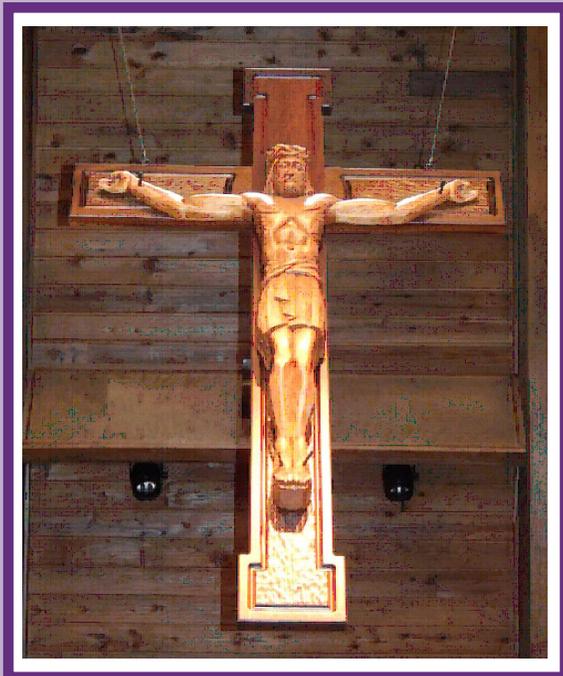


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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - APRIL 3, 2022



Stations of the Cross

**Friday Nights
during Lent
7:00 p.m.
in the Church**

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, are a way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. It is divided into fourteen stations from the time He was condemned to his burial. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the participants moves from station to station. At each station, the participants recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day.



Rescheduled Grief Support Group

We have had to reschedule our Grief Support Group to begin in the summer unless 5 or more people are able to join us by Monday, April 4th. Please watch the bulletin for updated information or call Laura in the church office. If you need support, please call Laura or email MaryAnn Stafford, 2dings@sbcglobal.net. Laura or MaryAnn will get in touch with you.



CONFESSIONS AT HOLY SOULS

**Wednesdays - 4:00 to 5:00 pm
and**

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

*Two priests will be available for Confessions
on Saturdays.*



**Join our
Young Catholic
Adults Group**



SEE, I AM DOING SOMETHING NEW!
NOW IT SPRINGS FORTH, DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?
IN THE DESERT I MAKE A WAY,
IN THE WASTELAND, RIVERS. ISAIAH 43:19

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THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US

Isaiah prophesies for the Lord: “Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!” One of the most dangerous things that we can do is get stuck in our old ways. As individuals, as parishes, as nations we can say, “We’ve always done it that way,” and miss calls to growth and change. Throughout this Lent and our lives, God continues to call us to life, and we should celebrate that! The psalmist reminds us that “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!” Saint Paul realizes this as he explains, “I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus.” In the Gospel, Jesus offers a new way of looking at a tricky situation and provides a kinder, less judgmental response.

AN AGE-OLD STORY OF JUDGEMENT

In our Gospel today we hear an ancient story, but one that feels like it could be taken out of the headlines today. We can be very quick to pass judgment on others, those with different political or cultural backgrounds, or perhaps with a different sexual orientation. Jesus was teaching in the temple, and the scribes and Pharisees did not like the message that he was proclaiming or the popularity he was gaining. When a nearby woman was caught in adultery, they thought it was the perfect chance to trip Jesus up, wondering how he would respond when the Mosaic Law provided clear consequences for such behavior. Many would be able to quote instantly chapter and verse of the law pertaining to the infraction. Instead of answering their question, Jesus turned it back on the accusers: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

DRAWING IN THE SAND

Awaiting the response of those challenging him, Jesus bent over and wrote in the sand. According to scripture scholar John Pilch, this was a simple technique that peasants used to buy time in a discussion or argument. Instead of looking the scribes and pharisees in the eye, he looked down and did his own thing while they all slipped away. The scriptures do not tell us what the woman was doing during this time. But by not looking at her, Jesus gave her a chance to restore her own dignity. He didn’t comment on her innocence or guilt. Rather, he instructed her to go forth and sin no more. It is not our past that matters as much as the choices we make now and in the future. Again and again, God gives us the chance to start our life over. This is our challenge this Lent, to continue to use the opportunities we are given to repent and grow.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 43:16–21
Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6, 12a
Philippians 3:8–14
John 8:1–11

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

Forgiveness

Fr. John's Homily from the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 27, 2022

The Lenten season invites us to open our heart to God's love and grace. As we receive this Gift of God Himself, we are called to take on the nature of God. There are many traits and characteristics of God but none more important than Mercy. To receive God's mercy and to show God's mercy, is a way we show ourselves to be God's children. The message today calls us to look at how we are recipients and givers of God's mercy.

