



The Parishioner

“Encounter Jesus, Serve Others.”

Summer 2024

Message from Our Pastor

Dear family members of Our Lady of the Holy Souls,

The summer months are flying by, and I hope that all are enjoying some downtime maybe even a getaway to relax or visit family and friends. In the last issue of The Parishioner Newsletter I recall writing my Spring message more than a month before the due date and some of our parish projects were still in the planning stage. By the time you read this Summer edition you may have already seen both the Columbarium expansion and the Covered Drop-off project close to completion. These two projects result from your generosity and our parish stewardship.

When we talk about generosity, we are reminded that we can never outdo God in generosity. He will always provide us with more than what we could ever give back. Thinking and reflecting on God’s great generosity reminds me of Bishop Taylor’s recent statement regarding our posture after receiving Holy Communion. I am pleased that this topic has been clarified. We invite everyone to kneel or sit for reflection and personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

Will kneeling down solve the challenge we may have with distractions or will it make us holier? That’s maybe a question for you to discern. As I have shared with some of you we can be thinking about what we need to do after Mass whether standing, sitting or kneeling. In other words, the disposition of our hearts is what is important in our relationship with God.

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*Fr. Daniel at First Communion
Mass on May 5, 2024.*

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Message from the Pastor

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As the Fall semester rapidly approaches I want to invite you to pray for our school children, staff and faculty. We are all part of Our Lady of the Holy Souls community and we need to pray for each other. Whether you have school children or not, we are all in need of prayer.

Yes, I will keep you all in my prayers as well.

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 new 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.

New Parishioners

Rahaf & Amr Alfarah
and their child,
Leo
10 Butterfly Dr.
Sherwood, AR 72120

Ashley & Alex Campbell
and their child,
Aubrey
6301 "I" St.
Little Rock, AR 72207

Stefan Corell
823 N. Fillmore St. #B
Little Rock, AR 72205

Julianne Dugas
2717 Highline Dr.
Sherwood, AR 72120

Shawn Erwin
3400 S. Bowman Rd.,
Apt. 921
Little Rock, AR 72211

Brenda Guardado
and her children,
Liam & Arya
2320 Justus Loop
Bryant, AR 72022

Church Annual Financial Report

By Shelley Tienken, *Business Manager*

We wish to acknowledge all parishioners and parish organizations that support the activities of Our Lady of the Holy Souls Church -- your continued generosity makes a significant difference in our ability to pursue the mission of our Church.

The Church experienced higher income levels during fiscal year 2024 due to increases in both giving and columbarium sales. This allowed us to significantly expand the columbarium, adding an additional 448 niches, and improve the outdoor sound system and garden area.

Presented below is the financial report for Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 and 2023:

<i>Operating Activities</i>			
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>
Operating Income			
Weekly collections	\$ 1,586,736	\$ 1,768,312	\$ 1,620,000
Rental	40,988	48,730	47,500
Other	146,691	132,432	29,000
Total operating income	1,774,415	1,949,474	1,696,500
Operating Expenses			
Salaries & Benefits	709,123	690,519	739,019
School Support	200,000	200,000	200,000
Building Operation and Maintenance	192,560	212,079	180,200
Parish expense and Church ministries (Note 1)	112,593	115,468	125,750
Administrative	94,590	105,701	99,700
Utilities	74,749	80,881	75,000
Diocesan assessments	74,031	123,014	130,700
Contributions to Community Organizations (Note 2)	72,568	55,191	81,000
Rectory expense, including taxes and insurance	66,111	72,794	79,050
Columbarium expansion	-	251,168	-
Total operating expenses	1,596,324	1,906,815	1,710,419
Income over (under) expense	\$ 178,091	\$ 42,658	\$ (13,919)

Note 1: Parish Expense & Church Ministries

Parish expense and church ministry expense includes the cost for religious education programs, music, youth and CYM activities, parish life activities and other ministries along with the expense of publishing the church newsletter, mailing of collection envelopes, and postage.

