

# Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church

1003 North Tyler Street - Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

*"Encounter Jesus, Serve Others."*



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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - August 27, 2023**

**HAVE YOU  
THOUGHT  
ABOUT BECOMING  
CATHOLIC?**

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**RCIA / RCIC Sessions  
begin Thurs., Sept. 7th  
6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

For more information about  
the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
and Children  
journey here at Holy Souls,  
email [sthompson@holysouls.org](mailto:sthompson@holysouls.org)  
or call the church office 501-663-8632.

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

**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!***

## SENIOR HIGH CYM

2023-2024 Schedule  
9th - 12th Grade

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

August 30th - **Open House Cook-out**  
September 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th

## JUNIOR HIGH CYM

2023 - 2024 Schedule  
7th - 8th grade

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

September 6th - **Kick-Off Party**  
September 20th

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

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

## Saint of the Month



## Saint Monica

**FEAST DAY:** August 27

**PATRON SAINT:** Wives and Abuse Victims

+ **Prayer to Saint Monica...**

Exemplary Mother of the Great Augustine, You perseveringly pursued your wayward son, not with threats but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all others in our day so that they may... Learn to draw their children to God; Teach them how to remain close to their children, Even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray.

Dear St. Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet, you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence, and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine; and your prayers were answered!

Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea... (mention your intention here)

Grant me the grace to accept His Will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Learn, Pray, Be a Saint*

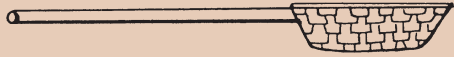


This year Walking With Purpose at Our Lady of the Holy Souls will be offering **Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point**. This study explores the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us as we examine the core questions that we need to wrestle with if 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 already have your old book, there is no charge unless you want a new book to use.

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

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



## COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

**Mass attendance, August 5 & 6** 842  
**Mass attendance, August 12 & 13** 979

### Weekend Collections –

August 5 & 6	\$ 60,292
August 12 & 13	\$ 37,342
<b>Total August Collections</b>	<b>\$ 97,634</b>
<b>Total Aug. Budgeted Collections</b>	<b>\$ 145,000</b>

Actual Collections (7/1/23 - 7/31/2023)	\$ 156,986
Budgeted (7/1/23 - 7/31/2023)	\$ 125,000
Amount in excess of Budget	\$ 31,986

Children's Collection	\$ 410
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Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,396
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*The attendance and collection figures for August 19 & 20 will be printed in the next bulletin.*

*Thank you for supporting our church.*

## Traveling Chalice for Vocations



Has God been asking you to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Our Vocations Chalice is a beautiful way to pray for vocations. A prayer for vocations is provided for your use.

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 summer hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

To be assigned a week or for more information, please contact the Church Office at 501-663-8632 or [office@holysouls.org](mailto:office@holysouls.org).



## 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.



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.

## Love Thy Neighbor: Tending the Sacred Flame

Please join The Interfaith Center of Arkansas and Arkansas House of Prayer for the annual interfaith prayer service, **Love Thy Neighbor: Tending the Sacred Flame**, a celebration of peace through music, prayer, and wisdom. The event will be held at 6 p.m., at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Little Rock on Thursday, September 7, 2023. The event is FREE and open to all age groups. Stay up to date by visiting [www.theinterfaithcenter.org](http://www.theinterfaithcenter.org)

## Responding to the Word This Week

Paul celebrates the wisdom and knowledge -- the mystery of God.

**If you could ask God one question, what would it be?**

God, please tell me . . .

\*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/082723.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/082723.cfm)



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

<b>Monday, August 28</b> 7:00 a.m. Mass	ST. AUGUSTINE - Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20 Kem Aburrow by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parishioners
<b>Tuesday, August 29</b> 7:00 a.m. Mass	THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST - 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Mt 23:13-22 Agnes Paquette by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parishioners
<b>Wednesday, August 30</b> 5:30 p.m. Mass	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12; Mt 23:27-32 Virginia & Joe Fetzek by The Fetzek Family
<b>Thursday, August 31</b> 7:00 a.m. Mass	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51 Mary Lou Hoffman by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Seniors Group
<b>Friday, September 1</b> 7:00 a.m. Mass 8:15 a.m. School Mass	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13 Anna Bulloch by Valerie Fogel Special Intention for Our Lady of the Holy Souls School by Holy Souls Parish
<b>Saturday, September 2</b> 8:00 a.m. 1st Sat. Mass 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30 The Guzik & Pawlowski Families by Elzbieta Pawlowski O. C. Flynn by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Men's Club
<b>Sunday, September 3</b> 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Mass	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 Jim Belknap by Jeremy Belknap Intention of Parishioners Anna Hiznay 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; 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; Tyler Grubb & family; Gary Davis; Loris Fullerton; Peter Stabnick; and Kathryn Brady Ragan.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** -- Fr. Maraiah Pasala.

