

The Parishioner

“Encounter Jesus, Serve Others.”

Fall / Winter, 2024

Message from Our Pastor

Dear members of Our Lady of the Holy Souls family,

The last couple of months have passed really quickly. As I write this letter, one thing that comes to mind is my thankfulness for the beautiful Fall weather we are having this fourth week in October. Since the last issue of *“The Parishioner,”* the question that I received most is, “When is Father Bhaskar coming back?” If I had received a dollar for every time I had to answer that question, I think I might have collected enough money to purchase Fr. Bhaskar’s airline ticket for his trip home next year. But just listening to the question from the little kids at the school, from the members of the Silver Souls, and numerous other parishioners helped me appreciate in a deeper way the blessing we have, not just in having an associate pastor, but specifically in having Father Bhaskar in our faith community.

During this time the “Covered Drop-off” was finally completed and I have noticed that many parishioners have benefited by having access to this protected space enabling them to drop off their loved ones as close as possible to the church’s doors on Harrison Street.

The final piece that I would like to share with all of you is my dream of having Children’s Liturgy at all Masses became a reality. During the first weekend in October, thanks to a good number of parishioners who have stepped up to help in this ministry, we have officially begun. Recognizing all the children we have present at the Masses brings joy to my heart because they are constant reminders that we are



Fr. Bhaskar & Fr. Daniel at Annual Pet Blessing

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Message from the Pastor

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blessed with the gift of having so many kids as part of our faith family here at Our Lady of the Holy Souls.

As we move to the end of this year, may we take time to ponder the many blessings we have at our parish: enjoying Father Bhaskar's presence back at the parish, seeing the Drop-off Project concluded, and realizing the many children who come to Mass each weekend. These blessings are a tangible way in which God makes His presence felt here at Our Lady of the Holy Souls.

Our Lady of the Holy Souls, pray for us.

Blessings,
Fr. Daniel

Traveling Chalice for Vocations



Fr. Daniel invites 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 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.

Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

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Little Rock, AR 72227

Hannah & Tyler Banks
2 Pinecrest Ln.
Maumelle, AR 72113

Beverly Brossett
65 Valletta Circle
Little Rock, AR 72223

Sarah & David Byrd
and their child,
Sophia
1721 Lilac Circle
Little Rock, AR 72202

Lauren & Gregory Coffin
and their child,
Eliza
18 Lefever Ln.
Little Rock, AR 72227

Rebecca Edelmann
and her children,
Paige, Kaitlin & Megan
2209 N. Cleveland St.
Little Rock, AR 72207

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Holiday Mass Schedule

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Holy Day of Obligation

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass
(Carols begin at 3:30 p.m.)
- 4:15 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass #2 in Allen Center
(Carols begin at 4:00 p.m.)
- 6:30 p.m. Christmas Children's Mass
(Carols led by Children's Choir begin at 6 p.m.)
- 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
(Carols led by Parish Choir begin at 9:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25

- 10:00 a.m.** Christmas Mass
(Carols begin at 9:30 a.m.)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday, December 29

- 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 30

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:30 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

- 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 (New Year's Day)

- 10:00 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Mass

Holy Days of Obligation



Dear members of Our Lady of the Holy Souls family,

One of the aspects of our faith that we may not address too often is the topic of Holy Days of Obligation. The Catholic Church has such a rich history, and the Holy Days of Obligation represent but a small part of the Church's story. What these special days celebrate shines a light on the truths of our faith.

Our Holy Days of Obligation are not merely requirements. The name can be misleading, but we might better appreciate their beauty if we approach them as Holy Days of Opportunity – the opportunity to grow in our faith and encounter God through the most important teachings of our faith. These special days offer us beautiful reminders of the important ways God has shown His love for us.

Because these days provide so much to the faithful, they require us to attend Mass, just as we are required to attend Mass each week on Sundays. The Holy Days of Obligation here in the US are:

January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, the Solemnity of the Ascension

August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints

December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 25, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

You may be wondering why such a long presentation about the Holy Days of Obligation. I am taking the opportunity to address this topic after I received a letter from the Diocese addressing the question of what happens when a Holy Day of Obligation is moved to the following Monday. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception this year will be moved to Monday, December 9th.

Due to this mandate, Our Lady of the Holy Souls will offer the following Masses on Monday, December 9th to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:

6:45 am

8:15 am School Mass

5:30 pm

Starting this year, any Holy Days of Obligation in the US will carry the obligation to attend Mass even if the Holy Day is moved to a different date. As we move closer to our Advent and Christmas seasons, I thank you for all your support and for embracing our faith with an open heart.