This past Friday, the Catholic Church around the world prayed a Consecration Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Russia and Ukraine. Along with the consecration prayer, I offered up a Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This is the closing prayer for the Chaplet: *Eternal God, in who mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to our holy will, which is love and Mercy itself. Amen.*

This is who we are called to be: an instrument of God's mercy. This is what the Lenten season invites us to open our hearts to: the richness of God's grace and mercy. There is no better parable than in Luke chapter 15, the story of the Prodigal Son.

The story of the Prodigal Son is very popular and has been the subject of many artists. One of the most famous ones is Rembrandt's ***The Return of the Prodigal***. Looking at the image, one immediately notices the prominent standing figure, the Father of the Parable, who represents God. Interestingly enough, though, he seems to be depicted as being blind. His eyes are shut, at least to the faults of his son, and he sees the wayward son not with his eyes but with his heart, on which the kneeling son rests his head.

If you look at the two hands of the Father, his left hand seems decidedly masculine and pulls the son's right shoulder toward the Father's embrace. The other hand, more delicate and feminine, seems to be caressing the repentant son's back. In this artistic narration of the parable, God is depicted with traits usually associated both with a loving father and mother, fitting enough as God is a loving creator and parent.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, we find three persons, and our Lord probably intends for us who hear the parable to see ourselves in each of the three characters. The weakness and straying of the younger son we probably can easily relate to. There is not one of us who did not make mistakes in our youth. Some of us still live with regrets from the past. And if so, we need God the Father's embrace of love and acceptance. The jealousy of the older son who doesn't get rewards for never straying we can identify with as well. The times we are envious and jealous of others for what they have or their rewards and all we can see is what we have not. We feel life is not fair, and so

we wallow in self-pity. Here we need to accept the Father's invitation of mercy and come and join in the celebration. This means allowing God the Father's heart to rule our hearts. The compassionate outreach of the Father we can likely find in ourselves too. That is part of the beauty of the parable; each character is not to represent just one type of person, but all of us are a mixture of sin and repentance, jealousy and resentment, and finally, it is hoped, overflowing compassion, forgiveness and love towards others.

The point of the parable is inviting us to become like the forgiving Father, be less like the jealous older son, and learn the meaning of love of self as the prodigal son finally learned in the compassionate arms of his father.

Like the prodigal son at times we find ourselves away from God by our weakness. Like the older son we're often absent from God's love because of bitterness or anger over what others are getting. We need to realize we are a mixture of both sons in the parable.

The parable should be called that of the Prodigal *Father*, since prodigal means recklessly wasteful, which the sons are certainly in a sinful way, however the Father is in a compassionate way.

In Lent we are to be striving for repentance, that is, walking closer with God who is ever near us, but we stray through preferring our ways to God's. You do realize there is no ending to the Parable of the Prodigal Son. We don't know, for example, if the elder brother ever goes in and enjoys the feast with the rest of the household.

As we reflect upon this parable which calls us to receive and give God's forgiveness and Mercy to others. Think about the times you have been the Prodigal and returned back to the Father's House. Think about where you act like the elder son will you stay outside or go on in and rejoice over the repentant sinner, forgiving as you are forgiven? Can you show a similar loving forgiveness so lavishly bestowed by the father?

All of this should inspire us to ponder on God's forgiveness of our sins, our need to repent and to have confidence in God's mercy. And we must forgive others. I invite us to practice receiving and giving mercy and forgiveness this day, then we will know how the Parable ends, with a celebration of love and forgiveness.

