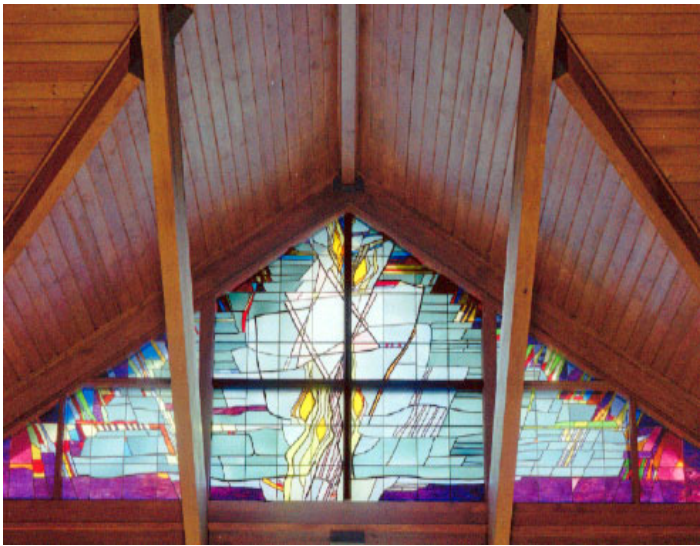


# Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church

1003 North Tyler Street - Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

*"Encounter Jesus, Serve Others."*



**Fr. Daniel Velasco**, Pastor  
**Fr. Bhaskar Malapolu**, Associate Pastor  
**Deacon John Hall**  
**Deacon Jim Goodhart**  
**Deacon Ted Saer**  
**Deacon Lawrence H. Jegley** (Retired)  
**Shelley Tienken**, Business Manager  
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**Andrew Baka**, Youth Director  
**Laura G. Humphries**, Parish Life & Stewardship Director  
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**Church Office:** (501) 663-8632

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**Website:** [www.holysouls.org](http://www.holysouls.org)

**E-mail:** [office@holysouls.org](mailto:office@holysouls.org)

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**School:** (501) 663-4513

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - September 24, 2023

**Celebrate!**

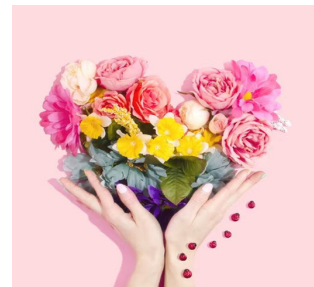
**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

**Sunday, September 24th**

Priesthood Sunday is a special day to honor Priesthood in the United States. It is a call for parishioners to honor Christ as a Priest and the men who were called to be his priests on earth. It is also a day to focus on the importance of vocations.

### **PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS**

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests, especially for Fr. Daniel and Fr. Bhaskar. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*



## **ALTAR SOCIETY KICK OFF MEETING & DINNER**

**Monday, September 25th**

6:30 p.m. ~ Parish Hall

Guest Speakers:

**FATHER DANIEL & FATHER BHASKAR**

*"Including Children  
as Members of the Body of Christ"*

***Come meet other women of the parish  
and receive information regarding the 2023-24  
schedule of events and organizational goals.***



**Thursday, Sept. 28**  
**6:00-9:00**  
**Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic School**  
**Cost: \$30**  
**Includes 6 Bingo Games, Food, and Drinks**

BENEFITING THE MSGR. ALLEN TRUST AND DEVELOPMENT FUND



Scan the QR Code to Order Tickets

## School & Church Office Closed

Our Lady of the Holy Souls Church Office and School will be closed on Friday, September 29th for the Professional Day for Teachers.

