

# Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church

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



**Church Office:** (501) 663-8632 • **Office Hours:** 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday  
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 17, 2023



### Blue Christmas Mass A Liturgy of Remembrance

**Thursday, December 21st**  
5:30 p.m.  
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Church

You are invited to our Blue Christmas Mass if you are suffering from grief due to a loss caused by death, divorce or a forced separation. The holidays can be a very hard time for those that are grieving causing sadness instead of joy. It is a beautiful Liturgy to celebrate the life of your loved ones. Come, join us!



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Saturday, December 23**

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

**Sunday, December 24**

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

### SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24**

4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass\*

4:15 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass #2 in Allen Center

6:30 p.m. Christmas Children's Mass\*

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass \*

**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25**

10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass\*

\*Carols begin 30 minutes before Mass begins.

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# SHRIMP AND OYSTER DINNER

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**AN EVENING IN MONACO AFTERPARTY**

**Presented by whLaw**

Sponsored by the Holy Souls Men's Club

Saturday, January 13, 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

**ORDER ONLINE at [holysouls.org](http://holysouls.org)**

All Reservations Must Be Made Before January 3, 2024

## *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

On Wednesdays from 9am to 5:15pm the church is open for Adoration. Take advantage of this opportunity to spend time with Jesus. To deepen your personal relationship with him. Become more like him. Become more aware of the obstacles of sin in our lives. Develop a stronger desire to make better choices. The more time we spend with Jesus in this way\* the more brilliant our souls become. There are no rules other than reverence; sit and read, pray the rosary or a chaplet, or just sit. Enjoy the silence in this noisy world. (\*Guidelines for Adoration)

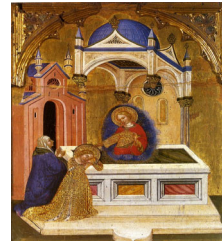


## *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

The Children's Liturgy is in need of volunteers at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. 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.

## *Saint of the Month*

### *Saint Lucy*



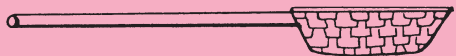
**FEAST DAY:** December 13

**PATRON SAINT:**

Blindness; Those with Eye Ailments

- + Make sure that the **kids have a fun time celebrating St Lucy's feast day**, and learn a little something about her in the process.
- + **Easy St. Lucy Tradition Ideas for this month...**
  - **Drive around with hot chocolate and look at Christmas lights!** This is appropriate since Lucy's name means "light"!
  - **Bake saffron buns or sweet bread** of some kind with your kids, or enjoy some doughnuts together.
  - **Dress up** as St. Lucy and/or a star boy.
  - Bake or decorate **gingerbread**.

*Learn, Pray, Be a Saint*



## COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

<b>Mass attendance --</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Total</b>
December 2 & 3	850	154	1,004

### Diocesan Collections –

National Retirement Fund for Religious	\$	4,176
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### Weekend Collections –

December 2 & 3	\$	22,634
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<b>Total December Collections</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>22,634</b>
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<b>Total Dec. Budgeted Collections</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>275,000</b>
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Actual Collections (7/1/23 - 11/30/2023)	\$	642,075
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Budgeted (7/1/23 -11/30/2023)	\$	635,000
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Amount in excess of Budget	\$	7,075
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Children’s Collection	\$	120
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Maintenance Fund	\$	429
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*The attendance and collection figures for Dec. 9 & 10 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 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 at 501-663-8632 or office@holysouls.org.

## Christmas Offering



**The collection at all Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve (4pm, 4:15pm, 6:30pm & 10pm) and Christmas Day (10am) will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund.** This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God’s work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests’ retirement possible. Please share with them the generosity that they continue to share with us.



Holy Souls School will have Festival of Lights on December 20 at 8:15 a.m., with an Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m. Holy Souls Church Office will close for the Christmas Holidays also on December 20th at 12:30 p.m. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, at 8:00 a.m.

During this time, if you have a church emergency, please call our answering service, 501-373-8600.

### Advent Wreath Prayer



“O Lord, we beg you, incline your ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of your visitation. We ask this through Jesus who lives and reigns forever. Amen.”

*An adult then lights the two previously lit purple candles plus the rose candle.*



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.