**OUR SEMINARIANS** -- Duwan Booker, Tuan Do, and especially our parish's seminarian **Phillip Zawislak**.

***Around the Diocese . . .***

**CATHOLIC STUDENTS AT ATU:** If you know of a Catholic student attending Arkansas Tech University in Russellville this fall, please send their name, cell phone number, and email address to St. Leo's Catholic University Parish at [stleoatu@gmail.com](mailto:stleoatu@gmail.com) or call 479-968-8249.

**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/freeworkshopar> and receive a FREE ebook, "Daily Inspirations for Divorced Catholics."

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ARKANSAS GOLF TOURNAMENT** - This year's golf tournament benefiting Catholic Charities of Arkansas is Monday, October 2 at the Granada Golf Course in Hot Springs Village. The cost of a four-person team is \$600 and food, refreshments and on course beverages are provided. Tee times are 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for a shotgun start and scramble format. If golf is not your game, consider being a \$150 donor for a priest to play or a hole sponsor for \$500. You can register your team or make a donation/ sponsorship pledge online at [bit.ly/cca-golf](http://bit.ly/cca-golf). For more information, contact Megan Moore at [mmoore@dolr.org](mailto:mmoore@dolr.org) or at (501) 664-0340, ext. 379.

# Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

Laura Humphries,  
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

*"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful"*

Lk 6:36

On my way into work today, I heard a story that made me think about living our faith, about loving one another as God calls us to love. It was about a Vietnam veteran who died with little or no family to be found. The funeral home director, Cara Johnson, didn't want him to be buried with no one there to honor him so she reached out to the organization *No Veteran Buried Alone*. The response she got was amazing. The day of the funeral there were several hundred motorcyclists lined up to pay their final respects to Anthony Meizes. One of them, Bill Kennefick stated, "We don't know him, it doesn't matter. That's a sad story, a Vietnam veteran to go out alone. Everyone just rallied up and here we are." People caring about people, just like Christ calls us to love one another.

Whether these people knew it or not, burying the dead is a Corporal Work of Mercy. The practice doesn't mean you have to actually bury the dead, but it can mean praying for the dead, visiting their graves or attending their funeral. Pope Francis in one of his \*General Audience talks in St. Peter's Square, about taking care of those who need us and can be very close to us. He recalls the words St Augustine: *"Timeo lesum ranseuntem"* (Serm., 88, 14, 13): "I fear the Lord passing by", and I do not notice him; I fear that the Lord may pass before me in one of these little people in need, and I do not realize that it is Jesus. I fear that the Lord may pass by without my recognizing him!" *Pope Francis goes on to say that we can let Jesus pass us by because of our behavior. We are too busy, too distracted, indifferent to see the face of Jesus in those who are around us.* Don't let that happen to us, let us see the face of Jesus in those that need us and be the servants of God that he asks us to be. The Works of Mercy can reawaken our lives and help us be good stewards of our faith.

**Encounter Jesus, Serve Others**

\* #32 October 12, 2016

## Petitions of the Ministry of Praise

September 2023  
Pope Francis' Intentions:



We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

# 2023 VEIN DRAIN GOT GUTS?

## Holy Souls Catholic Church Blood Drive

**Sunday, September 10**  
**8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
Parish Hall

**Each donation saves 2-3 lives!**

Visit [www.holysouls.org](http://www.holysouls.org)  
to make an appointment -- or

**Scan to schedule  
your appointment!**



Donors will receive this glow-in-the-dark Vein Drain T-shirt\* and one free entry to Little Rock Zoo!



877-340-8777 • [obi.org](http://obi.org)

Photo ID required. \*While supplies last.

## 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.