Our Lady of the Holy Souls  
 2023  
*Women's Gathering*  
**"Rooted in the Eucharist"**

October 7th ~ 9am - 4pm

Speakers:



Christy Trantina



Taffy Council



Susej Thompson

Scan here to register:



# Saint of the Month

## Saint Vincent de Paul

**FEAST DAY:** September 27

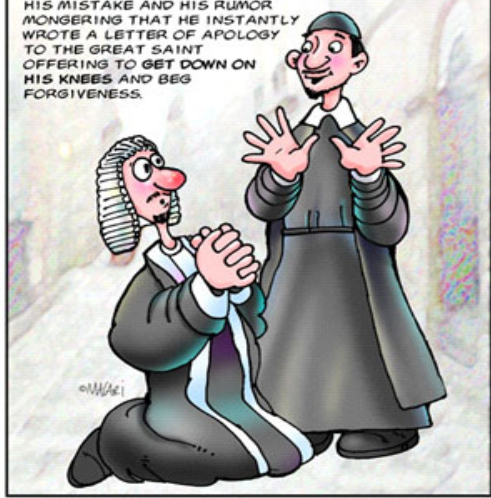
**PATRON SAINT:**  
 Charities, Hospitals, Prisoners, Volunteers

**SAINTS FUN FACTS** by mario d. macari

**S**AINST VINCENT DE PAUL WAS ONCE ACCUSED OF STEALING OVER 400 CROWNS BY HIS ROOM MATE, A JUDGE. THE SAINT REPLIED THAT HE WAS INNOCENT, THAT HE HAD BEEN BEDRIDDEN ALL DAY WITH ILLNESS, AND THAT GOD KNEW THE TRUTH. INCENSED, THE JUDGE SPREAD THE LIE ALL OVER PARIS.

SOMETIME LATER, THE REAL THIEF CONFESSED. HE HAD MADE A DELIVERY TO THEIR RESIDENCE, SAW THE MONEY IN THE CUPBOARD, AND TOOK IT.

THE JUDGE WAS SO EMBARRASSED AND FRAZZLED BY HIS MISTAKE AND HIS RUMOR MONGERING THAT HE INSTANTLY WROTE A LETTER OF APOLOGY TO THE GREAT SAINT OFFERING TO GET DOWN ON HIS KNEES AND BEG FORGIVENESS.



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- + The motto of St. Vincent was **"God sees you"**.
- + He became known as the **Apostle of Charity** and the **Father of the Poor**.
- + He was **renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity**, and is **venerated as a saint** in both the **Catholic Church** and the **Anglican Communion**.

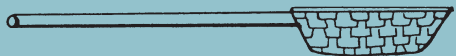
*Learn, Pray, Be a Saint*

**SENIOR HIGH CYM**  
 2023-2024 Schedule  
 9th - 12th Grade

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

September 27th

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



## COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Mass attendance --	Adults	Children	Total
September 2 & 3	669	142	790
September 9 & 10	759	212	971
September 16 & 17	817	150	967

### Diocesan Collections –

Catechetical Sunday	\$	1,380
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### Weekend Collections –

September 2 & 3	\$	17,278
September 9 & 10	\$	39,858
September 16 & 17	\$	22,263

<b>Total September Collections</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>79,399</b>
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<b>Total Sept. Budgeted Collections</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>120,000</b>
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Actual Collections (7/1/23 - 8/31/2023)	\$	301,785
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Budgeted (7/1/23 - 8/31/2023)	\$	270,000
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Amount in excess of Budget	\$	31,785
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Children's Collection	\$	387
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Maintenance Fund	\$	1,157
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Thank you for supporting our church.

## Respect Life Sunday

Everyone is invited to attend the diocesan Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, at noon on October 1. Fr. John Connell, Vicar General, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This Mass marks the beginning of Respect Life Month, when the Church asks us to consider more deeply how we uphold the life and human dignity of each person, especially those who are most vulnerable. There will also be a Holy Hour for Life at the Shrine of Divine Mercy, 801 Sherman St., Little Rock, at 3:00 p.m. Please join us for these pro-life events and pray that every human life, from the moment of conception until natural death and in every circumstance across the lifespan will be respected, protected, and cherished.



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.

