

Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church

1003 North Tyler Street - Little Rock, Arkansas 72205
"Encounter Jesus, Serve Others."



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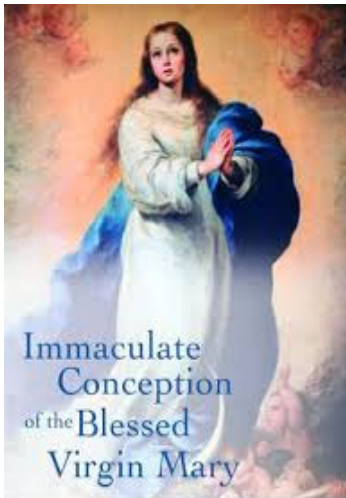
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 3, 2023



Holy Day of Obligation

On Friday, December 8, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - the conception of Mary in St. Anne's womb without original sin. **It is a Holy Day of Obligation.** The Vigil Mass will be on Thursday, December 7th, at 5:30 p.m. The Masses on the Holy Day will be offered at 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m. (School Mass), and 5:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend Mass on this Holy Day, please pray a joyful rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother.

*All adults of the parish
are invited to attend
the annual
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parish's*



Saturday, December 9th

5:30 to 8:30 p.m. ~ Allen Center

Parishioners are invited to bring:
Dip & chip/vegetables/fruit if your last name begins with **A - I**
Hors d'oeuvres if your last name begins with **J - Q**
Dessert if your last name begins with **R - Z**


*Meats, bread, and drinks furnished
by Altar Society, Men's Club & Parish*

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP

**SIPS
~AND~
SCRIPTS**

FOOD, DRINK,
FELLOWSHIP,
AND THE WORD!

1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
PARISH HALL FOLLOWING 5:30PM MASS



OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SOULS

On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, a Sister of Charity will be speaking to us on The Immaculate Conception.

Lectors, Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Our parish is in need of Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for all weekend Masses. You need to be a Catholic in good standing with the Church to serve. If you are coming to Mass, please prayerfully consider serving. These ministries are very important and necessary to the Mass. If you are interested in learning more as to how you can serve your parish and your God, please contact the church office, 501-663-8632. office@holysouls.org. Women can be ushers, too! Thank you!

OUR HOUSE 5TH SATURDAY DINNERS

We need more volunteers for the group that prepares dinners on the 5th Saturday of the month. The leader of the group contacts you prior to that Saturday and asks you to prepare something for the people that live at Our House. You then prepare the dish and get it to the proper place. It is a wonderful way to live a corporal work of mercy. Call the church office or email office@holysouls.org to volunteer. Thank you!

Advent Wreath Prayer



"O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive your abundant graces. We pray this in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns forever. Amen."

The youngest child then lights one purple candle.

Saint of the Month

Saint Lucy



FEAST DAY: December 13

PATRON SAINT:

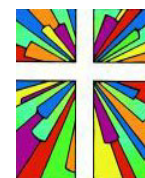
Blindness; Those with Eye Ailments

Birth: 283 **Death:** 304

- + St Lucy's history has been lost. All we know for certain is she **lost her life during the persecution of Christians** in the early fourth century.
- + St. Lucy was a **virgin and a martyr**, and she is traditionally **pictured with two eyes**.
- + This is because it is said that **her eyes were removed when she was tortured**; but through a miracle, **she could still see!**
- + During her life it is said that she **brought food and blankets to prisoners** in a dark underground prison.
- + Because she wanted to carry as much as possible, she **made a wreath with candles for the top of her head** so she wouldn't have to carry her candle! This is where the **Santa Lucia crowns** come from!
- + **Learn more next week...**

Learn, Pray, Be a Saint

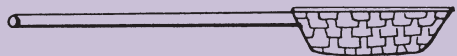
Petitions of the Ministry of Praise



December 2023

Pope Francis' Intentions:

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Mass attendance --	Adults	Children	Total
November 4 & 5	820	139	959
November 11 & 12	743	121	864
November 18 & 19	820	143	963
November 25 & 26	758	119	877

Diocesan Collections –

Campaign for Human Development \$ 27,474

Weekend Collections –

November 4 & 5	\$ 27,474
November 11 & 12	\$ 27,091
November 18 & 19	\$ 9,641
November 25 & 26	\$ 42,209

Total November Collections \$ 106,415

Total Nov. Budgeted Collections \$ 125,000

Actual Collections (7/1/23 - 10/31/2023) \$ 529,219

Budgeted (7/1/23 -10/31/2023) \$ 510,000

Amount in excess of Budget \$ 19,219

Children’s Collection \$ 650

Maintenance Fund \$ 1,458

Thank you for supporting our church.



