



Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church

1003 North Tyler Street - Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

"Encounter Jesus, Serve Others."

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - March 19, 2023

Solemnity of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, March 25

The Annunciation is a celebration of the announcement made by the archangel, Gabriel, to the Virgin Mary that she would become the mother of Jesus Christ, Son of God. Despite being a virgin, Mary - through the power of the Holy Spirit - miraculously conceived a child who would be called the Son of God. We celebrate this joyful mystery because of the Blessed Mother's most humble and glorious "Fiat." *Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord: be it done unto me according to Thy Word. Luke 1:38a*



Since our parish is dedicated to Mary, we invited everyone to join us for a Mass in celebration of The Solemnity of the Annunciation on Saturday, March 25, at 8:00 a.m.

BULLETIN UPDATE

Beginning with this issue, our Weekly Bulletin will be printed by Liturgical Publications Inc. (LPi). We are looking forward to working with them! If you would like to place an ad in our bulletin, contact Bob Swagman at 636-346-2058 or RSwagman24LPi.com.

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:

March 24
Senior's Group

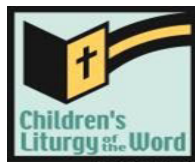
March 31
Holy Souls School's 4th Grade
(*Living Stations of the Cross*)

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

FATHER BHASKAR

on Saturday, March 25th

Your holy service to the Lord
reaches hearts
and inspires many lives.
May God bless you with peace and joy
as you celebrate your birthday.



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.

Responding to the Word This Week

The blind man learns to recognize Jesus through faith.

What would most help me to
"see" Jesus in a new way today?

Jesus, open my eyes . . .

*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to
www.usccb.org/bible/readings/031923.cfm

Saint of the Month



Saint Joseph

FEAST DAY: March 20

PATRON SAINT:

Carpenters, Workers, Fathers, Happy Death

- **Why patron of Carpenters and Workers?**
Saint Joseph was a carpenter by trade, and a poor working man. **How do we know?** When he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified, he offered sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24).
- **Saint Joseph, help us sanctify our work as you did...**
O God, the creator of all things, you framed the law of labor for the human race. Graciously grant, by the example and patronage of St. Joseph, that we may do the work You provide us and earn the reward You promise. Sustain us with Your grace to live up to our duties in charity and justice. Amen"

Learn, Pray, Be a Saint



SHARING SUCCESS

Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult—and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others? Rice Bowls are still available in the vestibule. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and 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). These ministries are wonderful ways to serve your God and your parish. Please pray about joining them.

Holy Souls Lenten



Friday, March 31

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Allen Center Cafeterium

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).

*Sponsored, Cooked, & Served By
Holy Souls Men's Club*

SENIOR HIGH CYM

2022-2023 Schedule
9th - 12th Grade

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

March 29

Have Questions?

Contact Andrew Baka at office@holysouls.org



Join our
**YOUNG CATHOLIC
ADULTS GROUP**

Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

Laura Humphries,
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

What can we do to accomplish the works of God?

John 6:28

We may wonder, like the crowd in this Gospel (John 6:28), what our assignment is in God's plan of kingdom building. It is a good question to ask God each morning: what can I do for the kingdom today? When lunching with my friends, can I resist the seduction of gossip? Can I smile and compliment the young grocery store cashier on how well he does his job? Can I offer to run some errands for my widowed neighbor and maybe take her along to see an afternoon movie? Can I refrain from political commentary that serves no immediate good? Can I do the speed limit and make a safer ride for everyone on the morning commute? Surely, I can do at least one of these things, and perhaps tomorrow I can do two. Jesus's answer to the crowd is to believe in him, and when we do that, our actions reflect his.

An excerpt from Living Faith

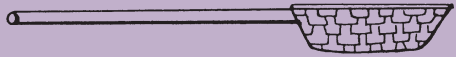
This is a wonderful idea, to ask God each morning, *what can I do for the kingdom today?* I know that each one of us is capable of doing something that can make a positive difference in the lives of those around us. It may not be monumental but that's okay. Many times, the little things we do help people far more than we realize. In the series *Chosen* the writers have done an excellent job of depicting Jesus as a loving, kind, powerful person. Powerful in a way that moves people's hearts with his eyes and words, not his physical strength. We, too, can be like Jesus when we love one another and show kindness to each other. He calls us to be servants of each other and that is where our Christian strength lies because that is how we will build his Kingdom. If we live like Christ showing his love, kindness and mercy, others will follow.

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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.

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.



COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Mass attendance, March 4 & 5 851

Weekend Collections –

March 4 & 5 \$ 29,657

Total March Collection \$ 29,657

Total March Budgeted Collections \$ 120,000

Actual Collections (7/1/22 - 2/28/2023) \$ 1,105,885

Budgeted (7/1/22 - 2/28/2023) \$ 1,050,000

Amount in excess of Budget \$ 55,885

Children's Collection \$ 119

Maintenance Fund \$ 797

The attendance and collection figures for March 11 & 12 will be printed in the next bulletin.

Thank you for supporting our church.

Happy Spring Break!

The Church Office and School will be closed March 20 - 24 for Spring Break. If you have a church emergency during this time, please call our answering service, 501-373-8600.

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..

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.



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.



Funeral Luncheon Ministry Helpers Needed

We need your help. We need people that will help prepare dishes for the lunches, serve at lunches, set up and clean up. There are four groups so you don't work on each funeral. If you can help with this worthwhile ministry, please let Laura know in the church office (501-663-8632 or office@holysouls.org). The people that you help are so grateful for this love and support during their time of bereavement. *Encounter Jesus, Serve Others*



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.



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

Anne Florence Alexander
daughter of
Will & Mary (Jones) Alexander

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.

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

Monday, March 20 7:00 a.m. Mass	ST. JOSEPH - 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a Sloan Ralph Wilson by Cecile & Greg Wilson
Tuesday, March 21 7:00 a.m. Mass	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16 Ernie Harper by Darlene Watkins
Wednesday, March 22 5:30 p.m. Mass	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30 <i>No Mass Intention</i>
Thursday, March 23 7:00 a.m. Mass	ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO - Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47 Mignon Sarah Wilson by Cecile & Greg Wilson
Friday, March 24 7:00 a.m. Mass	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 John Mills by Stacey Matchett
Saturday, March 25 8:00 a.m. Mass 4:00 p.m. Mass	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 <i>No Mass Intention</i> Dana Green Robben by The Powell & Robben Families
Sunday, March 26 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Mass	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45] Jim Belknap by Jeremy Belknap Intention of Parishioners Special Intention for Diocese of Little Rock Seminarians 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; Craig Cagle; and Joe Borgaily.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -- Neill Hart, husband of Karen Konarski-Hart.

OUR SEMINARIANS – especially Joel Brachett and Hong Dai Nguyen,

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.