\$ 900,000
Amount in excess of Budget	\$ 19,179

Children's Collection \$ 218

Maintenance Fund \$ 839

Thank you for supporting our church.



CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

Next weekend, Feb. 18 & 19, our Second Collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The fall of communism occurred more than 25 years ago, but the Church still struggles to rebuild after decades of oppressive rule. Under communism, religion and religious practices were openly persecuted and atheism was actively propagated and enforced. Your support of this collection helps renew vital aspects of the Church life: it supports seminary programs, promotes ministries and education for children and families, rebuilds churches and renews community life around the region.



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.

Holy Sews MINISTRY



Holy Sews invites you to our next Workday on this Sunday, February 12, from 1:30-4:30pm in our new location - 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.

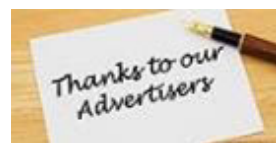


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

Everyone is invited to join us for Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall following the 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses next Sunday, February 19th.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We need you in Adoration on Wednesdays at Holy Souls. We begin at 9am on Wednesday mornings and go until 5pm. We need people at every hour to be present with Jesus. I promise you will get more than you can imagine spending quiet time with our Lord. Call the church office and choose a time. Come and sit with Christ. It is an amazing hour and Jesus wants you there.



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Laura Humphries,
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

John answered and said, "No one can receive anything except what has been given him from heaven." Jn 3:27

The call to discipleship demands a radical response. As portrayed in the Gospel accounts, the Lord's invitation to discipleship is all-encompassing: "Go, sell what you have; give to the poor; and come, follow me." The disciples do not fully understand the radical steps they are taking, but they are drawn by the powerful desire to walk with Jesus. The question, "*What do I own and what owns me?*" provides a framework for assessing our progress in the discipleship journey. It allows us to examine our consciousness and to conduct an inventory of all the gifts we have received from a good and gracious God. The question challenges us to be honest about our commitment to stewardship as a way of life. Do we really believe in it or are we just along for the ride? This question is not just for peak moments in our lives. It needs to be integrated into all aspects of our daily living to help us gauge whether or not we are truly living as Christian Stewards.

An excerpt from What Do I Own and What Owns Me?

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. 1 Cor 10:31

*"Go, sell what you have; give to the poor; and come, follow me." Wow! I am pretty sure it would be impossible for me to do this. It is one thing to tithe 10% of our income and another to give up everything and follow Jesus. The apostles actually did this, they dropped their nets and that was it. When I think about that it is truly an amazing amount of trust and devotion. We can follow Jesus without giving up everything; by living our lives as he would call us to live; following his example of being a loving and merciful person. Helping others when the need arises, supporting our parish, standing up for what is right, attending Mass, developing a personal relationship with him, and being grateful for all that we have been given. God is good and he wants us to be happy. He wants us to be with him every day in our happy moments and in our sad times. He wants us to trust him, to honor him, to love him, to let him be the great Creator that he is. We don't have to be afraid, God is with us, always and forever. (According to the website SoulShepherding, Fear Not is the most repeated command in the Bible, mentioned at least 365 times). He doesn't ask that much of us, but what he does ask is important. Be grateful, be merciful, be forgiving, love one another, love him above all things, and return to him his due. *No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.* Mt 6:24*

**Encounter Jesus,
Serve Others**

CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS!

Bishop Taylor has recently appointed Deacon Rob Brothers as the English speaking Cursillo Spiritual Director and Deacon Fabio Cruz as the Spanish speaking Cursillo Spiritual Director for the Little Rock Diocese. Due to Covid and other factors, it has been several years since Cursillo retreats have been held in our diocese, and we are anxious and excited to reestablish this important ministry! Preliminary dates have been selected for Spanish speaking Men's and Women's weekends in June 2023, and the teams for those weekends are already beginning to form. Our English speaking Cursillo is a bit behind that pace and is just now beginning to form a team to consider potential dates for Men's and Women's weekends in the fall of 2023.

If you are a Cursillista that has already attended a Men or Women's weekend in the past who would like to help us in some way with team formation and planning, we would like to hear from you! Of particular interest, the National Cursillo Team will conduct a training workshop at St John's Center on April 20-23 to help ensure that we are equipped with all the latest information and materials for conducting the 3-day Cursillo weekend. This is the first major step in re-establishing our English retreat weekends.

