

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.....	09:00 a.m.
Wednesday.....	04:00 p.m.
First Saturday.....	09:00 a.m.
Saturday Anticipated	04:00 p.m.
Sunday	08:00 a.m.
.....	10:00 a.m.
Holy Day Vigil (with obligation)	as announced
Holy Day.....	09:00 a.m.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration	All hours
.....	7 days a week

CONFESSION

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	08:40 to 08:55 a.m.
Wednesday	03:40 to 03:55 p.m.
Saturday	03:15 to 03 :45 p.m.

OR by appointment with the Pastor

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	February 12
08:40 am	Rosary
09:45 am	LOSH General Meeting, Lower Hall
01:00 pm	Jesus & the Eucharist, Lower Hall
Tuesday	February 13
09:45 am	LOSH Funds Distribution, Classrooms A & B
10:00 am	Fit 'n Go Fitness, Lower Hall
11:30 am	Chair, Stretch & Balance, Lower Hall
11:30 am	Mat Yoga, Upper Hall
01:00 pm	Bereavement Sessions, Classroom A
Wednesday	February 14 Ash Wednesday
09:00 am	Mass with distribution of Ashes
10:00 am	COR Group, Classroom A
10:30 am	Caregiver Support Group, Classroom D
01:00 pm	Singles Game Day, Upper Hall
01:00 pm	Spades & Table Games, Upper Hall
01:30 pm	Jesus & the Eucharist, Lower Hall
04:00 pm	Mass with distribution of Ashes
04:45 pm	Lenten Meal
05:30 pm	Jesus and the Eucharist, Lower Hall
Thursday	February 15
09:30 am	Rosary Makers, Classroom B
09:45 am	COR Group, Classroom D
10:00 am	Fit 'n Go Fitness, Lower Hall
10:00 am	O CIA, Library
11:30 am	Chair, Stretch & Balance, Lower Hall
11:30 am	Mat Yoga, Upper Hall
06:00 pm	COR Group, Classroom A
Friday	February 16
09:45 am	Parish Life Meeting, Classroom D
04:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	February 17
11:00 am	Centering Prayer Group, Classroom A
04:00 pm	Mass
05:30 pm	K of C Valentine's Dinner Dance, Lower Hall
Sunday	February 18
08:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass
11:15 am	Youth Faith Formation, All Classrooms

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be two Masses one at 9:00 am and one at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 14 with the distribution of ashes. Please make one a priority to begin your Lenten journey.

CASA

Charity should begin at home" is an old proverb and for Catholics across our state; charity really begins at CASA. The Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal is our annual campaign to fund a multitude of projects around our diocese including Catholic schools, a charitable medical clinic, Youth Ministries, disaster relief and adoption services.. Please donate generously and make a difference in our own back yard by being a CASA supporter. Use the envelopes that were sent to your home or those provided in the pews.



K of C CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

It's once again time for the 16th Annual Knights of Columbus benefitting St. John's School student financial assistance. There are currently 34 students experiencing a superb education due to this charity. Since the inception of this event over 300 children have received financial aid from this charity. The tournament is scheduled to take place on June 15, 2024 at Granada Golf Course. Due to the extreme rise in green fees, this year's cost is \$100 per player. Teams may be all male, all female or a combination. Entry deadline is June 15. **Please do not wait to enter. Last year 6 teams were unable to participate because the tournament filled prior to the deadline.** Obtain entry forms at hsvsacrdheart.com or hsvofo.org. The tournament cannot be successful without individual and business sponsor support. Hole sponsorship starts at \$100. For any entry, sponsor or tournament information contact Scott Krants 512 626-7711 or scojean@yahoo.com



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Different versions of the Stations of the Cross will be prayed in community every Friday of Lent. Please join us starting February 16 at 4:30 pm.



COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

We have four collection counting teams that count Sunday's collections on the following Monday. Each team has a leader responsible for the accuracy of the count and depositing the funds at the bank. We begin at 8:00 am and use a room set up for counting located off the Upper Hall. Based on the number of collections that Sunday, the process takes from 35 to 90 minutes. Each team counts for one month out of every four. These teams are in need of additional counters:

Feb - June - Oct (1) person

March - July - Nov - (1) person

April - Aug - Dec (2) people

With interest, contact **Mike Kerwin 501 922-1531**. Training will be provided.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Please pray for our youth preparing for Confirmation: Bethany Benson, Adrian & Natalia Pineda. They will attend an all day retreat in Little Rock on February 11. We ask that the Lord continue to strengthen their faith and lead their confirmation journey. May God also bless their parents, guardian and leaders for their guidance along the way.



PASTOR'S COLUMN

I can imagine that many of us have thought or said at times that the younger generation overall has it easier than we did when we were growing up in so many areas of life, including "Church life". Think about Lenten seasons of long ago. Catholics were called upon to be "vegans" during Lent as all forms of meat, fish and animal products were excluded for the entirety of Lent. Back then, it was considered a penitential practice, and yet some dieticians of today certainly recommend eating such a diet some or all the time as the healthiest for our body. People were allowed one meal a day AFTER 3:00 p.m., until the 1400's when it was revised to noon. Eventually a small snack was permitted to sustain energy. Over time fish, meat and eventually dairy products were allowed. Fasting, though, was required all 40 days. It was not until 1966 that fast days were lessened to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (for those 18-59 years of age). The days of abstaining from meat have lessened to only the Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent and Good Friday for those 14 years of age and older. These "disciplines" of Lent back then and now are, among other things, calling us to the humility of giving over our wills, in these instances, to God through the Church for our benefit.. Given the age of most of you who are reading this pastor's column, it may seem that the Church expects much less from us (with regard to fasting). The reality is that there are many choices of earthly things that can and do occupy our time and attention, which could be given to God and works of the Gospel (especially compassion, charity, and service to others), I would challenge everyone (including myself) to "fast" from some aspects of this world like television, social media, and some forms of food if not strictly, at least in cutting back on some or all of these and consciously replace them with the things of God. Make the commitment to read and reflect on what is found in the "Little Books" that are being given out this weekend and spend some time (or for some, more time) in prayer and reflection on what God is telling us to be and to do. In this time of Eucharistic revival strongly consider participating in Mass at least one time during the week and be fed by God's Word and Jesus's Body and Blood. Practice almsgiving through the use of the "Rice Bowls" and calendars that are being given to use and consider other ways to help "God's poor". This year, we will be preparing two people for entrance into the Church through the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Include them by name (Kyle Carter and Barbara Meyers) in your prayers and plan to participate in the ENTIRE Easter Triduum which, your Lenten practices will ensure will be a truly BLESSED three days! On Ash Wednesday we will also hear the call for

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repentance which if taken seriously, will lead to the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially toward the end of our Lenten journey. ENTER THE JOURNEY and be transformed and/or renewed in the Lord! Many people over the ages will testify that observing 40 out of 365 total days of the year turned toward and attuned to the Lord has made a huge difference in their life and the eternal hope we have through Jesus Christ.

ASH WEDNESDAY



If you haven't yet come to one of the Jesus and the Eucharist small groups, there is room for you! Contact **Deb Troxel** at **515 314-6955** for more info.

Considering attending the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July? Jpin with thousands of Catholics in thanking God for his gift to us in the Eucharist. Discounts from the website, for Knights at EWTN, etc. abound. Daily/weekend passes are available. Visit www.eucharisticcongress.org for details.

Holy Hour will now be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm. Our next Holy Hour will be March 6.

PEA

Recent weather closures have made it clear that it is important for each adorer to "opt in" for robocall and that you monitor your email for messages. Please call the church if you are not receiving robocalls. Also, know your division leader's phone number in order to identify their call when they need to be in touch.

LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY MEAL

The February 14 Lenten meal will be provided by the NER Core team. They will be serving tuna sandwiches and meatless soup. after 4:00pm Mass and before the evening group session.