Blessings,
Fr. Daniel

New Parishioners

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and their children,
Thatcher & Allison**
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No. Little Rock, AR 72116

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**Meredith & Chris Johnson
and their children,
Hannah, Brynne, Alex,
and Catherine**
1 W. Palisades Dr.
Little Rock, AR 72207

**Catherine & Matthew
Landrum,
and their children
Drew & Zachary**
6700 Hawthorne Rd.
Little Rock, AR 72207

**Elizabeth & Patrick Lee
and their children,
Margot, Eli, Sophie,
& Nora**
707 N. Jackson St.
Little Rock, AR 72205

Jim Lienhart
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Mabelvale, AR 72103

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New Parishioners

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England, AR 72046

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and their children,
Giovanny, Fitzgerald,
& Alison**
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Maumelle, AR 72113

Dudley Preston
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Patrick Sanchez
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**Sarah & David Scott
And their children,
Julia & Joseph**
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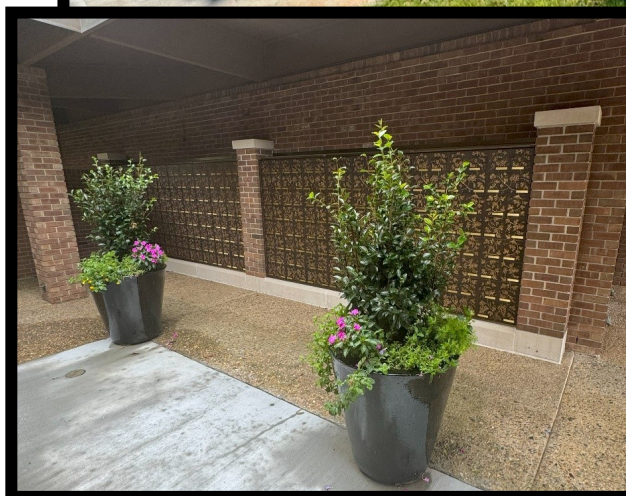
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and their children
Asa & Jett**
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Little Rock, AR 72207

Tessa Moore & Paul Vanasse
8 Baywood Ct.
Little Rock, AR 72211

Megan Welker
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Little Rock, AR 72211

Building and Grounds

By: Susie Williams,
Facilities and Special Events Coordinator



Our Lady of the Holy Souls Church is happy to announce the Harrison Street covered drop off for the church is complete. Fr Daniel blessed the structure

Sunday September 22, 2024 after the 8:00 mass. This should make it easier for disabled or injured individuals to enter into the sanctuary, and for families to be dropped off during inclement weather. The project took a little longer than

planned, but is beautiful and did come in under budget. God is good. We thank you all for your kindness and patience during the construction.

The additions to the columbarium and the courtyard were also completed. The area is a beautiful serene spot. When you need some time in prayer under blue skies, stop in for a moment to reflect in God's grace and beauty. Or take a moment to see the work when you go to the adoration chapel.

East Harding contracted for both of the projects. They have continued to serve OLHS well over the years and many projects. Everyone had an opportunity to see and enjoy the spaces the weekend of November 2nd for the feast day of All Souls at the 4:00 mass and columbarium blessing, when we reflect and pray for the loved ones we have lost.

Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

By: Laura Humphries, CT
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

*Humans are commanded to care for God's creation.
Gen 2:15*

There's more to Stewardship than time, talent and treasure. While those things are critically important, being a Catholic Christian has other requirements too. As stated on the USCCB website under Care for Creation one of key themes of Catholic Social teaching: *Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.* We want to take care of our environment for many reasons, most importantly to me, is for those who come after us. For the grandchildren of our grandchildren and so on, that is, if we are so fortunate.

The following is a quote from Pope Benedict from the USCCB website: "The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole. . . Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others. It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling on the other." (Pope Benedict XVI, Charity in Truth [Caritas in Veritate], nos. 48, 51)

We live in a world that can be confusing. Truth can be stretched so far out of reality. If we really want to know the truth and be the people that God calls us to be, the one to go to for answers is God. He guides us and will always lead us in the right direction. God is good, all love, mercy and forgiveness. He will give us the answers and guidance we need. Our world needs us to take care of it. The people in it need our love and protection. Protect the gifts that God has given us.