We wish  
**FATHER DANIEL**  
**★HAPPY★**  
**BIRTHDAY!**

on Wednesday, September 27th

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  
and another year of faithful service in Christ.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join us for  
**our Annual Pet Blessing**  
in honor of St. Francis of Assisi,  
Patron Saint of Animals  
(Feast Day, Oct. 4th)  
**Saturday, Sept. 30th**  
10:00 a.m.  
on the Church Steps

Please bring your pets on a leash, in a box, bowl, cage, or in a pet carrier.



## Meals for Seminararians

Once again it is our time to provide meals for the seminararians at the Formation House located on the campus of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 1201 S. Van Buren Street. A meal for 16 needs to be delivered there by 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in October. The dates available are October 10, 24, & 31. If you would like to help with this or would like to take a date and provide the whole meal, please let Laura in the Church Office know (501-663-8632 or office@holysouls.org). This is a wonderful way to say thank you to these men for their service to the Lord.

## WEDNESDAY SMALL FAITH GROUP

The Wednesday Small Group will begin "The Case For Jesus - a Study of the Biblical and Historical Evidence for Jesus". The 8 week video series is presented by foremost Scripture Scholar, Dr Brant Pitre. He will draw upon early Christian and non-Christian writing to authenticate the Gospels and their accounts of the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Divinity of Jesus. Each session will include a 35 minute video followed by group discussion. We will meet on Wednesdays at 11:30 in the Parish Hall beginning October 4. To join us, contact Steve Hoffmann or Shannon Callahan through the Church Office.

# 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, September 25</b>	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
7:00 a.m. Mass	Roberta Leiker by Elaine Engel & the Mike LeBlanc Family
<b>Tuesday, September 26</b>	STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN - Ezr 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
7:00 a.m. Mass	Ron Grafe by Barbara Grafe
<b>Wednesday, September 27</b>	ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
5:30 p.m. Mass	O. C. Flynn by Anne Thomisee
<b>Thursday, September 28</b>	ST. WENCESLAUS; ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS - Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 9:7-9
7:00 a.m. Mass	Jessie & Sherman Thomisee by Anne Thomisee
8:15 a.m. School Mass	Special Intention for Our Lady of the Holy Souls School by Holy Souls Parish
<b>Friday, September 29</b>	STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
7:00 a.m. Mass	George Loss by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Men's Club
<b>Saturday, September 30</b>	ST. JEROME - Zec 2:5-9, 14-15; Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43-45
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	Special Intention for Deacon Ted Saer by Bill & Becky May
<b>Sunday, October 1</b>	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32
8:00 a.m. Mass	Thomas L. & David Goodgame by Rita Goodgame
10:30 a.m. Mass	Intention of Parishioners
5:30 p.m. Mass	O. C. Flynn by Martha Flynn

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; Gary Korte; Sam Williamson; Alice Price; Frances DeLeuil; Hank & Carole Schulte; Russell Dority; Roberta Cagle; Sally Crisp; Annette Wahlgreen; James Louviere; and Bernice Woods.

**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; Howard Crisp; and Amanda Cogburn.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** -- **Craig Louviere**, father of Seth Louviere and grandfather of James Louviere.

**OUR SEMINARIANS** – **Samuel Stengel, Pedro Alvarez**, and especially Our Lady of the Holy Souls' seminarian **Phillip Zawislak**.

## ORDER YOUR SAUSAGE NOW!

The Knights of Columbus Council 812 is taking orders for their secret-recipe sausage made exclusively by Petit Jean Meats for the annual sausage supper. Prepaid orders must be placed by September 30. The price is \$6 per pound. For information, contact Pete Stabnick through the Church Office (501-663-8632). Orders will be available for pickup on Saturday, December 2.



