



# The Parishioner

“Encounter Jesus, Serve Others.”

Fall/Winter 2021

## The Blessing Of Being A Priest

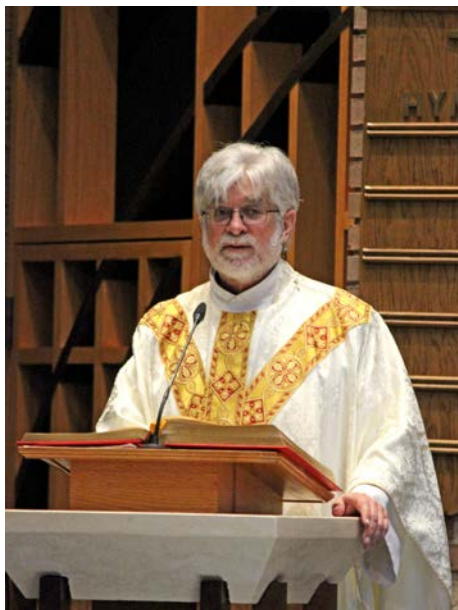
By Fr. John Marconi

Recently, I got to take a trip down memory lane. It began with the Bishop McDonald Golf Tournament benefiting Catholic Charities. After the tournament, I reconnected with some families I knew from my time at St. Vincent De Paul in Rogers. It has been thirty years since I have been around them. We talked and reminisced about many moments we had together. They updated me on their children and grandchildren, and I saw many pictures. As I was leaving them, one made this statement to me, “Father, it blesses me to see you again. Seeing you lets me know that all is right with the world. I feel closer to God when I am with you.” I was deeply touched by the comment and had to agree that I, too felt blessed by this reconnecting of friends. God has so blessed me in my Priesthood to share in the lives of so many families.

In the spirit of these blessings, I then went to Northwest Arkansas and had lunch with my niece. After leaving her, I went to stay with former parishioners from Our Lady of Fatima in Benton that I knew back in 1994-1998. While playing golf and having meals together, we reminisced about our times together. I was able to meet their children and grandchildren, and once again felt the blessings of being a part of this family’s life. Even though the words were not said like in the previous reunion, I felt the same. I am a very blessed Priest to have so many families that allow me into their lives. Their friendships bless me.

From there I visited with two other families in Oklahoma that again I knew from my ministry here in Arkansas. These families are teaching me that Jesus’s words are true. In Mark’s Gospel, Peter says to Jesus, “We have given up everything to follow you.” Jesus says, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sister or mother or father or children or farms for my sake, for the gospel’s sake, but that he will receive a

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## FACILITIES &

## SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR

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## FIRST COMMUNION

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## HOLY SEWS MINISTRY

Regina Binz ..... 663-8632

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Pete Stabnick ..... 663-2032

## LECTORS

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## MEN'S CLUB

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**Steve Hoffmann ..... 580-1373**

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## STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR

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## RCIA / RCIC

Susej Thompson ..... 663-8632

## SACRISTY COMMITTEE

Darlene Hebda ..... 223-2173

Barbara Brossett ..... 603-0399

## SCHOOL & SCHOOL BOARD

Principal - Amber Bagby ..... 663-4513

## SCOUTS

Boy - John Robbins ..... 940-3862

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Nancy Stuart ..... 663-4616

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Pete Stabnick ..... 663-2032

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**BOLD TYPE DESIGNATES YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

# The Blessing Of Being A Priest

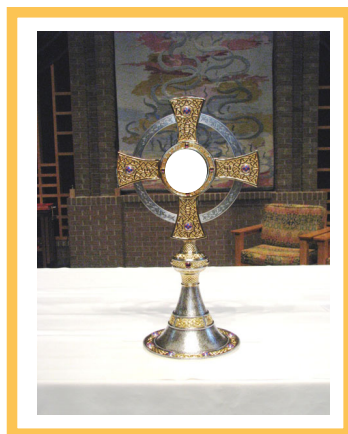
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hundred times as much now in the present age houses, brother and sisters and mothers and or children and farms, along with persecution and in the age to come, eternal.”

