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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - February 26, 2023

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Holy Souls Lenten



Friday, March 3, 17 & 31

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Allen Center Cafetorium

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).

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FIRST SUNDAY OF Lent

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

At that time Jesus was
led by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

JESUS' MODEL OF FAITHFULNESS

Ashes and gardens, failings and faithfulness, death and life. As we enter into Lent, we are invited to turn our thoughts, hearts, and lives toward God and God's ways, to turn away from the death of sin, which separates us from God, and to embrace the gift of life offered in Christ, now and into eternity. Eve and Adam listened to the serpent rather than God who had given them a garden filled with beauty and abundance. On the contrary, Jesus stood firm in the face of temptation. This Lent, we ponder the choices we make in our daily lives, trust in God's mercy as we repent from sinfulness, and strengthen our commitment to discipleship, following Jesus' model of faithfulness.

TURN AWAY FROM SIN

Lent is a season in which we resolve to turn away from sin and turn toward Jesus. Turning away from sin requires us to admit that we miss the mark and fail to live as God desires. The first Sunday of Lent always includes a gospel account of Jesus facing temptation in the desert. Notice that it is not generic temptation Jesus meets, nor do we. Our temptations are personal, areas of particular weakness, situations in which, like Eve and Adam, we may rationalize and give in to sin rather than holding firm to what we know is right and just. Jesus gives us a model for meeting temptation: draw on the wisdom and truth found in sacred scripture and the teaching tradition of the Church to know what we must do or not do. Be strong and know that the Lord is with you as you resolve to be faithful.

TRUST IN GOD'S MERCY

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." The refrain of today's Responsorial Psalm gives voice to our conviction that God is good and reminds us that we can trust in God's mercy as we face our sin, seek forgiveness, and resolve to avoid sin in the future. The more deeply we grow in relationship with Christ, the more sure of God's love we become. Rooted in this love, we can admit our failings and trust that God always desires to be close to us, drawing us into abundant life. Lent is a good time to seek God's mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation. We can take heart in the assurance that forgiveness awaits our repentant heart.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]
Matthew 4:1-11

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 3	- Altar Society
March 10	- Knights of Columbus
March 17	- Youth Group
March 24	- Senior's Group
March 31	- Holy Souls School's 4th Grade (Living Stations of the Cross)

Why Are Saints So Important To The Catholic Church And In Our Faith Journey?

It is a great consolation to **know the heavenly court is urging us on and interceding for us before God!**

HERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL WAYS TO COME TO KNOW AND HONOR THE SAINTS...

- **Consider going to Mass** on the saint's feast day and offer the Mass in thanksgiving for his/her intercession.
- **Pray a novena.** In March you will have an opportunity to join the Sisters of Carmel in Little Rock in praying their annual novena to St Joseph.
- **Celebrate an evening with your family to honor a saint's feast.**
- **Visit the shrine of a saint.** Do a little research, and find which saint may have a shrine near enough to visit.



A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world?

Please pick up a Rice Bowl in the church vestibule. You'll also receive a Lenten calendar that offers short reflections for each of the 40 days. The calendar includes simple, meatless recipes from three countries for your family to try on Fridays—or any other day of the week. And not only that! Make sure to assemble the cardboard box and use it to collect your family's alms. Visit crisricebowl.org to learn more.

Remember: We will start our new effort to get to know our saints better in March with **St Joseph, whose feast day is celebrated this year on March 20!** His feast day is normally celebrated on March 19; however, this year, that date falls on a Sunday. Since St Joseph's feast is a very important one, a **solemnity**, it is not celebrated on Sunday, but on its own special day.

Excerpts from goodcatholic.com
Six Ways to Deepen Your Relationship with Your Patron Saint
By Cheryl Hadley
Published April 27, 2022



Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation to abstain begins at age 14. The law of fasting is for those between the ages of 18 & 59.

Parents and teachers are asked to educate those not bound by the laws of fasting and abstinence about the true spirit of penance and to encourage them to perform acts of penance suitable to their age.

All members of the faithful are encouraged to perform acts of penance and charity beyond what is prescribed by Church law.