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

**Edith Ryan Danforth**  
and  
**Brett Allyn Danforth**  
children of  
Joshua & Catherine (Walker) Danforth

**Arnold Chidiebere Eke**  
son of  
Arnold & Amaka Eke

**Jack Quillen Polston**  
son of  
Nathaniel & Micha (Quillen) Polston

# Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

Laura Humphries,  
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

*Find your delight in the Lord who will give you your heart's desire. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will act.*

Ps 37:4-5

Last Saturday, I was reading the religion page in the paper when I saw the article on Lakewood United Methodist Church. When I was growing up, my aunt and uncle lived very close to this neighborhood church and their family were members there. My aunt taught Sunday School, and my uncle sang in the choir. I attended weddings of my cousins there and unfortunately, the funerals of my cousin Jimmy and both my Aunt Mary and Uncle Jim and my Grandmother there. So this story brought many good and sad memories back to me.

The story is also very exciting though. The church had been going through some very rough times financially, in fact, they were \$700,000 dollars in debt and with an attendance of less than 300 weekly that seemed insurmountable. But they prayed, they trusted, and had "a vision to do great things for God and be good stewards." Their fundraising raised \$217K; after a 24 hour prayer vigil they raised another \$100K and with a surprise donation, they received over \$500K. Then they found out that they would receive 1/3 income generated from a \$4 million trust that is expected to climb to 10 to 15 million once all the assets are liquidated. The congregants continue to pray for wisdom as they determine how to use these resources. Their mission is "expanding the light of Christ." What a beautiful example of the power of prayer, the power of trusting in God and believing and Stewardship.

We can all learn from this wonderful story. If we truly believe and put our faith and trust in God many good things can happen for us. Being good stewards does take courage and strength but in the long run it does matter.

**Encounter Jesus, Serve Others**

## Responding to the Word This Week

In Jesus' parable, the workers grumble about the landowner's generosity.

**How might I imitate God's generosity  
in my dealings with others today?**

Jesus, help me to . . .

\*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to  
[www.usccb.org/bible/readings/0924723.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/0924723.cfm)

## Around the Diocese . . .

**ST. THERESA'S ANNUAL AUTUMNFEST:** Friday, Sept. 29th: Dinner 5pm, Prize Bingo - 6-8pm, Loteria 8-10pm. Sat., Sept 30th - Soccer Tournament 8am-12pm; Festival 1-9pm (Food - Games - Attractions - Silent Auction.

**94th ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (LITTLE ITALY) SPAGHETTI DINNER & BAZAAR:** Sunday, October 1, Meal served from 11am - 3:30pm. All you can eat meal is \$20 for adults; \$10 for children ages 6-10, and children 5 & under are free. Enjoy Silent Auction, Kid's Booths, Bingo, Raffle, Italian Bake Sale. For more information: [stfrancislittleitaly.org/dinner](http://stfrancislittleitaly.org/dinner).

**ANNUAL RED MASS:** Please join Bishop Anthony B. Taylor and the Saint Thomas More Society on Friday, October 6, 12:00 Noon at Christ the King Church. The Red Mass is open to all to pray for our judicial system, bench, bar, law professors and students, and all civic and public officials. Lunch will follow in the CTK Family Life Center for \$25. Register for lunch by September 29, to St. Thomas More Society, PO Box 1426, North Little Rock, AR 72115, or via PayPal at <https://tinyurl.com/Red-Mass-2023>. For more information, contact Connie Brown Phillips, 501-680-6919 or [cbphillipslaw@gmail.com](mailto:cbphillipslaw@gmail.com).

**2023 HOUNDSTOOTH GOLF CLASSIC** will take place Friday, October 6, at Rebsamen Golf Course. The event provides the opportunity for at least 36 teams to participate in a four-man scramble tournament format, and it offers a morning and an afternoon flight. Various sponsorship levels are available. Proceeds benefit the Mount St. Mary Academy Athletic and Spirit Booster Clubs to support the athletics and spirit programs' events and activities, travel, purchase of apparel and equipment, and more. Secure your sponsorship today and support our Belles while promoting your business or organization!  
<https://mtstmary.edu/golfclassicteamregistration>

### 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.