I heard these words of Jesus back in 1986 when I became a Deacon, and again trusted in them in 1987 when I became a Priest for the Diocese of Little Rock. But only now at this time in my life, some 35 years later, can I experience the reality of Jesus’s words. I am a blessed man and it is all because of my Priesthood and Priestly Ministry. I don’t know why we doubt the Lord and His words at different times in our lives, but we do. I know that I have at many times doubted in God’s words only to eventually re-learn that God’s words are true. The only way to know that His words are true is to act upon God’s word. Once we act on God’s words, we learn that God is always faithful.

God’s word is always inviting us to Trust in Him. I am grateful that we have had many priestly vocations in our Diocese, but I continue to pray for more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. I pray for other young men that might be considering a Priestly Vocation, to ask them to trust in Jesus’s words. He is faithful and His words are always true.

*Come, Sit With Jesus  
on Wednesdays*



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a special opportunity to sit with Jesus Christ in a more powerful way. We, as Catholics, believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist and he is present in the consecrated host within the monstrance on the altar. Come, spend an hour with him and see the power of God make a difference in your life.

Holy Souls offers Adoration **on Wednesdays from 9am to 5:00pm.**  
Call the Church Office to pick an hour!

## 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

**Madeline & Austin Allen**  
5705 Hawthorne Rd.  
Little Rock, AR 72207

**Mabel Alvarado**  
and her children,  
**Kevin & Keilynn**  
11014 Birchwood Dr.  
Little Rock, AR 72211

**Reggie Angel**  
12 Newbridge Ct.  
Little Rock, AR 72227

**Allison & Addison Anthony**  
and their children,  
**Emerson, John,**  
**& Mary Catherine**  
1917 N. Spruce St.  
Little Rock, AR 72207

**Elise & Michael Barry**  
6 Sellette Court  
Little Rock, AR 72223

**Pam & Rick Blank**  
5618 Edgewood Rd.  
Little Rock, AR 72207

**Allie & Kevin Bullock**  
and their daughter,  
**Bernadette**  
1604 Pine Valley Rd.  
Little Rock, AR 72207

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## *Holiday Mass Schedule*

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

#### **Christmas Eve, Friday, 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  
*Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers & Altar Servers needed for this Mass.*
- 6:30 p.m. Christmas Children's Mass  
(Carols led by Children's Choir begin at 6 p.m.)  
*Lector needed for this Mass.*
- 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass  
(Carols led by Parish Choir begin at 10:00 p.m.)

#### **Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25**

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

### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

#### **New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31**

No Vigil Mass  
*(This year the Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God is a Holy Day  
but not a Holy Day of Obligation)*

#### **New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 2022**

10:00 a.m. Mass

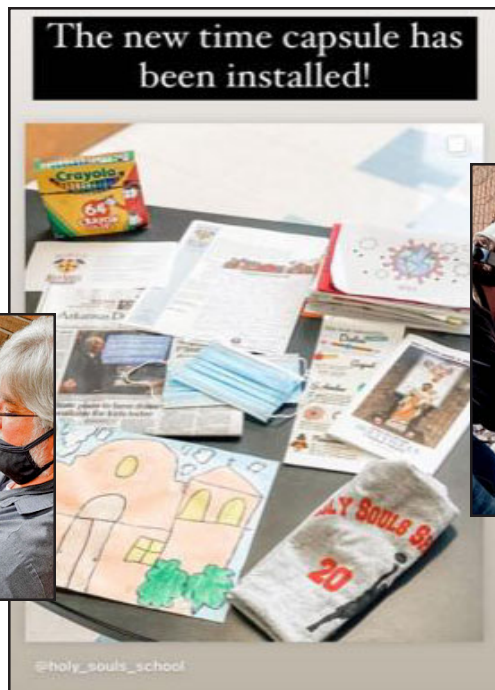
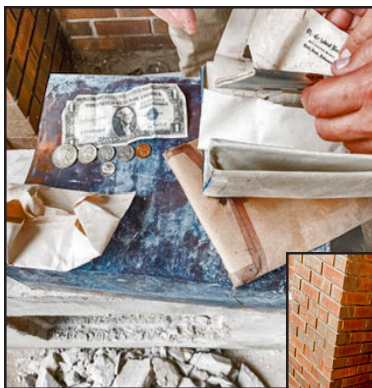