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COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Mass attendance, February 4 & 5	872
Mass attendance, February 11 & 12	1,143
Mass attendance, February 18 & 19	808

Diocesan Collections –

Church In Eastern & Central Europe	\$ 2,220
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Weekend Collections –

February 4 & 5	\$ 30,573
February 11 & 12	\$ 32,440
February 18 & 19	\$ 13,601

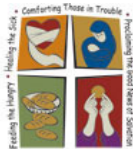
Total February Collection	<u>\$ 76,614</u>
Total Feb. Budgeted Collections	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

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

Children's Collection	<u>\$ 572</u>
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Maintenance Fund	<u>\$ 1,299</u>
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Thank you for supporting our church.



Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.” (James 1:-27, NAB)

Did you know a portion of your CASA gift goes to support the work of Catholic Charities here in Arkansas as well as many other outreaches throughout our diocese? Why not practice your Catholic religion by becoming a monthly supporter of CASA and help reach your world with the love of Christ? Return your CASA Gift/Pledge in the envelopes provided.

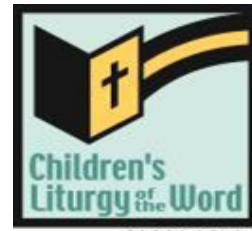


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Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

We need Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick to the hospital and to those that are at home. This is a special ministry where you give of yourself but you receive so much in return. If you would like to discuss joining this ministry, please contact Laura in the church office.



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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.

SENIOR HIGH CYM

2022-2023 Schedule
9th - 12th Grade

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

March 1, 8, 15, & 29

JUNIOR HIGH CYM

2022 - 2023 Schedule
7th - 8th grade

Regular Meetings: 3:00 - 5:00 at the Benedict House

March 8

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

Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

Laura Humphries,
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

My brothers, what good is it to profess faith without practicing it? Such faith has no power to save one, has it? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and no food for the day, and you say to them, "Good-bye and good luck! Keep warm and well fed," but do not meet their bodily needs, what good is that? So it is with the faith that does nothing in practice. It is thoroughly lifeless. James 2:14-17

It seems that the Apostle James got his information from first hand experience; perhaps from the mouth of Jesus. As I see it, he spent a lot of time with Jesus and knew him quite well. He and his brother John were one of the first four disciples; he witnessed the raising from the dead of Jairus's daughter (Mark 5:37) and the Transfiguration of Jesus (Mark 9:2), and Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. So it makes sense that he was close to Jesus.

Keeping all of this in mind when James tells us that faith without works is lifeless we need to take heed. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is very important to our faith, but we need to go further. Being a good person is important, but we must act on our faith. We must be the people that God calls us to be and that is being good stewards of our faith. We must be servants just as Jesus served.

There are many examples of how to serve in Scripture. We have opportunities at Holy Souls; some that are easier than others. We need people that can serve at Mass, Ministry of Praise, Funeral Ministry members, Hospitality members, Parish Council members, Blood Drive Volunteers, Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick, Children's Liturgy Volunteers to name a few. Social Justice ministries outside of Holy Souls volunteer opportunities are Helping Hand, Settled Souls, Jericho Way, Birthright, St. Joseph Helpers and Habitat for Humanity. Don't be caught off guard with too little too late!

Encounter Jesus, Serve Others

Responding to the Word This Week

Jesus uses Scripture to give him confidence in temptation.

What can I do this Lent to make Scripture more important in my daily life?

Jesus, today I will . . .

*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to www.usccb.org/bible/readings/022623.cfm



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and a pint of yer "Irish" blood
with another and save a life!*

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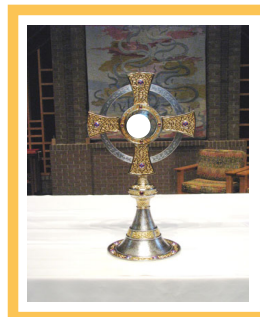
Sunday, March 12

from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Allen Center



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Every Wednesday we are invited to come and sit with the Lord in Adoration from 9am to 5pm. "Behold God beholding you...and smiling." Fr. Anthony de Mello. Isn't this a beautiful way to look at Adoration, God smiling on us? Our Lord wants to spend time with us, longing for an intimate encounter. He wants to show us his love for us. Come spend an

hour on Wednesdays with the Lord. Call the office to sign up for an hour, or just come. God will be happy to see you!



