

# Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church

1003 North Tyler Street - Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

*"Encounter Jesus, Serve Others."*



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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - August 13, 2023



The first day at Our Lady of the Holy Souls School for the 2023-2024 school year will begin at 8am on Wednesday, August 16.

Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic School is dedicated to providing an education that is built on the Gospel message. Students are helped to build a foundation of faith, hope, love and respect to support all areas of their lives. Students are instructed to strive for academic excellence and self-discipline. Students are encouraged to use their gifts of time, talent, and treasure in service of Christ.

We wish our Principal Amber Bagby, Assistant Principal Sarah Richards, teachers, staff, and all our students a successful, safe, and happy school year!



**Tuesday, August 15**  
*Holy Day of Obligation*

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on August 15th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. An Anticipated Mass will be offered at 5:30pm on Monday, August 14. Masses will be offered at 7:00am and 5:30pm on Tuesday, August 15.

The bodily assumption of Mary into the kingdom of God was declared a doctrine of faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Not scripturally based, the concept of Mary's assumption developed as part of the tradition of the early church. First thought of as her "dormition" or "falling asleep," this feast is still celebrated under the title "Dormition" in the Eastern church. By the eighth century, Rome had changed the title of the feast to "Assumption" and had conferred upon it the more active idea of Mary's actually having been taken up into heaven in both soul and body.



## Group Meeting

Monday, August 14

10:00 a.m.

Parish Hall

Lunch • Fellowship • Fun

## Saint of the Month



## Saint Monica

**FEAST DAY:**

August 27

**PATRON SAINT:**

Wives

and

Abuse Victims

- + **St. Augustine's conversion** to Catholicism was a much more difficult challenge! **St. Monica prayed for him for 17 years**, begging the prayers of priests who sometimes tried to avoid her because of her persistence at this **seemingly hopeless endeavor**.
- + One priest consoled her by saying, "**It is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish.**" This thought, coupled with a **vision** that she had received **strengthened her**. **St. Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose in 387.**
- + **St. Monica died later that same year**, on the way back to Africa from Rome.
- + **St. Monica Prayer for spiritual conversion of a child...**

*St. Monica, I need your prayers. You know exactly how I'm feeling because you once felt it yourself. I'm hurting, hopeless, and in despair. I desperately want my child to return to Christ in his Church, but I can't do it alone. I need God's help. Please join me in begging the Lord's powerful grace to flow into my child's life. Ask the Lord Jesus to soften his heart, prepare a path for his conversion, and activate the Holy Spirit in his life. Amen.*

*Learn, Pray, Be a Saint*

*LAST CHANCE  
To Be Photographed For Our  
new Parish Pictorial Directory!*

### NEW DATES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY:

Tuesday, August 29 • Wednesday, August 30  
2:00 p.m. to 8:36 p.m.

*FREE 8x10 Photo and Directory for each family photographed*

**To schedule your photography appointment online:** Go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **ar118** in the Church Code field, enter **photos** in the Church Password field, follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots.

If you need help making your appointment or need to cancel/reschedule your appointment, please contact Pete & Cindy Stabnick - 501-663-8632 or [office@holysouls.org](mailto:office@holysouls.org).

*OUR directory won't be complete without YOUR photo!*

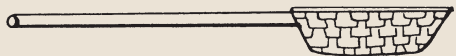


This year Walking With Purpose at Our Lady of the Holy Souls will be offering **Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point**. This study explores the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us as we examine the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.

This 22 weeks study begins September 6/7 and ends March 6/7. The book cost is \$40 and scholarship are available by emailing [wwp@holysouls.org](mailto:wwp@holysouls.org). If you have your old book, you can use it at no cost.