# Building and Grounds

By: Susie Williams,  
*Facilities and Special Events Coordinator*

## *A glimpse back in time*

1944 Holy Souls history was revealed when a time capsule was opened up during the school renovation. The original school building was added to the mission church in 1928, and received an addition under Msgr Allen in 1944. The time capsule was in the back of the cornerstone near the original school entrance, formerly on N. Tyler Street before that road was closed. Fr John, along with some school and church staff were present to open up the time capsule. The time capsule contained blueprints for the 1944 expansion, coin and paper money, a booklet listing parishioners and advertisers during the expansion campaign, and a letter from Msgr. Allen. All are being professionally preserved and will be on display at the school. Then it was time for the school get to work on what to put back in a new time capsule. Of course items referring to the past 2 years Covid-19 struggles, newspaper, masks, uniforms, student art, letters from the students and staff, calendars, directory, crayons, and a notation of the 1944 items were all sealed up and placed back into the cornerstone. It was then placed into its new home on the southwest wall of the new STEM classroom. The cornerstone will then be updated to notate the 2021 contents being added for the future generations of Holy Souls to discover. Keep an eye on the construction as it nears completion by the end of the year. Thank you to everyone for your patience and assistance making this growth possible for our Parish. Leaving new legacies for future Holy Souls Wabbits.



## New Parishioners

**Kemberly Carreon  
and her son,  
Jesus**  
532 Water St.  
N. Little Rock, AR 72117

**Matthew Damrow**  
8801 Leatrice Dr.  
Little Rock, AR 72227

**Angela & Bryan Frazer**  
6713 Blue Hill Rd.  
N. Little Rock, AR 72118

**James Hain**  
2320 N. Arthur  
Little Rock, AR 72207

**J. D. Harper**  
15 Wingate Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72205

**Neal Hoppe  
and his children,  
Liliana & Adeline**  
400 Valmar St.  
Little Rock, AR 72205

**Tiffani & Scott Jedlicka,  
and their children,  
Blaire, Trent,  
Drake & Sloane**  
4 Huntington Rd.  
Little Rock, AR 72227

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# New Parishioners

**Ashley Jensen**

116 Ensburry Dr.  
Little Rock, AR 72223

**Elizabeth & Guy Johnson**

7508 Dahlia Dr.  
Little Rock, AR 72209

**Carol Melhorn**

4429 Valley Brook Dr.  
N. Little Rock, AR 72116

**Kristin & Jeffrey Owen,  
and their daughter,  
Ellery**

7418 Illinois  
Little Rock, AR 72207

**Betsy & Michael Peeter  
and their children,  
Sam & Ruby**

820 N. Harrison St.  
Little Rock, AR 72205

**Janet & John Paquette**

128 Holland Lane  
Little Rock, AR 72223

**Suzanna & Dan Quinn**

119 Caurel Circle  
Little Rock, AR 72223

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## *Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts...*

by Laura G. Humphries, CT  
*Parish Life & Stewardship Director*

*"She, from her poverty, has contributed  
all she had, her whole livelihood"*

Mark 12:44

The first time I traveled to Haiti as part of the human rights delegation, I was struck by two extreme contrasts: the utter poverty of the people and their wealth of spirit. In one home we visited, the family had a single bottle of soda. They brought it out as if it were a revered treasure and insisted on sharing it with us. In the tropical heat, we were refreshed by their gesture of hospitality and profoundly moved by the witness of that moment. Similar instances of such great generosity were repeated over and over again during our travels. The widow in this Gospel lived from this same striking and remarkable largeness of heart. She gave, not from her abundance or her surplus, but from her want.

*An excerpt from Living With Christ*

I was listening to Bishop Barron the other day; he was giving a homily on the First Reading for the weekend of November 6 and 7. It was from 1st Kgs 17:10-16; it is the story of Elijah and another widow. Bishop Barron's homily was very good and you can hear it on the Word on Fire website. One comment that I took away from it is "Your being increases to the measure you give it away." God is good and generous and no one can outdo His generosity. Look at all He has given us and yet, we still want more. Yes, we are all human and human nature is like that but when do we rise above that. The people in Haiti that live in true poverty know what it is to give from the heart and from their needs. We are all capable of giving, not necessarily until it hurts but until it makes a difference.