Note 2: Contributions to Other Programs

Contributions to other programs include funds to provide financial aid to Holy Souls School families (\$24,123) and church contributions to community agencies granted by the Social Concerns Commission and other charitable giving (\$31,068).

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Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

By: Laura Humphries, CT
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you." John 15:16

This scripture comes from John's Gospel and it speaks volumes to me. It is comforting to know that Jesus chose us, that He loves us and that we are His precious children. It is also wonderful to know that no matter what we do, He will not turn His back on us. His love is unconditional. We need to accept that love and nurture the relationship with Him so that it will grow, and we can become who He calls us to be. He has given us a mission, we must accept it and go with it. I continue to try to impress upon my grandchildren that they are precious children of God. God is here for them, but they have a responsibility to develop a relationship with Him and not to take God for granted.

God has given us all gifts and he wants us to use them. If we allow God to work through us utilizing our gifts they will have a greater impact on our lives and the lives of others. We have to be open to allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us. *"For I know the plans I have for you; says the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."* Jer 29:11. We have to know that God's plans are much better than our plans, even when we think we know more than God. We must submit to his will. If we give of ourselves freely, then the gifts that God has given us will have a much greater effect on us and those around us. We can make a difference in this world. We can go and be stewards of our faith, *bearing fruit that will remain.*

Encounter Jesus, Serve Others

Church of Our Lady of the Holy Souls

(April—July, 2024)

MEMORIALS

Carole Schulte

by Eric, Shelley & Ava Lensing
by Gill Ragon Owen, P.A.

*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.*

New Parishioners

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and their children,
Calvin & Bennett**
2 Ken Circle
Little Rock, AR 72207

Cathy Louviere
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**Catherine & Zachary
Maestri
and their child
Georgiana**
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Little Rock, AR 72205

**Joie lea Murounkwere &
Anatole Majyambere
and their children,
Aracely & Lacey**
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New Parishioners

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Facilities and Special Events Coordinator

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and their children,
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Little Rock, AR 72227

Louise Minor
3400 S. Bowman,
Apt. 921
Little Rock, AR 72211

Kay & Edward Parda
2000 Magnolia Ave. 12E
Little Rock, AR 72205

Michelle & Gregory Quiller
and their children,
Phoebe, Peyton,
& Finn
3 Saint George Ct.
Little Rock, AR 72211

Robert Stickney
1009 Loretta Ln.
Little Rock, AR 72227

Marisa Thames
and her children,
Whitaker, Harrison
& Maren
1919 Beechwood St.
Little Rock, AR 72207



columbarium is a public or private structure (wall, room or building) that [houses cremated remains](#) instead of caskets. It is composed of small niches that hold a single [urn](#). The term columbarium is derived from the Latin word columbaria which means dove, the Biblical bird that represents peace.



Our Lady of the Holy Souls columbarium additions are very near completion. There were over 400 more niches added. It is a beautiful and serene spot to pray with lost loved ones. Grieving is a very personal act. It can be comforting to have loved ones where you can easily visit and pray. The additions encompass our vision of love and devotion for future generations. The columbarium honors loved ones and provides families with a serene place of remembrance. If you would like to purchase a columbarium niche space, please contact the church office for more information.

First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 5, 2024



Bishop Baker
Reese Baker
Thomas Blair
Isabella Brunen
Callan Burns
Adalie Burns
Sophie Byrd
Natalia Calderon
Oliver Collins
Elijah Collins
Nolen Cook
Rosemarie Davis
Angel De Santos
Henry Dunaway
Cora Dupras
James Effrein
Thomas Eldridge
Piper Frey
Maximiliano Garcia
Lauren Givens
Asher Glenn
Turner Goyne
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Emerson Hughes
Henry Huitt
Jack Jansen
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Henry Keisner