# 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, December 18</b>	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
7:00 a.m. Mass	Special Intention for Ann Miskin by A friend of the School of Spiritual Direction
<b>Tuesday, December 19</b>	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Ps 71:3-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
7:00 a.m. Mass	Betty Jean Hall by Mary Hightower
8:15 a.m. School Mass	Special Intention for Our Lady of the Holy Souls School by Holy Souls Parish
<b>Wednesday, December 20</b>	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
5:30 p.m. Mass	The Guzik & Pawlowski Families by Elzbieta Pawlowski
<b>Thursday, December 21</b>	ST. PETER CANISIUS - Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
7:00 a.m. Mass	Special Intention for Dcn. Angelo Volpi by a Friend of the School of Spiritual Direction
<b>Friday, December 22</b>	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56
7:00 a.m. Mass	Bob Shroder by Liz & Dave Tingquist
<b>Saturday, December 23</b>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	Tom Creviston by Anita Creviston
<b>Sunday, December 24</b>	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
8:00 a.m. Mass	Laura Peach by April & Paul Dowd
10:30 a.m. Mass	Intention of Parishioners
<b>Sunday, December 24</b>	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - Is 9:1-6; Ps. 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
4:00 p.m. Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parishioners
4:15 p.m. Mass	Special Intention for our Seminarians by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parishioners
6:30 p.m. Mass	Special Intention for Expectant Parents by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parishioners
10:00 p.m. Mass	Special Intention for Homebound of our Parish by Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parishioners

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; Jack Flynn; and Charlie Baker.

**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; Maude & Pat McGuire; Bea Williams; and Landon Scroggins.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** -- Margaret Gremillion, mother of Helen Plummer.

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



The deadline for Domestic Abuse Centers (**Round Ornaments**) and Birthright (**Angels**) is this Sunday, December 17th. Those organizations would like their gifts wrapped with the ornament attached to them.

## 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](mailto:office@holysouls.org) to volunteer.

## 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.



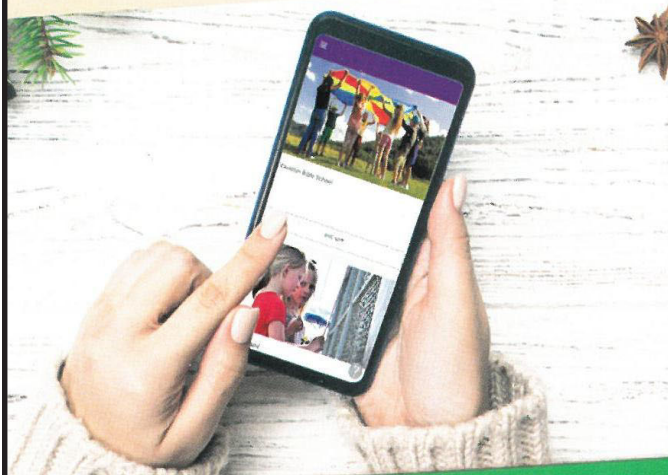
EMBRACE GENEROSITY.  
ELEVATE OUR MISSION.  
SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES.

**Fuel faith this winter by giving with a warm heart.**

Winter's embrace brings a special sense of togetherness, and our church is no exception. Our church offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission and ministries so our spiritual home may thrive.

Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer to our church.

Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving link on your smart device.



Visit our church website today  
([www.holysouls.org](http://www.holysouls.org)) to sign up  
and get started!

*Responding to the Word This Week*

John urges us to  
"make straight the way of the Lord."  
**What needs to be straightened  
so God can come more easily to me?**  
*Jesus, be with me . . .*

\*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to  
[www.usccb.org/bible/readings/121723.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/121723.cfm)



**Music**  
**at the**  
**Christmas Eve 10:00 p.m. Mass**

The Holy Souls Choir along with special guest musicians and the Little Rock String Quartet, featuring players from the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, will present a concert of carols beginning at 9:30 p.m. and continuing into the 10:00 P.M. liturgy on Christmas Eve.

**NEW YEAR'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION**

Fr. Jerome Kodell, OSB, will be the speaker at the New Year's Evening of Recollection at Coury House in Subiaco Dec. 31-Jan. 1. His topic will be "Responding to the Timeless Within: Becoming a Saint." The retreat begins with registration between 10 am and noon; lunch; conference, reconciliation, dinner, Vespers followed by a celebration of the New Year with the monks, eucharistic adoration 11:30 to midnight; breakfast on New Year's Day, conference, Mass, lunch and departure. Cost is \$260 for a couple (or \$130 per person in a shared room); \$150 for a private room and \$85 for commuters. Call 479-934-1290 or email [couryhouse@subi.org](mailto:couryhouse@subi.org) for more information or to make reservations. Fr. Jerome is a popular retreat director, author and respected Biblical scholar. He was abbot of Subiaco Abbey for 25 years before resigning the position.

**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.