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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - January 8, 2023



Senior's Group Meeting

Monday, January 9th

10:00 a.m.

Parish Hall

followed by Lunch, Fellowship & Fun



Make a great New Year's Resolution!

Save a Life in 2023

by donating blood
at
our

Arkansas Blood Institute

BLOOD DRIVE

on Sunday, January 15

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

*To make an appointment, go to www.holysouls.org.
Drop-Ins are welcome!*

Homemade Treats for Donors!

All men are invited to attend the

HOLY SOULS MEN'S CLUB MEETING



Tuesday Evening, Jan. 10

(Not Monday this month)

in the Allen Center

6:30 p.m.

Dinner follows meeting

Email mensclub@holysouls.org for more information.



Then they opened they treasures and offered him

GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

Matthew 2:11

January 8, 2023 • The Epiphany of the Lord

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Epiphany is a day when popular customs mostly overshadow scriptural accuracy. Matthew's Gospel never refers to kings coming to see Christ, nor to their number (only the gifts are enumerated), nor to their names. Matthew tells us only that some "magi" came with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Magos referred to members of the Persian priestly class; later it had the connotation of magicians and astrologers. Matthew's magi report that they have seen a star rising; its light was visible to them far beyond the boundaries of Israel, an early and significant symbol for Jesus, the Light of the World. At the end of Matthew's Gospel (chapter 28), the followers of Jesus worship him, an act foretold in the actions of the Magi today. The eleven are told to make disciples of "all nations," nations symbolized by the Magi. Today we hear our own mission: to worship Jesus Christ, and to spread his Good News everywhere, every day.

STAR OF WONDER

In our day-to-day lives, we can experience epiphanies: new perceptions, unexpected insights, sudden changes in direction. In the liturgical year, Epiphany celebrates the appearance of a star in the heavens, a remarkable star followed by the Magi to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are not so different, our daily epiphanies and the Epiphany celebrated today. The arrival of the Magi certainly changed Mary and Joseph's perceptions of the world, the same way a helpless, tiny baby likely altered the Magi's insights as to what a star in the heavens would reveal. The story of the Magi—and the story of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—is filled with unexpected changes in direction, as God's plan continues to vary when it encounters people who cooperate with it, and others who attempt to thwart it. A deep and long reflection on this day we call Epiphany will uncover numerous epiphanies.

STAR OF LOVE

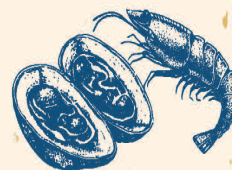
Like all of the Christmas season, Epiphany celebrates God's eternal and infinite love. In a special way, this day shows how God's love is truly all-inclusive. The magi were not Jews, not part of the Chosen People who expected that the Messiah was coming to save only them. Early on in his Gospel, Matthew tells us that God's love will not be limited by our human presumptions or boundaries. We still struggle with the fact that God is constantly epiphan-izing us to grow beyond the limits of our experience or expectations, to move beyond the boundaries of the world around us. Let us pray that we might be given epiphanies to help us find grace where we didn't believe it existed, to aid us in understanding that God's love is most often shown by who is included, not who is excluded. May we open our eyes and hearts to know that the Christ-light shines everywhere.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1–6
Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13
Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6
Matthew 2:1–12

37th Annual

SHRIMP AND OYSTER - DINNER -



AN EVENING IN MONACO AFTERPARTY



Sponsored by the Holy Souls Men's Club

Saturday, January 14, 2023 5:00-8:00 pm - Holy Souls Allen Center

Dinner Tickets - \$35 Corporate/Group Tables - \$600 (10 people)

Call Al Malzewski @ 501.747.4454 or Pete Stabnick @ 501.400.4460

**Limited Number of Tickets
may still be available at the door.**

Holy Sews MINISTRY



Holy Sews invites you to our next Workday on Sunday, January 15th, from 1:30-4:30pm in our new location - 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.