The Arkansas Food Bank is in desperate need of food as is Helping Hand. They need canned vegetables, canned food with protein, canned meats or money. During this pandemic there has been more and more need. If you can help, please do. Let the widows be a good example.

*Encounter Jesus, Serve Others*



**Wednesday, December 15**

following 5:30 p.m. Mass (approximately 6:15 p.m.)  
in the Church

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



Our Lady of the Holy Souls

# Altar Society

*Covid may have knocked us down in 2020,  
but Altar Society is back on the map  
for 2022.*

Who is the Altar Society? The Altar Society is somewhat of a ladies club. We are an organization of Women within the parish and our mission is to serve God through prayer, spirituality, community, and service. Our main purpose is to maintain the physical needs of the church, Parish Hall and surrounding areas, and priest's vestments, altar cloths, etc. We assist in maintaining the beauty, cleanliness, and the seasonal decor of the Church. Annual fundraising is also involved. Membership is open to all women of the parish, age 21, and older, and wives of parishioners regardless of their religious affiliation. No dues are required for membership in the Holy Soul's Altar Society.

The Altar Society hosted a successful kick-off meeting on November 15, 2021, at the parish hall with wine, dinner, and door prizes. Future events, recruitment for membership, and recruitment of executive officers was presented and discussed. Faithful ladies of the church office assisted in coordination of the event.

We are pleased to report in 2022 the Altar Society plans to complete recruitment of officers, conduct meetings every 60 days, and host a Spring Father-Daughter Dance.

By the Fall of 2022 the Altar Society prays and hopes to be running at 100% with monthly meetings, family events, and larger scale fundraising. We ask the parish for prayers that we successfully achieve this goal.

Ladies, be on the look-out for future announcements in the bulletin, Holy Souls Website, and/or Altar Society Facebook page.

If you are interested in becoming an executive officer or would like to learn more about the Holy Souls Altar Society, please contact Selina Ripa at [selinaloveslife@yahoo.com](mailto:selinaloveslife@yahoo.com) or 501-650-5925.

## New Parishioners

**Becky Rinchuso**

2719 Creekside Dr.  
Little Rock, AR 72211

**Matthew Rinchuso  
and his daughter,  
Aria**

5500 Highland Dr.,  
Apt. 1621  
Little Rock, AR 72223

**William Rose**

7 Oakwood Rd.  
Little Rock, AR 72202

**Janet Romero**

711 W. 20th St.  
N. Little Rock, AR 72114

**Steven Suski**

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Apt. 222  
Little Rock, AR 72223



# Men's Club New Members Family Social and Pool Party

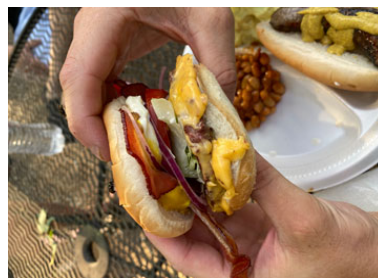
Monday, August 9th  
at the Leawood Pool

**THE  
HOLY SOULS  
MEN'S CLUB**  
meets the  
second Monday  
of every month,  
at **6:30 p.m.**  
in the Allen Center.  
Social Half Hour -  
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting & Rosary  
starts at 7:00 p.m.  
Dinner follows.

All men  
of the parish  
(Protestant  
spouses too!)  
are invited  
to join.

The Men's Club  
promotes fellowship  
and provides gifts  
and services  
to the parish.

For more  
information,  
contact the  
Men's Club  
President,  
Brent Wetzler,  
at 909-9568,





**36th Annual**

# SHRIMP AND OYSTER - DINNER -

**AN EVENING IN MONACO AFTER PARTY**

*Sponsored by the Holy Souls Men's Club*  
**Saturday, January 8, 2022**  
**Holy Souls Allen Center**

**Dinner Tickets - \$35      Corporate/Group Tables - \$600 (10 people)**

The Men's Club is very excited to bring back our **Annual Shrimp & Oyster Dinner** and all signs are trending toward hosting a "normal" event again this year! Last year we had to shift to a drive-thru only event, but this year we will offer our traditional in-person dining and to go option, as well as our very popular Corporate/Group reserved tables, and the Evening in Monaco Afterparty down in the gym with casino style gaming.

