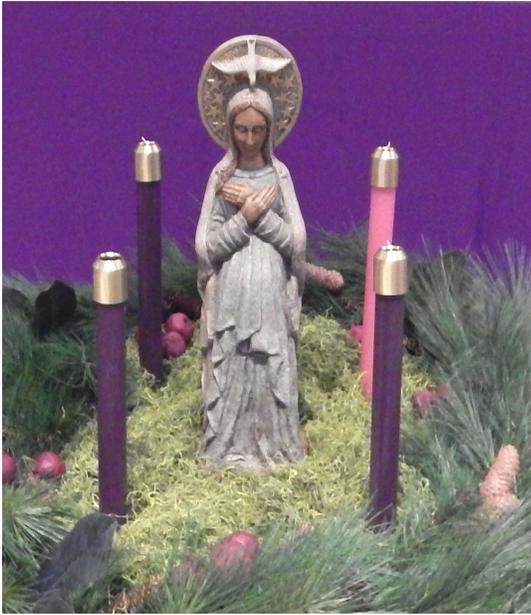


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 18, 2022



Wednesday, December 21st

following the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Church

Our parish offers a Blue Christmas Service that acknowledges that God is with us in our grief during the holidays. God grants us a taste of hope, peace, and love even while we grieve the loss of our loved one that He promises to all of His people through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. All who are grieving are invited to come and celebrate the life of a deceased loved one in prayer and song on December 21st following the 5:30pm Mass at approximately 6:15pm in the church. If you know someone that would benefit from this service, please let them know.

Liturgical Ministers & Altar Servers Needed at the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

The 10pm Mass on Christmas Eve needs Liturgical Ministers and altar servers. At this point there are no altar servers; everyone assigned has requested a sub. If you can serve at this Mass, please let Laura know in the church office or go online and answer the sub request. We need ushers as well. Thank you so very much.



SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD*

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass*
- 4:15 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass
for overflow in Allen Center
- 6:30 p.m. Christmas Children's Mass*
- 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Night Mass*

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

- 10:00 a.m.** Christmas Day Mass*

* Caroling begins 30 minutes before Mass begins

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31

- 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:30 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

MATTHEW 1:23

TRUE GRATITUDE

Advent's four Sundays each have their own focus: "Stay awake!" (First); John the Baptist (Second); Rejoice! (Third); Joseph/Mary (Fourth). We might need to have a little pity on the Fourth Sunday, however, since the hectic realities of the secular calendar can overwhelm it, particularly in those years when there are only one or two (or zero!) days before Christmas. This year we have the luxury of a whole week! What shall we do with this gift from God? Perhaps a bit more charity or social action on behalf of God's poorest. Maybe take some time to listen for the voice of God in our dreams, as Joseph did. Attend daily Mass, Advent reconciliation, or pray the "O" antiphons (which began this Saturday evening). As with every gift, we show true gratitude by using it. Let us do so, as Paul tells us in Romans, for the sake of the name of Jesus, whose coming we await.

WHOSE HOUSE?

Interest in genealogy is much, much older than current fascination with using DNA analysis to trace our heritage. Matthew's Gospel opens with the genealogy of Jesus, going all the way back to Abraham, Israel's father in faith. This is what immediately precedes today's Gospel reading, and is crucial to how we hear the opening sentence: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about." It's not so much as a starting point, but a pivot point that places Jesus firmly in the "house of David" through Joseph (in first-century Judaism, lineage and heritage was traced solely through males). An essential understanding of the Messiah was that he would come from the house and lineage of King David. For those of us who follow Jesus in faith, it's important to recall that it was through Joseph that Jesus both came from the house of David and was made a son of the covenant of Moses.

WHOSE HOME?

Matthew's Gospel also contains an angelic annunciation scene; we hear from it today. Another pivot point is presented, when the angel says "Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home." As with most angelic appearances in scripture, the angel provides an instruction not to fear. More importantly, Joseph is instructed by God's messenger to take Mary into his home. When Joseph and Mary were betrothed, they were officially constituted as husband and wife; the next step—approved by an angel—would have been for Joseph to take Mary into his home. So he provided a safe place for a young woman in a troubled pregnancy, and offered her child a home, a heritage, and a lineage. This rather difficult and risky move on Joseph's part might inspire us in this season to seek out and help out in those places where people are longing to have a house and—more importantly—a home.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24



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

The deadline for Domestic Abuse Centers (**Round Ornaments**) and Birthright (**Angels & Snowmen**) is this Sunday, December 19th. 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.

Wednesday

SMALL FAITH GROUP

The Wednesday Small Faith Group has recently completed a 10 week study of the Protestant Reformation. Beginning January 4, we will take up a 10 week book study of "Questions Jesus Asked", by Stephen Binz. We will consider 30 questions Jesus asked of the disciples and others within the Gospels. We will see that He is actually asking us, and we will offer our answers in our discussions. In doing so, we will better understand who He was for His disciples and who He is for us.

The Wednesday Group meets from 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall. If you are able and interested, please join us. For more information, you may contact Steve Hoffmann or Shannon Callahan through the Church Office.