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

Foster Children tags look like **Gift Tags** and are due by December 6th.

The deadline for Helping Hand (**Christmas Trees**) is December 10th. Those gifts do not require wrapping. **NO BIKES ACCEPTED THIS YEAR!**

The deadline for Domestic Abuse Centers (**Round Ornaments**) and Birthright (**Angels**) is December 17th. 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.

Holy Sews MINISTRY



Holy Sews invites you to our next Workday on Sunday, December 10, 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.



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.

JOIN US AT A

Blackjack Tournament

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WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 6
AT 6:00 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

Holy Souls Men's Club
ALLEN CENTER

SNACKS AND ADULT BEVERAGES
PRIZES AWARDED

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



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

Monday, December 4 7:00 a.m. Mass	ST. JOHN DAMASCENE - Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11 Marcie Wilson by Glen Wilson
Tuesday, December 5 7:00 a.m. Mass	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24 Ron Hoofman by Bev Hoofman
Wednesday, December 6 5:30 p.m. Mass	ST. NICHOLAS - Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37 Frank & Marie Kremers by Nancy Bynum-Mack
Thursday, December 7 7:00 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass	ST. AMBROSE - Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Mt 7:21, 24-27 Lilly Hess by Gary & Robbye Flynn Special Intention for our Seminarians by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parishioners
Friday, December 8 6:45 a.m. Mass 8:15 a.m. School Mass 5:30 p.m. Mass	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3, 6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 Intention of Parishioners Special Intention for Our Lady of the Holy Souls School by Holy Souls Parish Holy Souls in Purgatory by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parishioners
Saturday, December 9 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN - Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5-8 Special Intention for Joannette Garwood by Joann Minton
Sunday, December 10 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Mass	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8 Roberta Leiker by Susan Klock Intention of Parishioners O. C. Flynn by Carol Lantz

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; Margaret Olberts; George & Sylvia Hart; and Jack Flynn.

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; Amanda Cogburn; John Cullen; Orville Bolin; Evan Hargett; Glenn Bratcher; and Maude McGuire.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -- Matthew Grisham.

OUR SEMINARIANS -- Joshua Osborne, Phillip Necessary, and especially Our Lady of the Holy Souls' seminarian Phillip Zawislak.



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

Thomas Oliver McNatt
son of
William and Ashley (Boccarossa) McNatt

Grant Everett Miller
son of
Mason & Kelli (Golden) Miller

Cameryn Dene Andrews
daughter of
Nicholas & Katherine (Gentry) Andrews

Warren Douglas Moore
and
Harris Benjamin Moore
sons of
Stuart & Olivia (Geels) Moore



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Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

Laura Humphries,
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40

One of my favorite Gospels is Matthew 25:31-46. In it Jesus talks about the sheeps and the goats. My goal in life is not to be a goat. "He will place the sheep on his right and goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, ...' He goes on to give us the rest of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Here in this Gospel Jesus is calling us to serve others. It couldn't be more plain. If we don't take care of those around us, if we don't use our gifts and talents to serve the Kingdom of God, we won't share in it. Pretty simple, right?

I was hungry, I was thirsty and you gave me something... Why not use these instructions to fill a need at Mass. We need Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. Help our parishioners hear the readings and be nourished by the Word of God and help serve holy communion and be nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ. We are at Mass, why not serve? We need Ushers who help us in many unseen ways but also help seat us, take up the collection and when necessary keep us safe. Our community needs us.

Please during this time of Advent as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child, pray about ways that you can serve your parish. Use your gift of time and serve the Lord. Be a sheep, not a goat! "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,..."

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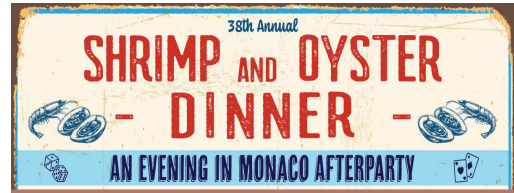
Responding to the Word This Week

Jesus warns us to "watch" and be alert.

**What makes me less attentive to
God's presence than I want?**

Jesus, help me . . .

*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to
www.usccb.org/bible/readings/120323.cfm



Saturday, January 13th
BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!
Online at www.holysouls.org or in the Church Office

SENIOR HIGH CYM

2023-2024 Schedule
9th - 12th Grade

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

December 6 & 13 (Christmas Party)

JUNIOR HIGH CYM

2023 - 2024 Schedule
7th - 8th grade

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

December 13 (Christmas Party)

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