Encounter Jesus, Serve Others



Thursday, December 19th
5:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Church

You are invited to our Blue Christmas Mass where we honor people who have lost a loved one through death, divorce or some form of separation and are experiencing grief. The holidays can be a very hard time for those who are grieving causing sadness instead of joy. Blue is the color of spirituality, intuition, inspiration and inner peace. It is a beautiful Liturgy to celebrate the life of your loved ones. Come, join us!



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Our Lady's Way

Praying Together
"To Jesus
Through Mary"

Join our intercessory rosary prayer group and cover our parish, our diocese, our country, our world in prayer by saying the Rosary, the Hail Holy Queen, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Prayer of St. Michael, and the Sub Tuum Praesidium with us.

On Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.
in the Gathering Room in the Church
or pray with our group in spirit at a time and place of your choosing.

DEATHS

Louis Beck

Roseanna Taylor
aunt of
Maggie Kent

Neil Dobbins
father of
Alan Dobbins,
and grandfather of
Brandon Dobbins

Carol Ann Eichelmann

Gary Hum
brother of
Vickey Metrailer,
uncle of
Jamie Metrailer,
John Thomas
Metrailer,
& Aaron Metrailer.
and great-uncle of
Lucille & James
Metrailer,
Eleanor & Fenton
Metrailer, and
McKinnon, Virginia,
& Elizabeth Metrailer

Kathryn Brady Ragan
sister of
Marilyn Hardman

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School News

By Amber Bagby, Our Lady of the Holy Souls School Principal

Friday night lights have caught our attention (especially if you're a Rockets fan), the smell of pumpkin spice is in the air, and as of a few weeks ago, the temperatures decided to surrender. All familiar signs of a new season. The shorter days and cooler temps have earned this season a reputation of rest, dormancy, and inactivity. But if you have found yourself on the Wabbit campus lately, you have felt quite the opposite. You have witnessed a community full of life, children actively spreading kindness and joy, and a school that continues to BLOOM with new growth even if the world around us goes dormant.

We kicked off our year with our annual general PTO meeting. The MATDF kicked it off with a Heavenly Happy Hour. With standing room only our community learned of the school's progressive plans for the year, new expectations for students, and the latest trends in social media and mental health. Steve Aday brought attention to Jonathan Haidt's timely best seller, *The Anxious Generation*. While Tricia Wilson and Grace Squires encouraged parents to commit to the *Wait Until 8th* movement.

Our early childhood programs have left us in awe as teachers strive to utilize the beauty of an outdoor classroom. While our youngest are walking to the garden in rain boots for exploratory learning, our Jr. High students are busy leaving campus for enriched field trips to enhance their curriculum. Students recently attended the state fair after building roller coasters of their own in STEM while the Public Speaking Class visited surrounding high schools to analyze the speeches given by class officers.

In October we launched our 3rd Raise Craze fundraiser. We set a new record by completing



nearly 3,000 Acts of Kindness and raised over \$100,000! We continue to be blessed with a PTO board that tirelessly works to support our school and a community that believes in our mission. THANK YOU to all who helped us reach our goal through your time, talents, and treasures.

Our applications for the 2025-2026 school year opened in early September for our parishioners. Within 24 hours we had over fifty applications. Currently there are almost 100 students seeking to attend our school in the fall of 2025. It's a great time to be a Wabbit!



Perhaps the greatest sign of growth and life happened on the morning of October 15th. We had casually invited the women of our community to join Mrs. Richards and myself as we walked the halls of our school saying the rosary out loud. We called it #HolyHalls. No true logistical planning such as a route or assignments of who would say what had taken place.

As I walked out the office door that day I distinctly remember saying to Mrs. Julie, "I hope at least a few people show up." As my gaze pulled towards the steps of church I found myself unable to take another step. All I could do was cover my face as I lost the battle to hold back tears. Over 100 women from



our school community stood waiting with their rosary beads dangling in their hands. As Mrs. Richards and I guided a stream of women through every inch of our campus, the battle with the tears pursued. Our prayers echoed through the halls, students stopped working, teachers stopped teaching, and they witnessed our faith. Our beautiful Catholic faith was in full BLOOM! The following week, as if on cue, the men of our community flooded our halls to bring the same experience.

As we enter this season of gratitude, let us embrace the stillness around us, but be mindful of the signs of life. As for me, I will enjoy the pumpkin spice, embrace the sweater weather, cheer on the Rockets, and most importantly, continue to put Christ at the center of each detail for Our Lady of the Holy Souls School as we continue to BLOOM.