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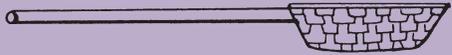
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COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Mass attendance, December 3 & 4 844

Diocesan Collections –

National Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 3,378

Weekend Collections –

December 3 & 4 \$ 32,387

Total December Collection \$ 32,387

Total Dec. Budgeted Collections \$ 240,000

Actual Collections (7/1/22 - 11/30/22) \$ 569,749

Budgeted (7/1/22 - 11/30/22) \$ 560,000

Amount in excess of Budget \$ 9,749

Children's Collection \$ 162

Maintenance Fund \$ 379

The Attendance & Collection figures for Dec. 10 & 11 will be printed in the next bulletin.

Thank you for supporting our church.



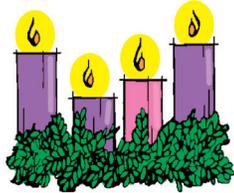
The collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. Please share with them the generosity that they continue to share with us.



Holy Souls Church Office and School are closed for the Christmas Holidays. We will reopen on Monday, January 2, at 8:00 a.m. During this time, if you have a church emergency, please call our answering service, 501-373-8600.

We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Advent Wreath Prayer 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“O Lord, stir up your power, we pray you, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of your grace, your merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins obstruct. We ask this in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.”

(An adult then lights all of the candles on the wreath.)

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.



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Laura Humphries,
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need your strength. You are my life, and without you I am without fervor. You are my light, and without you I am in darkness. Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love you and always be in your company. Stay with me tonight, Jesus. In life with all its dangers, I need you. Amen.

(St. Pio of Pietrelcina)

If we ask God to stay with us always and always seek him out, it will help us be the people that he wants us to be. Since we will be more aware of his presence in our lives, we will be more apt to be a people of service as he calls us to be.

There are so many ways we can serve God. Here in our parish, at Mass as an Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Altar Server, Lector, Captain. At the parish: Adoration, Garden Angels, Snow Angels, Eucharistic Minister to the Sick, volunteering with the Afghan Family, Youth Faith Formation, CYM, and other ways. We also support Helping Hand, Birthright, Arkansas Food Bank, St. Joseph Helpers, Holy Sews, Settled Souls and Jericho Way to name a few.

Our donations of time, talent and treasure will not be forgotten.

Encounter Jesus, Serve Others

Responding to the Word This Week

Jesus desires to dwell within us.
**What can I do to prepare myself
for God's indwelling?**
Jesus, help me . . .

*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to
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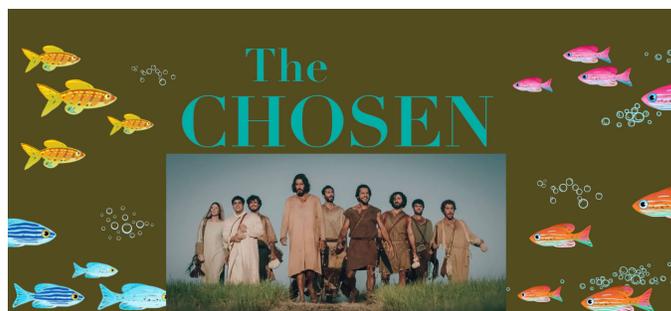
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Email Samantha sminster@holysouls.org with questions



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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; Grace Clark; Doug Schneider; Gene France; Nick Kirchner; Curt Lassiter; Chris Price; Linda Miesner; Ann Hoffmann; and Michael Claud.

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THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -- Rae Ann Moles.

OUR SEMINARIANS -- especially Phillip Necessary and Steve Wilson.

Women of Hope

A DAY OF RETREAT

Saturday, February 4
 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Christ the King Church, Little Rock

Join us on a journey as we explore the desert seasons of our faith and the oasis that God has planned for us. This retreat will fill your soul and prepare your heart for entry into the Lenten seasons. Featured speaker is Sonja Corbitt. Registration fee is \$60. Visit WomenofHopeAR.org to register and for more information. Bonus: An Evening of Preparation with Reconciliation, Adoration, and Praise & Worship on Feb. 3, 5:30-7:30p.m.

Petitions of the Ministry of Praise

December, 2022

Pope Francis' Intentions:

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committee to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



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.

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

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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, December 19

7:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 20

7:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 21

5:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday, December 22

7:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 23

7:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Mass

4:15 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Mass

10:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Mass

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

No Intention

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Stella Kamanda by Nanday Kamanda

ST. PETER CANISLUS - Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Virginia & Joe Fetzek by The Fetzek Family

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Chet & Beth Kinkadee by Anne Thomisee

ST. JOHN OF KANTY - Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Lilly Hess by Steve Wells

Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Holy Souls Parish

Intentions of Parishioners

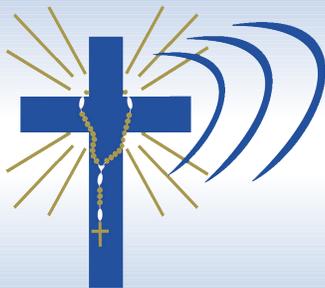
Expectant Parents by Holy Souls Parish

Homebound of our Parish by Holy Souls Parish

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) - Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Intentions of Parishioners

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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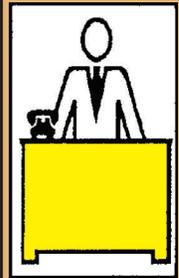
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