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Grace Lipham
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John McClellan
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Hannah Meurer
Vivienne Pahl
Kathleen Parrish
Judith Phillips
Harper Puckett
Blakely Relano
Haley Relano
Graham Robbins
Liam Santos
Scarlett Seaman
Evelyn Selig
Olivia Selig
Clark Selva
Jacqueline Serna
Elliana Sharp
Hunter Shelton
Rodrigo Suarez
Adeline Svendsen
Rosalee Whitaker
Thomas Young



*Photographs by
Bob Barnett*

DEATHS

Donna Darr
 mother of Allison Carroll, grandmother of Jack, Charlie & Catie Carroll, sister of Wade Aday, aunt of David Aday & Steve Aday, and great-aunt of Andrew & Nathan Aday, and Brooklyn & Joseph Aday

Ed Calva
 brother of Anita Smith

Ellie Rose
 daughter of Chris & Hannah Sokora Rose

Oliver Eichelmann
 husband of Carol Ann Eichelmann

Tom Bartsch
 brother of Debbie Jones and Tricia Gentry

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Our Lady of the Holy Souls MEN'S CLUB



The Men's Club is pleased to announce the election of its new officers during our May meeting: John Selva, president; Tyler Husser, vice-president; Greg McCarroll, treasurer; and Steve Aday, secretary. Their terms began in June. All of our officers currently have children at Holy Souls and are excited to serve both the parish and school for the upcoming year. Feel free to attend any of our meetings on the second Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Allen Center.

The 22nd Annual Robert Flynn Memorial Golf Tournament was held on May 18th at the Country Club of Arkansas. A great time was had by all, and the event was a rousing success. The tournament has helped raise funds for the Robert Flynn Scholarship, and over \$50,000 has been awarded to Holy Souls junior high students since its inception. We look forward to another great event next May!

We were once again happy to sponsor the annual end-of-the-year Teacher Appreciation Dinner. The Cinco de Mayo theme was a hit, our Men's Club members enjoyed dealing blackjack and other casino games to our faculty and staff. We are already planning for a bigger and better event next year as we couldn't thank our teachers enough.



Our Lady of the Holy Souls

Altar



Society

**Would you like to meet other women,
serve God, & become more involved in the parish?**

Please consider becoming a member of the Altar Society. The Altar Society is a women's organization whose primary responsibility is to maintain the beautification of the church, altar, & financial requests of the priests. All women 21 and older are invited to join us!

Member meetings are held the 4th Monday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m., with dinner, prayer, & social time. Occasionally we have a guest speakers.

Our mission statement is: To unite all women of Our Lady of the Holy Souls in religious educational and social activities, to assist the Pastor in spiritual and material undertakings for the welfare of the Parish, to perform deeds of spiritual, social, and material assistance to the Our Lady of the Holy Souls family and community through the enlightenment and empowerment of the love of God, and to provide assistance to Our Lady of the Holy Souls by the purchase of altar supplies and services.

Our 2024-2025 Officers are Elizabeth Johnson, *President*; Tricia Finch, *Vice President*; Tamara Ketter, *Secretary*; and Laura Aday, *Treasurer*.

For more information, contact Our Lady of the Holy Souls Altar Society at: altar.society@holysouls.org.

Upcoming Events and Activities:

Monday, August 26th:

MEETING — DINNER & GAME NIGHT

6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Monday, September 23rd:

MEETING — DINNER & GUEST SPEAKER

6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Monday, October 28th

MEETING —

Margaritas for the Señoritas, Preparation for the Dia De Las Muertos

6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Saturday, November 2nd:

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FUNDRAISER

Following the All Souls Columbarium Blessing, Allen Center

Monday, November 25th:

MEETING — FROSTY FESTIVITIES

6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

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

Plus many more activities in 2025 including the Father-Daughter Dance!