DEATHS

Susan Oldham
 aunt of
 James Alsbrook,
 and great-aunt of
 James, Austin, &
 Brian Alsbrook

Annabelle Giardina
 mother of
 Jackie Valentino

Janet Wilcox

Morriss Henry
 father of
 Kathy Baltz
 and
 grandfather of
 Issac Baltz

Mary Borgaily

Susan Day
 wife of
 Skip Clemmons

Frank Sewall
 husband of
 Angela Sewall

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DEATH

James Nehus

father of Casper
Nehus,
grandfather of
Andrea Ashley,
Daniel Nehus,
Savannah Nehus &
Cooper Nehus,
and great-grandfather
of Gage, Anna
& Wyatt Ashley

Van Moore

father of
David Fort

Judy McNeil**Bill Bennett,**

husband of
Sally Bennett

Ann Casavechia

wife of
Bud Casavechia,
and mother of
Jan Grimsley

Mary Ann Elkins

grandmother of
Ryan Elkins
and
great-grandmother of
Ethan Elkins

Our Lady of the Holy Souls

Pastoral Advisory Board

Our Lady of the Holy Souls' Pastoral Advisory Board assists our pastor, Fr. Daniel. It consists of four committees: Faith Formation Committee, Parish Life Committee, Social Concerns Committee, and Spirituality Committee. In this issue, you will learn Faith Formation Committee does to help our parish!

Our Lady of the Holy Souls

Faith Formation Committee

By Danielle Mahan

The Faith Formation Committee of the Pastoral Advisory Board serves to assist the priests and office staff of Our Lady of the Holy Souls in all parish activities related to education in our Catholic faith. Your current Faith Formation committee members are Thomas Lipham, Elizabeth Geohegan, and Danielle Mahan. Some of the recent and ongoing activities related to Faith Formation work are:

- ◆ In August, Fr. Daniel's question and answer presentation about prayer.
- ◆ In September, OCIA and OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children), as well as YFF (Youth Faith Formation) classes began.
- ◆ In October, the "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" talk, to prepare parishioners for the upcoming election.
- ◆ Monthly free book cart opportunities, where resources are given away after Masses for parishioners to deepen their faith life or share a spiritual reading with friends.
- ◆ A 26-week Bible Timeline study from Ascension Press to learn the story of salvation history.

We hope to see you at some upcoming events that assist in faith formation. Here are some activities you may be interested in:

- ◆ During Advent, Fr. Daniel will be hosting a new question and answer session, this time on Forgiveness. Confessions will be available afterwards.
- ◆ Please join in at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, December 1st to celebrate the Rite of Welcome for our OCIA and OCIC members.
- ◆ More book cart weekends - please take home a book or two for yourself or a friend. Consider sharing some for the upcoming holidays especially!
- ◆ Starting at the beginning of 2025, a new Bible study about the life of Christ will be offered.

We are also always looking for volunteers to help us in our various ministries to encourage one another in spiritual growth at Our Lady of the Holy Souls. Volunteers are always needed at Youth Faith Formation classes (Sunday morning between the Masses) and at OCIA meetings (Thursday evenings). Also, there are increasing requests to have various times for adult Bible study nights as well as a new high school faith formation program. Please pray about potentially being a leader or assisting in a committee to start up a new group. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to help out.

Christian Spirit during Christmas at Our Lady of the Holy Souls Church

By Wallace Smith

Since Christmas Eve 1999, Santa and his Elves have been visiting local domestic violence shelters in Central Arkansas to distribute Christmas cheer, presents for children, and presents for the ladies. For more than 20 years, Holy Souls has helped Santa with this mission through purchases made from the Angel Trees requests. Your generosity has provided literally thousands of gifts over the years and thousands of dollars in the form of Walmart and Target gift cards for the ladies at the shelters. For some children, these may be the first presents they have ever received. For the ladies, these gift cards represent a path to basic necessities.

Many of the women and children arrive at the shelter desperate and wearing only the clothes on their backs. At their time at the shelter, they receive medical care for recent trauma, legal services typically as Orders of Protection, job training, transitional housing, and everything else they need to start a new life free of domestic violence. And during this time, at Christmas, Holy Souls has been helping Santa put smiles on the faces of children. Holy Souls has donated gift cards that invariably cause the ladies to start crying when they realize that Santa is taking care of not just the children, but the ladies at the shelter. A simple \$25/\$50 gift card lets ladies buy a pillow or a bra or their favorite snack. And they are so ever grateful.