FORMED

"There are many offerings on Formed: audio talks, movies, books studies and discussions that get to the core of our spiritual life. If you browse through the site under "Lent" one of many offerings is "A Quick Thought on Lent". If you get the message of this analogy, you will be reminded that spiritual renewal is possible during Lent but participation is necessary. Not yet signed up for Formed? Go to FORMED.org and register for your free subscription.

OLD PALMS

We will be collecting your old palms. You may bring in any that you have and place them in the container in the Narthex in order to be properly disposed.





LADIES OF SACRED HEART CORNER

♥ Mon. Feb. 12 LOSH General Mtg. (after Rosary and Mass) in the Lower Hall at 9:35 am. Guest speaker Lisa Wolfe Goodwin, presents "Growing up at the Majestic."

** Something extra: birthday cake kits and donations for Golf Fundraiser snacks

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ◆ Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday
- ◆ Feb. 17 Valentine Prime Rib Dinner and Dance 5:30 pm, Lower Hall
- ◆ Feb. 19 President's Day, Flags, Rosary & Continental Breakfast after Mass, Lower Hall
- ◆ Feb. 21 Council O & D Meeting 2:30 pm Classrooms A & B (Google Meet)

LIVE STREAM VIDEO HELP WANTED

We are in need of one or two parishioners to assist with live streaming Sunday Mass and funerals on a rotating basis. With additional volunteers, the responsibility may be only one weekend a month. Funerals vary due to family requests. Training and a detailed step by step "User Guide" will be provided. For additional information contact **Shawn Clark** at **713 419-4353**. Your consideration is appreciated!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful altar flowers this weekend are donated by:



- Jack & Bobbie Starcevich, 68th Anniversary
- Russ & Sheila Harrison, 55th Anniversary

Your parish appreciates your donations of flowers for the altar. Sign-up in the white binder on counter in the Narthex. Questions, call **Judy Gordon**, at **719-930-1121**.

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Our directory information was sent to Universal for compilation. Once the rough draft is returned and proofed we will resubmit for completion. This entire process may take 8-12 weeks. Thank you for your patience.

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Your 2023 Contribution Statements are available for pick up at the church office Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm or call the office 501 922-2062 to request your statement be mailed.

GIFT BEARERS

The following parishioners have volunteered to bring up the gifts this weekend at the 5:00 pm Mass:



⇒ Jack & Bobbie Starcevich

Sign up to present the gifts at Mass in the white binder located in the Narthex. With questions, call **Marian LaVelle** at **501 209-2435**.

K OF C VALENTINE'S DINNER/DANCE



To honor our wives and significant others, our 4th Degree Knights are sponsoring a Valentine's dinner and dance Saturday, February 17, 2024. The social hour begins at 5:15 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm and the dance starting at 7:00 pm. Music for this event is provided by Marcus Suggs. The menu will be a dinner salad, prime rib, twice baked potato, freshly baked yeast roll and assorted cheesecake for dessert. The cost is \$30 per person with table selection available upon ticket purchase. ***Ticket sales will be prior to and after all Masses the weekend of Feb. 10/11.***

PARISH MEN'S RETREAT

Our annual retreat is Monday, March 11 - Thursday March 14 at St. John's Center in Little Rock. Bishop Taylor is the leader, don't miss out! This cost is \$200 for a private room and all meals. Sign up with **Ed Doyle** 501 922-5771 or eddoyle73@gmail.com. Checks payable to Knights of Columbus and mail to Mark Leslie, 13 Accesso Circle, HSV 71909. **All** men of the parish are invited to this memorable event!