All reservations will need to be made in advance so we can limit the overall number of tickets that will be sold, as well as help control our overall food costs. As you probably know, food costs have risen considerably this year, so we have had to set our individual dinner ticket price at \$35 this year, but we have held our Corporate/Group Tables at \$600 for a table of ten with reserved seating and top notch wait staff service.

Every year, the Men's Club disburses all money raised through our fundraising activities, including our signature Shrimp & Oyster Dinner event, to Holy Souls related organizations. Over the past ten years, we have distributed over **\$275,000** to Holy Souls Church and School, including seed money and classroom wishlist items for the teachers, the Monsignor Allen Trust and Development Fund, Holy Sews, Settled Souls, Birthright, Scouts, Helping Hand, and numerous other parish related organizations. Your generosity and support for this event has been tremendous over the past 35 years, and we hope this year will be just as good as years past!

Watch your mailbox for opportunities to purchase raffle tickets to win a TV, cash prize and MORE! You can also purchase your dinner tickets by mailing a check to the church office, or you can go online to [holysouls.org](http://holysouls.org) and look for the link to our event. Dinner will be served between 5-8pm.

Corporate/Group reserved tables can be reserved by calling Al Malzewski at 501-747-4454 or email [MensClub@holysouls.org](mailto:MensClub@holysouls.org).

We are all looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, January 8, 2022!

## Regular Monthly Meetings

Monday, December 13  
**SENIORS GROUP**  
 10:00 a.m.  
 Parish Hall

**MEN'S CLUB**  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Allen Center

Tuesday, January 4  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
 6:30 p.m.,  
 Allen Center

Monday, January 10  
**SENIORS GROUP**  
 10:00 a.m.  
 Parish Hall

**MEN'S CLUB**  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Allen Center

Tuesday, February 1  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
 6:30 p.m.,  
 Allen Center

Monday, February 14  
**SENIORS GROUP**  
 10:00 a.m.  
 Parish Hall

**MEN'S CLUB**  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Allen Center

Tuesday, March 1  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
 6:30 p.m.,  
 Allen Center

Monday, March 14  
**SENIORS GROUP**  
 10:00 a.m.  
 Parish Hall

**MEN'S CLUB**  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Allen Center



# DEATHS



**Ron Hoofman**  
husband of  
Bev Hoofman

**Sr. Jolita Konecny**

**William Aubin**  
father of  
Kay Lassiter

**Mary Chambers**

**Lissa Madigan**

**Dennis Lichti**  
brother of  
Regina Binz  
and  
uncle of  
Torrie & Julia Binz

**Larry Binz**  
brother of  
Becky Binz

**Paul McManus**  
father of  
Vicki Anger,  
and grandfather of  
Austin Anger

**Tim O'Brien**

**Lila Gillham**

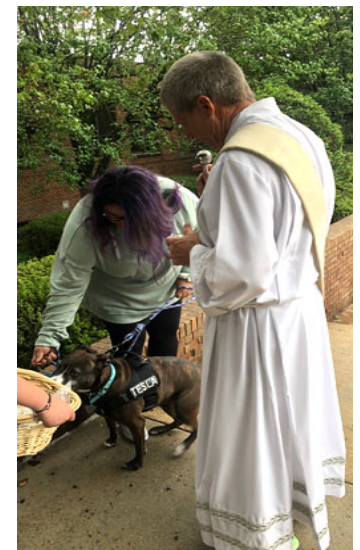
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# Annual Pet Blessing