Holy Souls, Santa is asking you yet again to show your Christian spirit during Christmas and help Santa, help these women and children. Nearly 75% come to us at the poverty level. Your help matters! Merry Christmas to all. At Holy Souls, none of you are on Santa's naughty list!



Visit
Our Lady
of the
Holy Souls
Website

- Read this weekend's bulletin early
- Find out what is happening at Holy Souls by checking the Bulletin Board
- Register in the parish or update your contact information
- Read "The Parishioner" our quarterly newsletter
- Volunteer to be part of many organizations in our parish and in our community

www.holysouls.org

Church of Our Lady of the Holy Souls

(July - October, 2024)

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by John & Janet Breen

*Remember Our Lady of the Holy Souls Church
when you wish to make a memorial or honorarium gift.*

Send donation to: 1003 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72205.

Please include name and address of whom you would like the acknowledgement sent.



Our Lady of Confidence Shrine

Our Lady of Confidence is the protector of those in harm's way. If you have a family member who has been called to active military duty, we invite you to place his or her picture in a frame at the Our Lady of Confidence Shrine in our church for the duration of their deployment.

When they return safely home, please remove their photo.



By Lisa Kuykendall, *President*

Our Lady of the Holy Souls Silver Souls has been very busy this past quarter. We had awesome speakers, and everybody enjoyed Detective Kyle Clemonds and Michael Krupitsky. Our Octoberfest was a tremendous success as always. Special prayers and a Luncheon Memorial was hosted for our beloved president John Robben who passed away unexpectedly on July 31st.

Monthly Supper Club included The Olive Garden, Fantastic China, and The Bleu Monkey.

Our outings consisted of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, The Carousel at the Little Rock Zoo, Taste of Faith with two tables filled, and September Carnival at Sacred Heart of Mary Parish.

We would like to extend an open invitation to anyone interested in attending our meetings — second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. — visit with all our fantastic members. Anyone 45 years of age and older can join the club, but everyone is welcome. We always welcome new people.

Silver Souls in August . . .



Pat Kirchner celebrated her 90th Birthday. Her family joined her at this meeting!

Silver Souls in September . . .

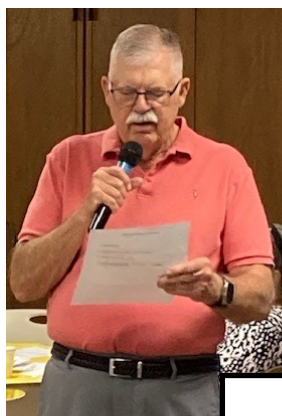


A Rosary and Memorial Luncheon was held during our September meeting for our beloved president, John Robben. His family attended this meeting.

Silver Souls in October . . .



Deacon Larry Jegley celebrated his 96th Birthday with yummy cupcakes his daughter, Debbie Korte, made!



Octoberfest followed by Bunco! Fr. Daniel & Fred Hart were our big Winners!!

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY

Our Funeral Luncheon Groups prepare a meal for the family following the funeral of their loved one.

We have four groups, so when you sign up to help you will only be called to help occasionally.

You can prepare the food and drop it by the church office on your way to work or bring it when you come to the funeral and drop it off at the Parish Hall. If you don't like to cook, you can buy a dessert, salad, etc. You can serve at the luncheon and help clean up! You can even donate dollars to the Funeral Luncheon Fund.

The families of the deceased are always very grateful for this service and always comment on the warmth and care exhibited by the volunteers. It is a wonderful service to be-reaved families.

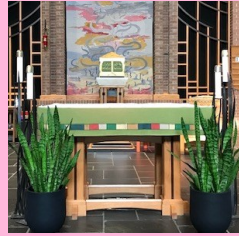
There are many ways you can help; please call the church office to join a group.

**HAVE
AN
EVERLASTING
INFLUENCE
ON
OUR PARISH!**

You can have an everlasting influence on the lives of families in our parish. Please contact your attorney and instruct him or her to include a bequest for Holy Souls in your will.

Our Lady of the Holy Souls

Altar



Society

By Elizabeth Johnson, President

Do you want to meet other ladies while also fulfilling the mission of the church, which is to “Encounter Jesus and Serve Others”? Come and join a meeting of the Altar Society! We are a group who not only are responsible for keeping the sanctuary of the church clean and beautiful, helping with the priest’s needs, and providing help for other parish ministries, but also want to have fun doing so! All ladies of the parish, 21 or older, are welcome to attend our meetings on the fourth Monday of the month beginning at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall with prayer, business and social time.