DEATHS

Jim Limbird
husband of
Mandy Limbird

Ernest Cunningham
father of
Baker Cunningham,
and
grandfather of
Will & Walker
Cunningham

Pat King

Mary Duchscher
aunt of
Laura Humphries
and
Mike Gowen

Carole Schulte
mother of
Somers Piazza
and
grandmother of
Samuel Piazza

John Robben



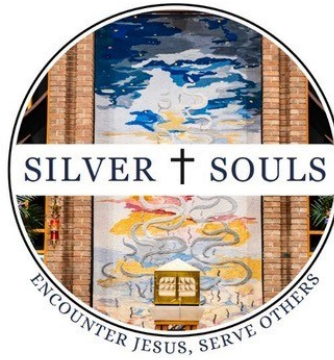
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Our Lady's Way

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.



By John Robben, *President*

The Silver Souls are having a wonderful year. We are together 3 times a month at a minimum. Our meeting (2nd Monday of the month at 10 a.m.), our outings (usually a historic site) and a night out for dinner (different place every month). We come together for fellowship, fun, food, and to serve Our Lady of the Holy Souls and our community.

We have had several wonderful speakers.

Dr. Masil George: Good Health during Maturity,

Dorcy Corbin: Churches in off the beaten path countries

Detective Kyle Clemens: Safety at home and away in today's world

David Altrui: A Trip of a Lifetime on an African Safari

Here are a few pictures of some of the things we have done recently.



Announcing the Seniors name change to SILVER SOULS.



Thursday morning coffee after the 7 a.m. Mass



Playing games at the meetings.



Silver Souls at the Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry



*Monthly Outing.
This one was a tour of the Arts Center.*



*Birthday for Miss Doloris
at meeting.*



*Birthday Lunch
for Miss Linda.*



*Tour of the historic Choctaw Depot
(now Clinton Library)*



*Silver Souls
Altar for
Corpus Christi.*



*Lunch at
The Paint Store
after the Tour*

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



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.

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. The president of this very important board for our parish is Thomas Lipham. In this issue, you will learn what the Spirituality and Social Concerns Committees do to help our parish! Information about the other two committees will be in future issues.

Our Lady of the Holy Souls *Spirituality Committee*

By Rosemarie Peckham

Greetings from the Our Lady of the Holy Souls Spirituality Committee!

You may not even know that our Parish has a Spirituality Committee, so this is our opportunity for you to get to know us better. Here's a bit more about us...

What is our mission? To offer our parishioners activities and devotions that will enhance their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are here to assist you in deepening your relationship with God. A more spiritual parish will enable us to do more for Him as His hands and feet in our world.

How long have we been around? Our pastor Fr. Daniel Velasco came up with the idea for a Spirituality Committee when he first arrived at Our Lady of the Holy Souls in the summer of 2022. We started doing our ministry in September 2022.

Who makes up the Committee? Father asked Robert Jones, Rosemarie Peckham, and Renee Rittelmeyer to join him as the first team members in this new committee. We serve for a three-years term, as do other parish committee members, with the possibility of serving a second term.

What are you currently doing? Lots! Hopefully you have participated in or read about something on the list below. If not, call the office to find out how you can get involved in this ministry!

Traveling Chalice for Vocations – To support parishioners in prayer for current and future vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Families and individuals commit to pray with the chalice for a week to support vocations.

Saint of the Month – To introduce parishioners to members of Christ's Church who have been designated as Saints. We encourage forming prayerful relationships, even friendships with these amazing individuals, who can help us come closer to Jesus through their life examples and prayers of intercession.

Recognition of Liturgical Seasons, Feast Days and Devotions.

Here are a few...

Epiphany – Appearance of the Three Kings at Masses to honor the tradition of this celebration.

Divine Mercy Sunday – Parish Novena prior to the feast day, as well as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet on the feast day itself.

Corpus Christi Procession – To publicly celebrate Jesus in the Eucharist through group procession, prayer, meditation, and Benediction.