(Fr. John also spoke about "The Forgiveness Prayer". It is available on our website, www.holysouls.org - Bulletin Board.)

FR. JOHN & DEACON JOHN'S HOMILIES

Fr. John and Deacon John's homilies are also published on our website. Go to www.holysouls.org - Parish News - Homilies.



COLLECTIONS/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Mass attendance, March 5 & 6	725
Mass attendance, March 12 & 13	706
Mass attendance, March 19 & 20	570
Mass attendance, March 26 & 27	661

Diocesan Collections –

Ash Wednesday (Arkansas Missions)	\$	3,080
Catholic Relief Services	\$	4,444

Weekend Collections –

March 5 & 6	\$	29,175
March 12 & 13	\$	30,078
March 19 & 20	\$	23,667
March 26 & 27	\$	18,082

Total March Collections \$ 101,002

Total March Budgeted Collections \$ 120,000

Actual Collections (7/1/21 - 3/29/22) \$ 1,164,140

Budgeted (7/1/21 - 3/29/22) \$ 1,120,000

Amount in excess of Budget \$ 44,140

Maintenance Fund \$ 1,773

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HUNGERING TO GROW A NEW TOMORROW

This week's CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we're reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God's creation. As we prepare our meals throughout the week, let us reflect on where our food comes from—and what role we can play in caring for our environment. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



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.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Chapel of Repose in the Parish Hall
Eucharistic Adoration until 12 midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY, April 16

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, April 17

8:00 a.m. Easter Morning Mass
10:30 a.m. Easter Morning Mass
5:30 p.m. Easter Evening Mass



Senior CYM Meeting

(For youth in 9th to 12th Grades)
Wednesday, April 6th
6:00 p.m. - Benedict House

Junior CYM Meeting

(For youth in 7th & 8th Grades)
Thursday, April 7
6:30 p.m. - Benedict House

For more information, contact Andrew Baka, Youth Minister, at 501-663-8632 or abaka@holysouls.org.

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

It is our honor and privilege that we will soon bring the Eucharist to the Catholic patients at UAMS. If you are one of the Eucharistic Ministers that participated in this incredible ministry prior to Covid starting and would like to continue, please let Laura know. If you would like to discuss joining this ministry or bringing the Eucharist to the homebound, please contact Laura in the church office. *"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."* (Bl. Teresa of Calcutta) Come share Jesus' love and make a difference in someone's life.

Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

Laura Humphries,
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age. Mt 28:19

The scriptural account of Jesus' ascension contains clear instructions on what we are to do until Jesus returns. Those instructions entail proclaiming the Gospel, baptizing those who believe, and healing the sick. As a poem attributed to Teresa of Avila points out, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." The poem speaks about our hands, feet, eyes, and body being those of Christ. When we move in the world, we not only bear the name of Christian, we have become Christ. As intentional disciples and good stewards, we realize that our role in this divine plan is of utmost importance. Jesus is present to the world through us. So, go forth every day from your home, ready to bring Christ to every person you meet. And then, just maybe, more people will say, "I think I saw Jesus today." God's real plan did include a way for Jesus to continually be seen in the world. That plan involved us.

An excerpt from **Everyday Stewardship, Reflections for the Journey**

I tell my grandchildren when we see a beautiful sky or tree changing colors that these are paintings that God has given us to enjoy. I want them to remember that God is with us in everything we do and see *all the time*. When we are nice and when we are not so nice, helpful or not so helpful God is still inside of us and wants to be there.

How we live reflects on our Christian values. Do people see us as people that want to follow Jesus and do our best to be like Him? More words from St. Teresa of Avila prayer say "*Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. . . .*" If we do as Jesus would do, others can see Jesus in us which is what God wants. We can strive to be as close as possible to what Jesus calls us to be because we have a *role in this divine plan and it is of utmost importance*. We are here to do God's work. It is clear cut and actually spelled out by Jesus. (See Mt 28:19 above). We are called to build God's Kingdom here on earth. Let's do our part and be the disciples God calls us to be.

Encounter Jesus, Serve Others

Robert Flynn Memorial Golf Tournament

Sponsored by the
Holy Souls Men's Club

WHY: Robert Flynn Memorial
Scholarship Fund
(Funds 12 semester scholarships
at Holy Souls School per year.)