ONE CHURCH SAVE THE DATE

Each year the diocesan initiative called One Church invests in a small mission church that needs a leg up to become a thriving community. The 2023/24 beneficiary is Blessed Stanley Rother Church in Decatur, AR. All funds donated will be used for much needed renovations to the church building. The Knights of Columbus will host a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at Sacred Heart of Jesus on April 4. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. All proceeds and your generous donations from this event will directly benefit One Church.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Bereavement Support	Gary Christoff	573-645-6814
Caregiver Support	Evelyn Garrison	501-204-4134
	Maureen Halloran	228-342-0491
Columbarium	Gary Wolfer	501-204-1192
Eucharist: Homebound	Rose Farrell	860-208-9813
Helping Hands	Cathy Wedwick	501-915-8456
	Pat Widlowski	501-922-1395
Perpetual Adoration	Kathy Clark	203-816-7737
Youth Faith Formation	Lou Ann Kemper	469-323-2505

PARISH FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL			PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL		
David Witchger	Grounds, <u>Chair</u>	501-922-9058	Deb Troxel	Education	515-240-6729
Carolyn Bowers	Administration	501-915-8022	Lou Ann Kemper	Education	469-323-2505
Bob Honzik	Stewardship	501-922-2702	Sandy Darnell, Chair	Liturgy	602-418-3414
Murray Claassen	Stewardship	501-908-4346	Marian LaVelle	Liturgy	501-209-2435
Pat Kalisz	Building Complex/ Equipment	630-926-6637	Mark Leslie	Parish Life	501-226-0074
Bill Patterson	Cemetery/ Columbarium	501-922-8631	Becky Jordan	Parish Life	901-605-0333
Larry Lipsmeyer	Cemetery/ Columbarium	501-922-3283	Marge Newburn	Social Justice	501-922-9047
Larry Stein	Finance	501-226-5105	Pietro Tomassi	Social Justice	501-282-4427
			David Witchger	Finance Council	501-922-9058

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Effective immediately, the deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is the **Friday** one week prior to the weekend the bulletin is to be distributed. The deadline time is **12:00 pm**. Please submit announcements to hsvsacredheart@gmail.com

Sick List - Names in bold italics have been recently added. A * next to last name Indicates non-parishioners.

Parishioners will be placed on the Sick List when a request has been made. To ensure privacy, remember to ask the person needing prayers if (s)he would like to be included in the listing. Recipients will remain on the Sick List for 60 days unless asked to be removed sooner or a request to stay on has been received.

Tony Bertrand*
William "Bill" Butler
Vivian Centenio*
Douglas Cepicky*
Theresa Drumwright

Emmanuel Goff*
John Guida
James Heaser
Judy Heaser
Kathy Heroman*

Betty Hoepner
Mary Keith*
Diane Prescott
Don Prescott
Larry Sack*

Linda Skaggs*
Jack Wallisch
Darin Wells*
Jim Wleklinski



PRAYER WARRIORS

PRAYERS NEEDED?

We all need a prayer warrior in times of crisis, a critical or dangerous situation that needs serious attention, including emergencies, surgery, imminent death or the loss of a loved one. Our Parish Prayer Warriors are ready to help. Some ninety Parish Prayer Warriors will offer intercessory prayers to God for you and your loved ones at these and other critical times. Please call: **Mary Costello 209-0008, Jim Goodson 204-2494, Lucy or Marvin Young 915-8028; or Chris Stein, 226-5105** to get your prayers started. They will continue for 30 days, unless cancelled by you, and may be continued by request. You too may become a member of our Parish Prayer Warriors by calling Mary, Jim, Lucy, Marvin or Chris.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you... Jeremiah 29:12

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Feb	10	4:00 pm	LORI CEPICKY	CANDY CHEW
Feb	11	8:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	MARGUERITE ERNST	ALLEN FAMILY
Feb	12	9:00 am	LOSH INTENTIONS	ST. TERESA GUILD
Feb	13	9:00 am	JOYCE FIELD	M/M BILL NOSEK
Feb	14	9:00 am	EBBY ELSER	CINDY CALHOUN
		4:00 pm	FR. MICHAEL BASS	FR. BILL ELSER
Feb	15	9:00 am	GEORGE SCHMIDT	PATRICIA SCHMIDT
Feb	16	9:00 am	SANDY OTERO	SUSIE ARNOLD
Feb	17	4:00 pm	DAMIAN JANUSH	GUILD 5
Feb	18	8:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	EBBY ELSER	M/M DAVE WITCHGER