Thank you to everyone who helped make “Dia De Los Muertos” a successful evening. A giant thank you goes to our many sponsors and donors, everyone who helped decorate the Allen Center, terrific co-chairs Tricia Finch, Laura Aday and Jessica Hall, who raised over \$19,800.00 for the school and parish needs. With the wonderful food from Executive Chef Karle Johnson, and the serenade from Mariachi Arrieros de AR (accompanied by Father Daniel on vocals!) it was a night to remember and would not have been possible without the help from all these great people!

Upcoming Events and Activities:

Saturday, December 14th:

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

5:30 p.m., Allen Center

Sunday, December 22nd:

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Church

Monday, January 27th, 2025:

MEETING & DINNER

6:30 PM, Parish Hall

Saturday, February 22nd:

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE – “Mardi Gras Kings and Queens”

Allen Center

Monday, February 24th:

MEETING – Dinner and Guest Speaker

6:30 PM, Parish Hall

March 24th –

NO MEETING FOR SPRING BREAK

Saturday, April 19th –

DECORATE CHURCH FOR EASTER, Church

Monday, May 19th:

LAST MEETING before Summer Break - TBA

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Saturday, November 2, 2024





PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Father, we pray that
more young people*

*will be generous in re-
sponding to your invita-
tion to be priests, broth-
ers and sisters. Teach
them to follow*

*in Jesus' footprints by
bringing the light of*

*the Holy Spirit to all peo-
ple. We ask this through
Christ our Lord.*

Amen.



The Men's Club have had several good meetings during the fall and are looking forward to the Shrimp and Oyster Dinner on Saturday, January 11th. Tickets are available for \$35 each on the Holy Souls website. You can pre-order your fresh shucked oysters online (\$10 per half dozen). You can also purchase raffle tickets from Men's Club members (one for \$10 or three for \$25). Raffle prizes include a PK Grill, a two night family stay in Branson, brunch at Chenal Country Club, a generator, and many more! We also have scheduled our Fish Frys for Fridays during Lent. They will be held on March 7th, March 21st, and April 11th.

The most touching thing the Men's Club was able to participate in was the Holy Souls Holy Halls for the men of the parish to walk the school while reciting the rosary. We are proud to join with Mrs. Bagby and Mrs. Richards in this event and look forward to growing it in the future



39th Annual SHRIMP AND OYSTER - DINNER -



AN EVENING IN MONACO AFTERPARTY



Presented by **whLaw**

Sponsored by the Holy Souls Men's Club

Saturday, January 11, 2025 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 FORM

All Reservations Must Be Made Before January 2, 2025

Dinner Tickets _____ X \$35 = \$ _____

Corporate/Group Table _____ X \$600 = \$ _____

Includes 10 dinners, served family-style, no lines, complimentary half-shells

- Early Seating 5:00 - 6:30 Late Seating 6:45 - 8:00

Visit holysouls.org for Sponsorship Opportunities

Raffle - PK Grill, Cash Prizes, and More! (1 for \$10 / 3 for \$25) = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____



ORDER ONLINE at holysouls.org



**ALWAYS
FRESH**

Holy Sews Ministry

We make 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.

Join us for our monthly workdays usually the second Sunday.

Watch the bulletin for the next workday!

MINISTRY IS NOT A JOB OR SUNDAY ROUTINE

IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO BE CHOSEN AND USED BY JESUS

Holy Sews was created sixteen years ago by a young mother who lost a baby at seventeen weeks. God planted a seed in her heart and chose her and used her to form a beautiful faith-based ministry that was to make a difference in the lives of thousands of people she would never meet.

In its first full year, Holy Sews volunteers handmade and delivered 244 burial layettes to hospitals mainly in Arkansas. States like New York, Colorado, Minnesota, California, Pennsylvania and North Carolina were beginning to show up in the layette request data by 2012 when 287 layettes were shipped. It was not until 2016 that we broke one thousand. In 2018, Holy Sews volunteers attended the International Perinatal Bereavement Conference in St. Louis, MO, and that was the start of something big.

Fast forward to today and statistics show that from October 15, 2023, to October 15, 2024, Holy Sews donated 7,773 layettes nationwide and to military hospitals worldwide. From October 2008 to October 2024, it has grown to over three hundred volunteers nationwide and from twenty-three hospitals in 2012 to over 1,000 hospitals today. Jesus uses this ministry to bring some semblance of comfort and peace to the families who have lost a baby.