Childrens' Spirituality...

Monthly Marketing Teasers, small religious tokens and activities

Coordination with Holy Souls School and parish (Saint of the Month altar décor, Vocations Chalice, May Crowning, etc).

Prayer Life Development ...

Invitation to Personal Prayer – We offer a 9-week course (developed by ***Infinitely Rooted*** group) in building a habit of daily prayer and meditation with Our Lord.

More offerings will be made in the future based on the response from parishioners.

Look for our **next *Invitation to Personal Prayer* sessions which start in September 2024.** Prayerfully consider if this might be the right time for you to join us!

If you are interested in serving on the committee or helping us with any of our current or future projects please contact Father Daniel, the office, or any committee member. We hope you had a blessed summer and look forward to a happy Fall!

**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.

Corpus Christi Procession Around Our Campus

Sunday, June 2, 2024



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 bereaved families.

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

Our Lady of the Holy Souls

Social Concerns Committee

By Al Malzowski

The Social Concerns Committee of the Pastoral Advisory Board is primarily focused on charity and social justice. Charity is how we respond to immediate needs such as food, clothing and shelter. Social justice is how we change the system that keeps people in a state of need. Social justice is how we help to break the cycle of poverty.

Two of the primary activities that the Social Concerns Committee is responsible for are the Angel Tree before Christmas and the annual grants program. The Angel Tree helps spread the amazing generosity of our Parishioners to four local agencies to help provide Christmas wishlist items and family needs. Agencies who have helped fill the needs of our community include Helping Hand, Birthright, domestic abuse shelters, and foster care groups. Each year several hundred gifts are donated and provided to those in need. The generosity of our Parish every year is amazing!

For the annual grants program, the Social Concerns Committee invites a small group of local nonprofit organizations to request money for program specific funding or operating expenses, as needed. Each grant is reviewed by the committee members and grant awards are recommended to the Pastoral Advisory Board and the Pastor. Previous grant recipients include Jericho Way, Settled Souls, Holy Sews, Recycle Bikes for Kids, Women & Children First Center, Birthright, Helping Hand and several others. Several years ago we also began contributing to One Church, the Diocese program that helps support a rural mission church in Arkansas for a 12 month period that needs a leg up to become a thriving community.

The committee and the Church office also help to coordinate Thanksgiving and Christmas meal boxes and gift cards for parishioners in need, as well as urgent, smaller special needs requests that may be received. New this year, we will also be sending out Easter meal boxes and gift cards. If you see a need within our community that you would like us to help, please reach out to Laura Humphries in the Church office, or one of the members of the Social Concerns Committee.

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 consider joining us!
- For more information, please contact Pete Stabnick at 501-663-8632, office@holysouls.org., or visit KofC.org.



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***Christmas
Around
the World***

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

Mark your calendar
for the



95th Annual *Italian Sausage Supper*

Honoring Louis Mancini
Saturday, December 7th
Allen Center
Starts at 5:00 p.m.
with Happy Hour

Purchase your tickets at door.

**Large Silent Auction
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Visit from Santa Claus**



Pre-order our famous
Italian Sausage
by September 30th.
Watch bulletin for details.

For more information about
Sausage Supper, contact
Pete Stabnick
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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.

School News

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

Child psychologist, Alison Gopnik, coined a metaphor in regards to the parent child relationship, “be a gardener not a carpenter.” The carpenter knows that with precision a block of wood can be chiseled to become a desired object. The gardener, on the other hand, is less concerned about controlling who the child will become and instead provides a protected space to explore, and rich soil to take root. Gardeners do not believe that they single-handedly create their harvest, rather, they toil to create conditions that will provide optimal chances to flourish, become who they are intended to be, and BLOOM.

As Catholic School educators we are called to be gardeners. We cultivate rich soil that will become the strong footing for deep roots in their spiritual journey, their social experiences, and their academic foundation. We provide a protective space where a variety of personalities can grow, new gifts get discovered, and dreams can bloom. As with a garden, each bloom is unique and some things that sprout take us by surprise.