CONFESSIONS AT HOLY SOULS

Wednesdays - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

and

Saturdays - 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

THANK YOU!

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Thank you to members of Funeral Luncheon Group D (Ruthmary Goodhart, Julia Elkins, Denise Moix, Megan Thornton, Dorothy Hall, Kelly Pace, Mary Ann Zakrewski, Rachel Sievers, Lori Hoyt, Cindy Uhrnowycz, Amy Bratcher, Betsy Barnes, Sherry Nehus, Becky Binz, Margaret McGinness, and Pete & Cindy Stabnick) for helping with the Funeral Luncheon for the family of Jimmy Dale Ruppel on February 17.

Around the Diocese . . .

RETREAT: "The Lord's Supper: A Eucharistic Revival" will be hosted by John Michael Talbot at Little Portion Hermitage and Monastery March 24-26, June 2-4 and June 16-18. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through his Real Presence in the Eucharist. John Michael is supporting the National Eucharistic Revival happening today to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States. (During this retreat - guided by his new book, The Lord's Supper ~ A Eucharistic Revival, John Michael will accompany you through the Mass into a life-changing appreciation of Jesus Christ fully present in every Eucharist.) It is a true Eucharistic revival and you are invited! For complete details and to register visit: troubadourfortheLord.net.

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.

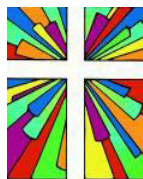
The Junktique Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 1. All proceeds will be used for physical improvements to the school and for keeping tuition affordable

PHOTO CONTEST: Any Arkansas photographer, 18 or older, can enter their photo of a local Catholic church or institution for a chance to be featured on the cover of the 2024 Diocese of Little Rock directory. *Arkansas Catholic* sponsors the annual cover photo contest. The contest entry deadline is March 17.

Sister Maria Rose Carter, OSB, of Holy Angels Convent in Jonesboro won last year's contest with a photo of a sunlit mosaic depicting St. Benedict. Her photo was featured on the cover of the 2023 directory. Complete rules and an entry form are available on the *Arkansas Catholic* website, arkansas-catholic.org. For more information, contact Emily Roberts by e-mail to eroberts@dolr.org.

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.



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; Michael Berry; and Craig Cagle.

OUR SEMINARIANS – especially Steve Wilson and Elijah Bailey.

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 27

7:00 a.m. Mass

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Maxine Mickel by Janis Voetberg

Tuesday, February 28

7:00 a.m. Mass

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Bud Voetberg by Janis Voetberg

Wednesday, March 1

5:30 p.m. Mass

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thomas L. & David Goodgame by Rita Goodgame

Thursday, March 2

7:00 a.m. Mass

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Anita Teresa Gabriel Wilson by Glen Wilson

Friday, March 3

7:00 a.m. Mass

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL - Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Jean & Renee Bessieres by Cecile Wilson

8:15 a.m. School Mass

Special Intention for Holy Souls School by Holy Souls Parish

Saturday, March 4

8:00 a.m. Mass

ST. CASIMIR - Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

The Guzik and Pawlowski Families by Elzbieta Pawlowski

4:00 p.m. Mass

Louis Rhein by John & Christina Bohannon and Chuck & Deborah Johnson

Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Special Intention for Lois Harrison by Glen Wilson

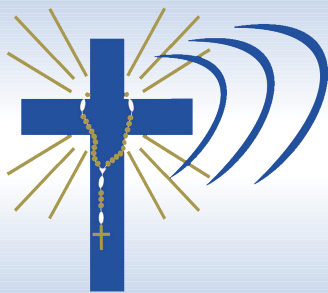
10:30 a.m. Mass

Intention of Parishioners

5:30 p.m. Mass

Ernie Harper by Darlene Watkins

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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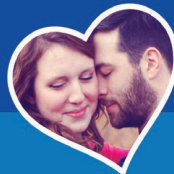
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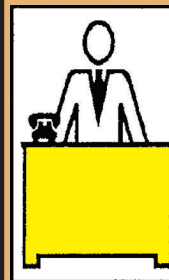
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