SENIOR HIGH CYM

2022-2023 Schedule
9th - 12th Grade

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

January 11th & 18th

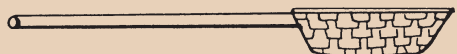
JUNIOR HIGH CYM

2022 - 2023 Schedule
7th - 8th grade

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

January 11th & 25th

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



COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Mass attendance, December 3 & 4	844
Mass attendance, December 10 & 11	864
Mass attendance, December 17 & 18	763
Mass attendance, December 24 & 25	1,409

Diocesan Collections –

National Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 6,663
Diocesan Retired Priests	\$ 15,944

Weekend Collections –

December 3 & 4	\$ 31,337
December 10 & 11	\$ 37,026
December 17 & 18	\$ 54,840
December 24 & 25	\$ 106,758
December 31	\$ 37,316

Total December Collection	\$ 267,276
Total Dec. Budgeted Collections	\$ 240,000

Actual Collections (7/1/22 - 12/31/22)	\$ 839,698
Budgeted (7/1/22 - 12/31/22)	\$ 800,000
Amount in excess of Budget	\$ 39,698

Children's Collection	\$ 829
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Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,184
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The attendance and collection figures for Jan. 1, 2023 will be printed in the next bulletin.

Thank you for supporting our church.

2022 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

To ensure your church contributions are tax deductible, do not file your 2022 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the Holy Souls Business Office. These year-end tax statements will be mailed by January 31, 2023 to those that contributed \$100 or more.



**Join our
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Adults Group**



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.

Traveling Chalice for Vocations



Fr. Daniel and the Spiritual Life Committee invite all parishioners to participate in a parish-wide prayer campaign for the increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. One special way you can be involved is by volunteering to take home our new vocations chalice. Families and individuals are encouraged to sign up to take it home for almost a week (Sunday to Friday) for daily prayer.

Every weekend, the chalice will be presented during the closing Mass Announcements and can be returned on Fridays at the 7:00 a.m. Mass or to the Church Office during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. To be assigned a week or for more information, please contact the Church Office.

Women of Hope

A DAY OF RETREAT

Saturday, February 4
8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Christ the King Church, Little Rock

Join us on a journey as we explore the desert seasons of our faith and the oasis that God has planned for us. This retreat will fill your soul and prepare your heart for entry into the Lenten seasons. Featured speaker is Sonja Corbitt. Registration fee is \$60. Visit WomenofHopeAR.org to register and for more information. Bonus: An Evening of Preparation with Reconciliation, Adoration, and Praise & Worship on Feb. 3, 5:30-7:30p.m.

Catholic Men's Conference

The Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference will be on Saturday, February 11 at Christ the King from 7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Speakers will be internationally known theologian, author and speaker Dr. Edward Sri, and Fr. Ruben Quinteros, Pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary as well as Director of Spiritual Formation at the Diocese House of Formation.

The topic: KNOWING JESUS THROUGH PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE.

You can register at arcatholicmen.com. If questions, you may call Steve Hoffmann at 501-663-8632.

Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

Laura Humphries,
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

"And this is the promise that he made us: eternal life"

1st John 2:25

Life is God's precious, loving gift to us. It begins in the womb of our mothers and then goes through a marvelous transformation when we are born into the world. Then we grow in our ability to give and receive love and to appreciate the magnificence of all that God has created. We learn how to appreciate beauty, and we discover how to develop the gifts and talents God has given us. We have many reasons to be grateful for this gift. But it is only the beginning of what is to come. God's promise is that we will be born from the womb of this world into eternal life, where we will go through another marvelous transformation. Our experience will be ecstatic and will grow without end. God's promise is always for deeper Life. We are in for one joyful ride!

An excerpt from *Living with Christ*

God has made a beautiful world. Nature can be so brilliant. The colors, the changing leaves, a beautiful snowfall, a brilliant blue sky. All these are beautiful expressions of God's creative magnificence. I tell my grandchildren to look at and appreciate the incredible artwork God has created just for us.

Like this beautiful artwork God has been creative with us. We must be grateful for God's gifts to us in whatever form they take. All of us are given gifts and talents. Some of us use them and some of us convince ourselves we don't have any. But God has given us all gifts to share. In this year of 2023, let's do our best to use our God given gifts and talents for others and to help build the Kingdom of God on earth. We can build a bridge of kindness, love and compassion to all of God's people if only we try.

Encounter Jesus, Serve Others.

Responding to the Word This Week

The Magi left their familiar environment
to seek and honor a Jewish king.

**How am I being drawn to discover God
in new places and situations?**

Jesus, lead me . . .