You can send us an e-mail at robb@svdprogers.com or josec@svdprogers.com with your contact information, the dates of the weekends you attended in the past, and an indication of the kind of help you might be willing to consider for these future weekends. Please pray for us as we continue this important work. Hope to hear from you soon!

OUR LADY OF CONFIDENCE SHRINE

Our Lady of Confidence is the protector of those in harm's way. If you have a family member who has been called to active military duty, we invite you to place his or her picture in a frame at the Our Lady of Confidence Shrine in our church for the duration of their deployment. *When they return safely home, please remove their photo.*



Responding to the Word This Week

Jesus invites us to go
beyond the letter of the law.
To what might Jesus be inviting me today?
Jesus, bless me . . .

*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to
www.usccb.org/bible/readings/021223.cfm

Around the Diocese . . .

RETROUVILLE ARKANSAS – HELP OUR MARRIAGE: A Marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. To sign-up go to helpyourmarriage.org. For further information call 800-470-2230 or 501-834-1956. The next weekend is February 17-19 at St. John's Center, Little Rock.

CONVALIDATIONS: Convalidation classes are offered for couples who are married civilly (outside the Catholic Church) and wish to have a sacramental marriage within the Church. With the approval of your pastor, please register for a Convalidation Class at least one week prior to the event. Our next class will be offered online on February 25, 2023. To register call the Family Life Office at (501) 664-0340 for additional information.

HOPE & HEALING, a 12-week online Bible study just for women who have been wounded by abortion, will begin March 1, 2023, meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 -7:15 p.m.* via Zoom. This free Project Rachel Ministry opportunity will explore the impact of past abortion decisions on our lives and help us discover what we need to do to heal from these traumatic experiences.

On this journey of self-discovery and empowerment we will meet 12 amazing women who, just like us, are wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends. Together, we will learn how these women faced the same struggles and challenges that we face, and through their example gain insight into what we can do to make changes in our own lives so that we can move forward from lingering grief, shame, guilt, fear, and pain, to acceptance, forgiveness, trust, peace, love, and joy. Any woman, anywhere, can participate from the comfort of her own space, anonymously if desired, with a virtual group of soon-to-be friends. Call or text our **CONFIDENTIAL direct phone line 501-663-0996** for more information. Registration is required by February 22, 2023.

**Other meeting days/times may be available. Please call if interested.*

Petitions of the Ministry of Praise

February 2023
Pope Francis' Intentions:

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, unity and welcome towards those most in need.



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; Matthew Prickett; and Jane Griffin.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -- Lucille Marconi; Frances Heffington; Phil Marks; Chris Ashcraft, Susan Jones, Liz George; Alissa Hastings; Jamie Garrett, 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; Jimmy Dale Ruppel; and Michael Bery.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -- Ernie Harper, brother-in-law of Doug Menz.

OUR SEMINARIANS -- especially Andrew Schaefer and Pedro Alvarez.

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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



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

Monday, February 13

7:00 a.m. Mass

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

James Walsh by Ann Hoffmann

Tuesday, February 14

7:00 a.m. Mass

STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS - Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Gerald Grummer by Dinah Grummer

Wednesday, February 15

5:30 p.m. Mass

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Carl Grummer by Dinah Grummer

Thursday, February 16

7:00 a.m. Mass

Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Jolanta Kurylo by Holy Souls Parish

Friday, February 17

7:00 a.m. Mass

THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER - Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Wayne Thomisee by Anne Thomisee

8:15 a.m. School Mass

Special Intention for Holy Souls School by Holy Souls Parish

Saturday, February 18

4:00 p.m. Mass

Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Special Intention for Martin McGowan & family by Teresa Jeffus

Sunday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Mass

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

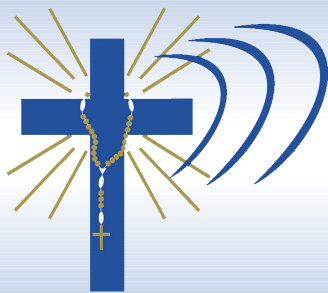
Declan DeGruy by The DeGruy Family

5:30 p.m. Mass

Intention of Parishioners

Santiago (Ricky) Pena Lavarias by Stacey Matchett

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.



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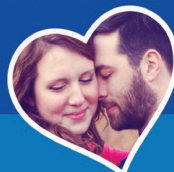
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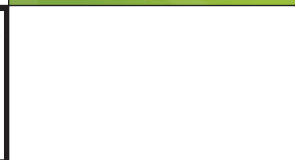
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