Wednesday Evenings - Parish Hall, 6-7:30pm

Thursday Mornings - Parish Hall, 8:30-10am • Thursday Mornings - Virtual, 9-10am



## COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

<b>Mass attendance, July 1 &amp; 2</b>	742
<b>Mass attendance, July 8 &amp; 9</b>	832
<b>Mass attendance, July 15 &amp; 16</b>	814
<b>Mass attendance, July 22 &amp; 23</b>	721
<b>Mass attendance, July 28 &amp; 29</b>	776

### Diocesan Collections –

Peter’s Pence	\$ 2,119
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### Weekend Collections –

July 1 & 2	\$ 4,740
July 8 & 9	\$ 88,234
July 15 & 16	\$ 25,147
July 22 & 23	\$ 26,526
July 28 & 29	\$ 12,340

<b>Total July Collection</b>	<b>\$ 156,986</b>
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<b>Total July Budgeted Collections</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>
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Actual Collections (7/1/22 - 6/30/2023)	\$ 1,589,736
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Budgeted (7/1/22 - 6/30/2023)	\$ 1,483,000
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Amount in excess of Budget	\$ 106,736
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Children’s Collection	\$ 750
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Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,833
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*Thank you for supporting our church.*



*Strengthening the Church at Home*

Next weekend, August 19 & 20, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.



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.

## Attention Parents!

A women’s religious order has asked for our help in their mission to provide dental supplies to those in prison in Arkansas. Fr. Daniel is planning to use the Children’s Collection on August 19 & 20 for this purpose.

The children who donate money that weekend will receive a small token of thanks!



This fall, our RCIA program will be starting up on Thursday evenings at 6pm. For those who are not familiar with RCIA, this is our program for individuals who want to become Catholic or simply learn more about the Catholic faith with no obligation to join. There will be a Meet & Greet Dinner on Thursday, August 24 in the Parish Hall at 6pm and classes start on September 7. For more information, contact Susej Thompson, Director of Faith Formation in the Church Office.

In addition to inviting inquirers to attend, we are also in need of RCIA team members, volunteers, and sponsors. This could include, helping with meals, being a greeter, leading small group discussions, or meeting occasionally with catechumens and candidates. You are welcome to commit at the level of your choice. Contact Susej Thompson, Director of Faith Formation in the church office if you are interested in serving.

## Holy Sews MINISTRY



Holy Sews invites you to our Workday on Sunday, August 13, from 12 Noon to 4:30pm in 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.

## Responding to the Word This Week

Seeking God’s presence, Elijah hears God only in the faint, whispering sound.

**What faint, tiny whispers from God have I noticed recently?**

Jesus, help me . . . .

\*To reflect on this Sunday’s readings online, go to [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/081323.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/081323.cfm)



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



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

<b>Monday, August 14</b>	ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE - Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
7:00 a.m. Mass	Joyce Dillingham by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parishioners
5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass	Special Intention for our Seminarians by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parishioners
<b>Tuesday, August 15</b>	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Rv 12:1-6, 10; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
7:00 a.m. Mass	Intention of Parishioners
5:30 p.m. Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parishioners
<b>Wednesday, August 16</b>	ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY - Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
5:30 p.m. Mass	The Guzik & Pawlowski Families by Elzbieta Pawlowski
<b>Thursday, August 17</b>	Jos 3:7-10, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21-19:1
7:00 a.m. Mass	Burt Robben by Our Lady's Way Rosary Group
<b>Friday, August 18</b>	Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
7:00 a.m. Mass	Special Intention for John & Lily Taylor by Barbara Grafe
8:15 a.m. School Mass	Special Intention for Our Lady of the Holy Souls School by Holy Souls Parish
<b>Saturday, August 19</b>	ST. JOHN EUDES - Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	Edwin Shirkey by Joann Minton
<b>Sunday, August 20</b>	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rom 11:13, 15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
8:00 a.m. Mass	Jim Belknap by Jeremy Belknap
10:30 a.m. Mass	Intention of Parishioners
5:30 p.m. Mass	Willie X. Wilson by Glen Wilson

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; Doug Pilcher; 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; Laura Peach; John Flake; Aloise Medlock; Gary Korte; Sam Williamson; Alice Price; Frances DeLeuil; Hank & Carole Schulte; and Russell Dority.

**OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS** -- Lucille Marconi; Frances Heffington; Phil Marks; Phyllis Marks; Craig Cagle; Eleanor Suttle; Ellen Perkins; Jack Finley; Bill Kennedy; 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; and Tyler Grubb & family.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** -- Edianne Flynn Cheek.

**OUR SEMINARIANS** -- especially our parish's new seminarian **Phillip Zawislak**.

## Around the Diocese . . .

**CATHOLIC HIGH ATHLETIC KICK OFF PICNIC AND PEP RALLY:** Catholic High invites your family to **Meet the Rockets** at our Annual Catholic High Athletic Kick Off Picnic and Pep Rally on Wednesday, August 23 at 5:00 p.m. Thank you to our sponsor, Centennial Bank, for providing hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, dessert, and a drink for \$1.00/meal. For each meal purchased, Centennial Bank has generously agreed to match up to \$1,000 as a donation to the CHS Booster Club, which provides funds for all extracurricular activities.

**CATHOLIC DIVORCE MINISTRY** support group begins soon! A FREE informational workshop is scheduled for Sunday, August 27 at 5:30pm at St. John Center in Little Rock. This workshop is for anyone experiencing separation, divorce, or a loved one of someone struggling with divorce. Gain an understanding of how to cope with the pain and learn key insights into how our faith can help recovery. Even if you have been divorced for many years or are not Catholic, this program can help you grow closer to Our Lord within a community of grace and understanding.. Please register at <https://divorcedcatholic.com/freeworkshop> and receive a FREE ebook, "Daily Inspirations for Divorced Catholics."

**JOB OPENING:** St. John Newman University Parish in Jonesboro seeks a Director of Catholic Campus Ministry to lead, manage and sustain an active campus ministry at Arkansas State University. A job description is available upon request. To inquire for more information or to apply by e-mailing a cover letter and resume, contact Liz Tingquist, Diocesan Director of Catholic Campus Ministry, at [ltingquist@dolr.org](mailto:ltingquist@dolr.org).

# Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

Laura Humphries,  
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

*For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mk 10:45*

I have been on vacation for the past week. We went to the Little Red and rented a cabin that looked out over the river. It was a beautiful area. You could certainly see God's hand in the beauty of the river and surrounding area. I always tell my grandchildren when you see something so beautiful that it is a gift from God to be treasured and respected. We had a good time being a family but were glad to return home.

The Installation Mass for Father Daniel as our Pastor was so beautiful. I could feel the presence of God in the church so strongly I nearly cried. I am sure that God was pleased with the joy and community that filled the church. We are blessed with two priests that give of themselves whenever asked. They are wonderful with the school, the children love them because they take the time to know them. Father Daniel and Father Bhaskar make all of us, including the children, feel the love of God. They have many gifts given to them by our God and use them as he has called them to do. We are so blessed. They love our parish and the parishioners, and it shows in all that they do for us. Once again, God has given all of us wonderful gifts that we must cherish and respect and do all we can to use them. We must all remember that we are called to service just as these two men have been called to service. When we use our gifts and talents to build his kingdom, we are doing what God asks of us. God is always good and loving, always there to help us. We are called to be the same.

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## Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy continues into the fall and winter. 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. Please join us in a ministry unique in the Diocese to our parish.

## Petitions of the Ministry of Praise

August 2023  
Pope Francis' Intentions:



We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE  
**Holy Souls Men's Club**

# NEW MEMBER PARTY

AN EVENING OF FUN AND  
FELLOWSHIP

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023**  
**6 P.M. - 8 P.M.**

Hill Station (2712 Kavanaugh in Hillcrest)  
**\*\*RSVP to MensClub@HolySouls.org**

## 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.