*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to
www.usccb.org/bible/readings/010923.cfm

EPIPHANY House Blessing

If you wish, you can celebrate Epiphany at home with a blessing using the initials of the magi's traditional names (Casper, Melchior, Balthasar), four crosses, and the new year's numerals.

Materials: a piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year.

[20 + C + M + B + 23]

Let us pray: May Christ bless this house!

ALL: Amen!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room:

Where two or three are gathered in your name, Lord, you are present. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Kitchen:

Give us this day our daily bread.

Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Dining room:

Prepare us for the heavenly banquet.

Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bedrooms:

Stay with us Lord, when night has come.

Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bathroom:

Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father . . .

The leader sprinkles all present with holy water. Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen!

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Around the Diocese . . .

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION & MASS FOR LIFE: On Sunday January 22, 2023, Bishop Anthony Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated in the Wally Allen Ballroom of the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock at noon. Bishop Taylor will lead the Eucharistic Procession for Life, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the plaza in front of the DoubleTree Hotel (Broadway and Markham Sts), through the Riverfront Park in downtown Little Rock, approximately 3/4 mile. There will be Eucharistic Adoration before Mass. Join hundreds of Catholics at this event as we give public witness to our faith and hope in Jesus Christ! Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email cphillips@dolr.org for more information.

HEARTS FOR LIFE CONFERENCE: The Hearts for Life Conference will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. John Center, 2500 N. Tyler, Little Rock. This conference will explore pro-life issues and will include dinner. The conference is free, but preregistration is required. Registration deadline is January 13, 2023. To register, please call 501-664-0340 ext 326 or email the Respect Life Office RL@dolr.org.

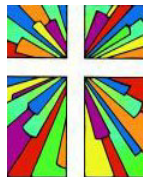
MARCH FOR LIFE: On behalf of Arkansas Right to Life, the Respect Life Office invites everyone to participate in the 45th annual March for Life along Capitol Ave. in Little Rock on January 22, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m., after the Mass for Life. For more information please contact Arkansas Right to Life 501-663-4237 or email artl@artl.org.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE: You are invited to join Fr. Taryn Whittington and Fr. Tony Robbins on pilgrimage to the village of Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina, April 19-27, 2023. In June 1981 Mary, Mother of God, began appearing to six children from the village announcing God's messages for conversion and peace. Experience the beauty and spirituality that millions from around the world have come to know where Our Lady continues to appear. \$2695 includes r/t airfare, hotel, guide, meals, and ground transportation. Call 501-410-3534 or email hennelly.tim@gmail.com

Petitions of the Ministry of Praise

January 2023
Pope Francis' Intentions:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fellowship rather than competition and helping the youngest and the most vulnerable above all.



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; Grace Clark; Doug Schneider; Gene France; Nick Kirchner; Curt Lassiter; Chris Price; Linda Miesner; Ann Hoffmann; Mike Henry; Karen Blanzenski; and Morgan Payne.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -- Lucille Marconi; Frances Heffington; Phil Marks; Chris Ashcraft, Susan Jones, Liz George; Fagan Green; 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; and Janet Reynolds.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -- Pope Benedict XVI.

OUR SEMINARIANS -- especially Cody Eveld and Joel Brachett.

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, January 9

7:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 11

5:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday, January 12

7:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 13

7:00 a.m. Mass

8:15 a.m. School Mass

Saturday, January 14

4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Mass

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

No Intention

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Al Treadway by John & Christina Bohannon and Chuck & Deborah Johnson

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Mike Limbird by Kenny & Beth Kaufman

Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

No Intention

ST. HILARY - Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Joe Kirchner by Pat Kirchner and family

Special Intention for Holy Souls School by Holy Souls Parish

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Special Intention for Phyllis Marks by Laura & Mark Humphries

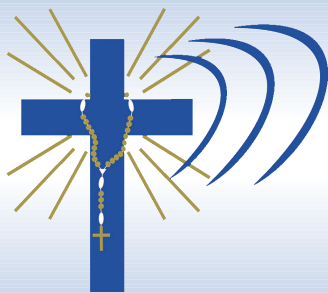
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Special Intention for Laura Humphries by Lori Hoyt

Intentions of Parishioners

Donna Matchett by Lori Hoyt

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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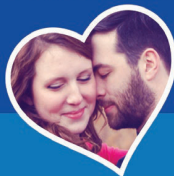
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