As we launch a new year we find peace in the unique gifts that God has intended for us to nurture in each child. Great plans are in place for the 2024-2025 school year to offer new opportunities for growth, fresh soil for strong foundations, and hearts of gratitude ready to celebrate each unique sprout!

The new year brings an abundance of new Wabbit families. Over 80 new students have joined our campus, eagerly ready to share their gifts. We look forward



to sharing their beautiful journey at HSS!

We continue to take great pride in having the only Jr. High Elective program in central Arkansas. Our elective course selection has grown to over 20 class options for 7th and 8th grade students. These courses range from musical theater and pottery to world sports and public speaking.

Our 3 year old program continues to thrive! This fall our Early Childhood Program has adopted a curriculum that embraces the beliefs behind a progressive education. This curriculum focuses heavily on exploration, self discovery, curiosity, and embracing the outdoors as a space for learning.

We are in the final stages of writing and presenting to the community our next 5-year strategic plan. The world of education is rapidly evolving. From AI in the classroom to the importance of outdoor play, we hope to stay timely in the latest developments in academia while remaining timeless in the traditions and roots of our nearly 100 year old legacy. Some items that will be addressed in our strategic plan are: sustainability of safety features on campus, the implementation of an on-site counselor, competitive salaries for our teachers, and enhancements to our math department.

As a school it is never lost on us the importance of our parish community. We continue to feel grateful for the support, love, and prayers that you offer each year.



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.

*We look forward to
the beauty and BLOOMS
of the 2024-2025 school year!*



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Of the
Holy Souls
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Grief Support

By: Laura Humphries, CT
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

There are several fundamental needs of a person suffering from grief, but the most frequently mentioned one is social support. Grief is one's reaction to a loss, most commonly caused by a death of a loved one but it can be from other losses. A person can feel numb, shock, sadness, longing, anxiety and/or anger. These are normal feelings after a loss. Grief is the internal process of working through loss. Mourning is the external expression of loss. Some common examples of mourning are preparing for the funeral, wearing black, a rosary or visitation, or attending a Grief Support Group.

Losing someone can be considered as a threat of harm to the brain so this process of mourning is helpful in accepting death or loss. Mourning is the healthy part of bereavement because we must mourn the loss of a loved one. Pretending or kidding ourselves that we don't have to mourn is not healthy. Another misconception with bereavement is there is no *magic 3 day bereavement leave* and all is well. It can take weeks, months to years to get through the pain of losing someone we love. There is no timetable. All grief is different. And yes, women and men do grieve differently.

If you are or know someone who is or who has experienced loss of a loved one, we will be offering a Grief Support Group beginning August 27th at 6pm in the Parish Hall for 10 weeks. Call the church office or email office@holysouls.org to register.

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Our Lady of the Holy Souls welcomes you to join us learn more!

Your Journey to the Catholic Faith starts here!



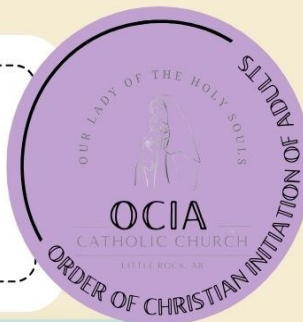
Go to www.holysouls.org/rcia or take a picture of the QR code to enroll.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA - (formally known as RCIA) meets on Thursday nights from September through May.

Where: Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parish Hall

When: Thursdays from 6-7:30p.m. (dinner served at 5:30!)

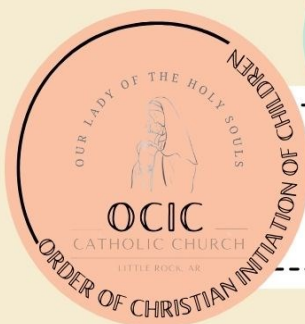


Order of Christian Initiation for Children

OCIA is not just for adults, we also have a youth version for children over the age of 7 that have not been baptized.