WHEN: Saturday, May 14, 2022
Shotgun Start - 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Country Club of Ark.
in Maumelle

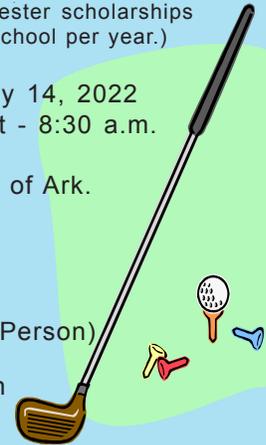
WHO: Individuals
and/or teams
Scramble (4 Person)

COST: \$90 per person

CONTACT:

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Registration form available at www.holysouls.org



57 Lives Saved by Holy Souls' Blood Drive

On Sunday, March 13, 19 of our parishioners and friends donated blood at our Arkansas Blood Institute Blood Drive. Each donation can save up to 3 lives! You, too, can save lives by donating blood at our next Blood Drive on Sunday, May 15th!

Thank you to Joann Minton, Nancy Bynum Mack, and Susanne Smith for helping Pete & Cindy Stabnick with this blood drive.

Responding to the Word This Week

Jesus is reluctant to condemn the women,
though her sin seems obvious.

**When have I been quick to condemn others
instead of letting God be the one to judge them?**

Jesus, be with me . . .

*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to
www.usccb.org/bible/readings/040322.cfm

Around the Diocese . . .

2022 Mass for Hope and Healing

What: To pray for healing for survivors of child sexual abuse, and to commemorate April as the National Child Abuse Prevention Month

When: Sunday, April 24, at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 S. Louisiana St.

Who: Anyone who is interested in praying for victims, their families and friends.

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, Celebrant

Catholic High Rocket 5K Run/3K Walk/Kids' Rocket Dash

Saturday, April 9 - 8:00 a.m.

Grab your family and come join the fun at the 18th Annual Rocket 5K Race on Saturday, April 9. There is a race for every pace. You can run the 5K, walk the 3K, have the kids participate in the Kids' Rocket Dash (10 and under), and even bring your dog to walk the 3K with Titus, the school pet. Register online at www.Rocket5K.com. The 5K and 3K registration fee is \$25 until March 17, \$30 after March 17, or \$35 on race day. The Kids' Rocket Dash fee is \$15.

The proceeds from the Rocket 5K benefit the Catholic High School Foundation, which provides need-based tuition assistance and supplements teachers' salaries in order to attract and retain the best and brightest educators.

THANK YOU From John Michael Talbot

Thank you so much for hosting us at your rectory and at your parish during our recent ministry tour. We very much appreciate you and the entire community's hospitality!

Petitions of the Ministry of Praise

April, 2022

Pope Francis' Intentions:



We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



*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 -- Rob Mondy; Benjamin Stuart; Glennabell McCumpsey; Frank Kremers; Andy Gentry; Doug Pilcher; Kelly Ochoa; Alice Stuff; and Steve Uhrynowycz.

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THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -- Lois Kerns, aunt of Janis Voetberg; and **Barbara Murski**, mother of Dana Renard.

OUR SEMINARIANS -- especially Thomas de Prez and Quinton Thomas.

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If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Susej Thompson at 501-663-8632 or sthompson@holysouls.org.

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If you are interested in returning to the Catholic Church, please contact Susej Thompson at 663-8632 or sthompson@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.

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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, April 4

No Mass

Tuesday, April 5

7:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, April 6

5:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday, April 7

7:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, April 8

No 7:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, April 9

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 10

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Mass

ST. ISIDORE - Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

ST. VINCENT FERRER - Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Ron Hoofman by Carol & Larry Lantz

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Barbara Bonner by MaryAnn Stafford

ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE - Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Special Intention for Joyce Dillingham by Jane Fink

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Huey Crisp by Holy Souls Parish

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - Lk 19:28-40 (procession);

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56

Joe Kirchner by Pat Kirchner

Intentions of Parishioners

Special Intention for Harold Baumgardner by Holly Seaman

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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