Holy Sews hosted its 11th Annual Wave of Light Ceremony on October 15, 2024, and experienced the largest turnout since this event began in 2013. Attendees and volunteers braved a cold, relentless wind to listen to the names of over two hundred stillborn babies who left their footprints on the world. We invite you to the State Capitol next October 15 to join us at a moving, memorable event. We are grateful to Roller Funeral Homes for providing the searchlight every year.

You are also invited to make a difference on Giving Tuesday, December 3, by donating to Holy Sews. Every act of generosity counts, and everyone has something to give. Together, we can use our power of generosity to create the world we want to see. Please visit our Facebook page or our website at

www.holysews.org to change things for the better just by giving back. When you give to Holy Sews, you give from the heart and to the heart of a family it will go.

Holy Sews volunteers would like you to join them on the second Sunday of the month to package layettes, tie bows on teddy bears and Memory Cards, cut fabric, as well as many other gifts of your time and talent – even if you cannot sew.



NICU Nurses from Athens-Limestone Hospital in Alabama with layettes they received from Holy Sews.



*Arkansas Wave of Light hosted by Holy Sews.
(Photo courtesy of the
Arkansas Secretary of State Office)*

Our Lady of the Holy Souls needs you to bring the Christmas traditions of your country!

This year, we are combining the traditional Parish Christmas Party with the Cultural Fair!

To register your table, scan the QR code or visit
www.holysouls.org



*Christmas
Around
the World*

December 14, 2024 ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Allen Center

Invitation to the Men of the Parish

If you are interested in:

- Helping those in need
- Serving our parishes
- Growing in your Catholic faith
- Making new friends
- Having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family
- (yeah...and a little fun along the way)
- Then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you!
- Please attend our monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Allen Center.
- For more information, contact Mark Springer at 501-663-8632, office@holysouls.org, or visit KofC.org.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

COUNCIL 812



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 Vicar General for the Diocese of Little Rock at (501) 664-0340 ext. 361.

For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gosponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425.

Diocesan Offices:
2500 N. Tyler Street,
Little Rock, AR 72207.

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)

Annual Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Girl Scouts from Troop 6095 came out to help us with the Annual Pet Blessing! We had many dogs, a few cats, a bearded dragon, chickens, mice and a hamster show up!





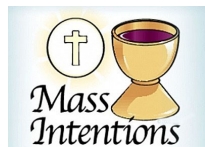
**Tristan Porter
and
Brett Borchert**
September 7, 2024

**Holly Elliot
and
Culson Johnson, III**
October 19, 2024

**Allison Hill
and
Brett Wallace**
November 2, 2024



Photographs by Samantha Minster



What does it mean to have a Mass “offered” for someone? An individual may ask for a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for healing, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died).

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: first, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

When a person asks for a Mass to be offered for a particular intention; usually, a stipend is given to the priest for offering the Mass (suggested donation is \$10).

When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his or her soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. Mass cards may be sent to individual or family.

To offer a Mass Intention, please contact Stacey in the Church Office at 663-8632 or smatchett@holysouls.org.

**Arkansas
Blood
Institute**



at Holy Souls

SUNDAYS:

January 19, 2025

March 16, 2025

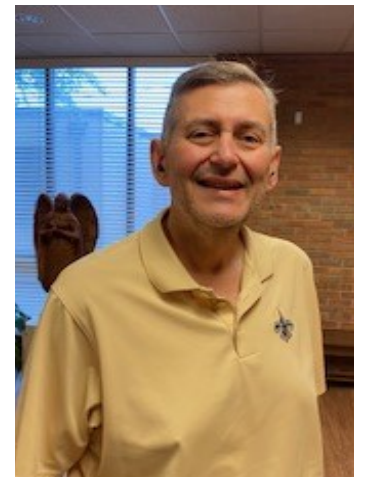
May 25, 2025

**Mark your calendars
to save lives!**

Thank You Blood Donors!

Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parish appreciates our wonderful Blood Donors whose donations at our last Arkansas Blood Institute Blood Drive saved up to 130 lives! On Sunday, September 15th, 35 parishioners and friends donated blood. Up to three lives can be saved by each regular blood donation and up to eight lives can be saved by each Double Reds donation!

Please consider becoming a blood donor in 2025. Blood is always desperately needed. Will there be enough blood available when someone **you** love needs blood? Blood cannot be manufactured; it must be donated by people. ***Become a life saver in 2025!***



***In
Memory
of
Your
Deceased
Loved Ones***

You are invited to have pictures of your deceased loved ones placed in the Adoration Chapel. Please bring 4"x 6" or 5"x 7" unframed pictures to the Church Office.