Meetings are at the same time as the Adults.

[Click the link or scan the QR code above for registration.](#)



Come to our Meet & Greet to learn more!

September 5th, 2024 at 5:30pm
in the Parish Hall

email questions to ocia@holysouls.org

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 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!

11th Annual Arkansas Wave of Light Ceremony Scheduled for October 15

Hosted by Holy Sews, Inc.

You are invited to join Holy Sews volunteers on the Arkansas State Capitol steps on Tuesday, October 15, as we host the annual central Arkansas Wave of Light Ceremony on Pregnancy Loss and Infant Death Awareness Day. At 7:00 p.m. local time, a spotlight will illuminate the night sky from the Capitol steps, adding to the worldwide Wave of Light to remember all children loved and lost before we could know them.

If you or a loved one has experienced an infant or pregnancy loss and would like to honor your child on our memory wall, you may email their name(s) to: treasured@arkansaswaveoflight.com.

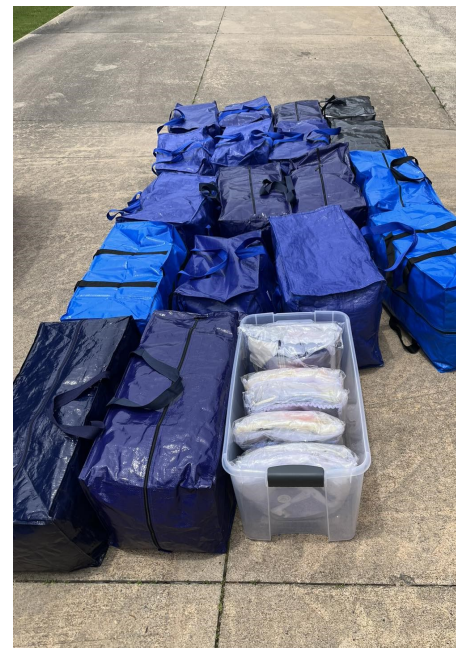
Originating from President Ronald Reagan's 1988 proclamation of October as *Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month*, this day and ceremony provide a safe haven for families to speak aloud the names of their children, to reflect on what could have been, and to pause and let the world grieve with them. All are welcome to attend the program, which is free of charge.

Thanks to corporate and individual donors, Holy Sews raised over \$2600 in our summer shipping campaign. If you would like to sponsor a box of layettes, please visit our website at www.HolySews.org and make a shipping donation.

Our goal is to have Holy Sews layettes in every hospital, birthing facility and funeral home across the US. If you or someone you know has experienced loss, our thoughts and prayers are always with you.

Regina Binz, Debbie Lichti and Sallyann Lamanna, coordinator of the Oneonta, New York Chapter, attended the International Perinatal Bereavement Conference in Chicago, IL, in May. They gave away 1,000 layettes to nurses, bereavement coordinators and chaplains who attended the event.

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2024 Our Lady of the Holy Souls' Vacation Bible School

The theme for this year's Our Lady of the Holy Souls Vacation Bible School was "Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God." It was held from June 11 to 14. Each day the children learned about a Saint, a Bible Story, and a Scripture. We had 41 children ages 5 to 8 in attendance!



Drew Dorsey
and
Chapman Cousins
June 8, 2024

Claire Glibby
and
Kyle Henson
August 3, 2024

11th Annual Arkansas Wave of Light

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GROWTH FACTOR: From 2009 to 2014, Holy Sews shipped 2016 layettes. By June of this year, 3400 layettes have been shipped, and we expect to ship another 3400 from July to December - an increase of 1800% .

We owe this phenomenal growth to our volunteers and donors who faithfully support us year after year and to the Holy Spirit who blesses this ministry daily. Our gratitude is unending.