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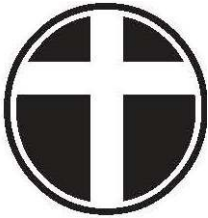
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a gift,
give the gift of the
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small.



*Keeping
the Dream
Alive!!!*

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It not only helps ensure the long-term financial security
of Our Lady of the Holy Souls School,
it also distributes back funds
for current school needs annually.



Gift Bearers at the Offertory

RETURNING CHRISTMAS 2024

What an honor it is to carry the wine, hosts, and offerings to the priest at Masses! Gift Bearers actively participate in the celebration of the Mass by presenting the gifts of Bread and Wine at the Offertory. It requires no special skill, and yet it is a beautiful and significant part of the Mass performed by laypeople. Individuals, families, and couples are invited to bring the gifts at the Mass.

Gift Bearers is an ancient ministry. In the early church individuals brought whatever they wished to offer to the Church in a procession to the priest who in turn distributed the offering to those in need. Today those individual offerings are represented by the collection taken up prior to the offertory.

Currently, our ushers have been carrying the gifts up at most of the weekend Masses. Instead, we would like to see members of our church volunteer to carry them up starting by Christmas 2024. We are looking for gift bearers at all weekend Masses, so please volunteer.

There is a wooden fish in the back of church on the gift table. Anyone wishing to take up the gifts needs to take the fish and then present it to an usher during Offertory. We use the symbol of the fish to let the ushers know that there are gift bearers.

How Can You Become a Gift Bearer:

- ◆ Arrive at church at least 10 minutes early. Pick up the wooden fish on the gift table in the back of the church *and* notify an usher that you have the fish! If you have any questions about being a Gift Bearer, please ask an usher.
- ◆ Be sure to sit at the end of the pew so you can get up easily when it is time to take the gifts forward.
- ◆ At the end of the Prayers of the Faithful, quietly get up from your seat and go to the back of the church and stand in front of the baptism font.
- ◆ The ushers will hand you the wine, hosts and collection basket after they have finished taking up the collection.
- ◆ Wait for Father to stand and walk to the front of the altar before proceeding down the aisle.
- ◆ Don't rush! Please be sure to walk slowly and reverently down the aisle. Offer the gifts to Father when he indicates.
- ◆ After Father has collected the gifts, he will give you a blessing.
- ◆ Then walk back down the center aisle and return to your seat.
- ◆ Thank you for blessing our Church with your service!

Join the
Holy Souls
Young
Catholic
Adults
Group





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**95th Annual
Knights of Columbus Council 812**

*Italian
Sausage Supper*

Honoring Louis Mancini

Saturday, December 7

Starts at 5:00 p.m. with Happy Hour

Allen Center

Menu:

Our Knights of Columbus' Secret Recipe Italian Sausage
Spaghetti, Sauerkraut, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls
and Dessert

Large Silent Auction

Door Prizes ~ Raffles

Visit from Santa Claus



For more information, contact
Pete Stabnick through the Church Office.

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. When parishioners reach 18 years of age or unless 21 in college, they should register separately from their family.

OCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please call the Church Office.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis. Please call the church office for more information.

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

On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays the church is open for visits from 7:30 till 3pm. On Friday the church is open for visits from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please use Handicapped Door in front of church or the Harrison St. door by the piano after 10 a.m. On Wednesday, the church is open from 8am till after the 5:30pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the church office a minimum of six months in advance.

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
& 5:30 p.m. - Masses

MONDAY

7:00 a.m. - Mass

TUESDAY

7:00 a.m. - Mass

WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Mass

THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. - Mass

FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. Mass

8:15 a.m. School Mass

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. - Mass

(only on 1st Saturday
of month)

4:00 p.m. -

Anticipated Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.;

Saturday Afternoon

2:30 to 3:30 p.m. or

by appointment by

calling the Church Office

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

and

12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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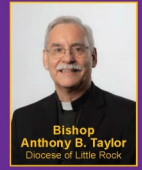
Friday, January 31st at 6:00

The Allen Center

MSGR. ALLEN TRUST AND DEVELOPMENT FUND
OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SOULS SCHOOL



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR 2024-2025 SEMINARIANS



Bishop Anthony B. Taylor
Diocese of Little Rock



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St. Meinrad Seminary



Duwan Booker
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Samuel Stengel
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Jesus said to Peter and Andrew, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
-Matthew 4:19-20

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