If you are interested in volunteering, or you have a student who needs volunteer hours and is available, please email us at info@holysews.org.

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SUNDAYS:

September 15

November 17

January 19, 2025

March 16, 2025

Mark your calendars
to save lives!

173 Lives Saved by Holy Souls' May & July Blood Drives

Did you know that every two seconds someone needs blood? There is no substitute for human blood; **it must be donated**. Someone you love might be the someone who next needs blood! Will there be enough blood available? Please consider becoming a blood donor.

Thanks to our wonderful parishioners and friends up to 173 lives of patients in our area hospitals can be saved by our May and July Blood Drives. At our May 19 Blood Drive 30 people donated blood, and at our July 21 Blood Drive 21 people 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!





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Young
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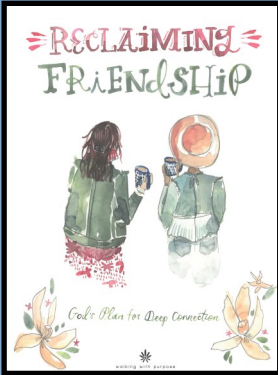
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Our Lady of the Holy Souls
Parish Hall
**Wednesday Evening
Sessions: 6-7:30 p.m.**
**Thursday Morning:
8:30-10:00am**
**Thursday Mornings:
Virtual - 9:00-10:00am**

Register online at
www.holysouls.org
or in the church office.

Registration open till
Monday, Sept. 2nd

This study runs
September 11/12 to
November 20/21.

Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts



(Left to right) Harrison Brooks, Grant Floriani, Congressman French Hill, Andrew Marra, and Andrew Robbins.

Four Holy Souls Parishioners have achieved the highest honor in Scouting by earning the Eagle Scout rank. Harrison Brooks, Grant Floriani, Andrew Marra and Andrew Robbins, members of Boy Scout Troop 27, were recognized at a recent Court of Honor ceremony for their dedication and commitment to the Scouting program. Congressman French Hill, a Troop 27 Eagle Scout, was the keynote speaker and shared his words of wisdom.

Earning the Eagle Scout rank is a significant accomplishment that requires years of hard work, leadership, and community service. These young men have demonstrated exceptional character and a strong sense of purpose throughout their Scouting journey.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest honor attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. To earn this prestigious rank, a Scout must fulfill a series of requirements, including earning at least 21 merit badges, demonstrating leadership skills, and planning and executing a significant service project. Less than 4% of all Scouts attain the Eagle rank.

A crucial component of earning the Eagle Scout rank is completing a community service project that includes months of planning. Harrison's project involved designing and building a sheep shelter for St Joseph Farm and Center. Grant was inspired by his Eagle Scout brother Ben who also constructed wooden benches at Meriwether Park. Andrew M. recognized the value in the outdoor classroom setting for Holy Souls and created moveable wooden benches. Andrew R. created a space for the community to relax by building hammock structures for the Holy Souls garden.

The Eagle Scout rank is a testament to these young men's character, leadership, and dedication. Their accomplishments are an inspiration to their peers and a valuable asset to their community. As they embark on the next chapter of their lives, they carry with them the values and skills instilled in them through Scouting.

To learn more about Boy Scout at Holy Souls, contact John Robbins at john-robbins@sbcglobal.net

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.

Youth Faith Formation End of Year Celebration

On May 19, the Youth Faith Formation (YFF) children celebrated Pentecost and the last class of the 2023-2024 year.





OUR LADY OF THE
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Women's Gathering

Joy in the Journey

Choosing to see as God sees

Presenting: Sister Deborah Troillett, RSM

October 5th, 2024

9am-2:30 pm in the Allen Center

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available
in the Church following the Gathering.*

Deadline for registration: 9/27/24

Register at:

[https://www.holysouls.org/event-
details/womens-gathering](https://www.holysouls.org/event-details/womens-gathering)