*in honor of St. Francis of Assisi*

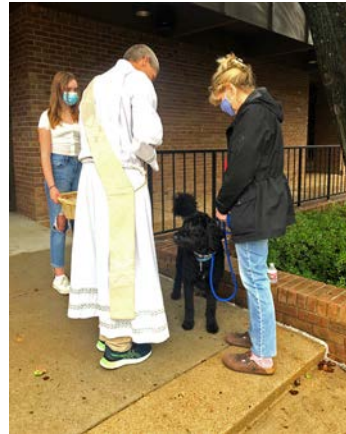
*Saturday, October 2nd*

*with Deacon John Hall*



*(Photos by Carolee Riley)*





# DEATHS



**Keith Kinkade**  
brother of  
Anne Thomisee

**Kazimaerz Guzik**  
father of  
Elzbieta Pawlowski

**Dick Kelley**

**Mac Smith**

**David Flynn**  
brother of  
O. C. Flynn  
and uncle of  
Gary Flynn &  
Lori Schaffhauser

**Mark Williams**

**Gary Jones**

**Warren Tichy**  
father of  
Amanda Brooks,  
and grandfather of  
Harrison & Waverly  
Brooks

**Jeanne Kreth**  
mother of  
Rick Kreth

**Shirley Barr**

## Church of Our Lady of the Holy Souls

(June - October 2021)

### MEMORIALS

**Stephen Garth Boccarossa**

by Patrick & Shirley Lane

**Sherry Wortsmith**

by Winifred Watkins

by Sandy & Gene Jones

by Susie & David Wardlaw

by Kathy & Ray Hightower

by Michael & Susan O'Malley

**All the deceased members of  
the Class of 1973**

by John & Janet Breen

**Bill Hylton**

by Rene Hote

by Stan & Betty Lockhart

by Gayle Priddy

by Marsha Hylton

by Martha & French Hill

**Ron Hoofman**

by Gayle Mawhinney

by Porter & Bill Puckett

by Janis Montgomery

by Mary P. Jones

**John E. Pauly**

by Dola T. Pauly

**Paul McManus**

by Lori Hoyt

by Billie & Skip Rutherford

by Martha & French Hill

by Rosalyn & Harry Hastings

by Rosalie & Lando Patton

by Bettye Patton Fussell

**Margaret McNeil**

by Karen & Paul Griffith

**Regina Dillion**

by Mary P. Jones

### HONORARIUMS

**Ben & Beverly Price**

by Mary P. Jones

*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.*



## PRAYER To OUR LADY OF CONFIDENCE

O Mary Immaculate, the precious name of Mother of Confidence, with which we honor thee, fills our hearts to overflowing with the sweetest consolation and moves us to hope for every blessing from thee. If such a title has been given to thee, it is a sure sign that no one has recourse to thee in vain. Accept, therefore, with a mother's love our devout homage, as we earnestly beseech thee to be gracious unto us in our every need. Above all so we pray thee to make us live in constant union with thee and thy divine Son, Jesus. With thee as our guide, we are certain that we shall ever walk in the right way; in such wise that it will be our happy lot to hear thee say on the last day of our life those words of comfort: "Come then, my good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Amen.

# UPDATE ON OUR HOLY SOULS SENIORS GROUP

by Pauline Jegley, President

*"You stop playing, because you grow old! -- You grow old, because you stop playing!"* This is an adage we have all heard, and we seniors believe it! Our sense of humor and gratefulness to God for our many blessings will keep us young in mind and spirit!

At our recent Octoberfest many of us were inspired to get up and dance to the lively music of Ed and Charlie! Smiles, foot tapping and hand clapping could be heard throughout the building.

Due to the Covid epidemic, our meetings were canceled. But we are now back on schedule with the regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on the second Monday of the month. Having been apart has only made our time together sweeter! After a short business meeting and lunch, we may have a guest speaker, music, a "How To" lesson, bingo or other games.

Day trips are arranged by a committee and members are notified by phone of the event. Our Supper Club will again meet on the last Saturday of the month. This, too, will be planned and members notified by phone of the details.

November found us looking forward to the December meeting! We will be entertained by our Kindergarten children. This event is the highlight of our year as we write letters from Santa to the Kindergarten children of Holy Souls School. If we are fortunate enough, old Santa Claus will also be present! The faces of our children always bring a smile to each face.

Next year we will bring many surprises! As always, we are willing to learn new things: Exploring the Spirituality in Art, A Spring Fling, Identity Theft, and Games are among our programs for the New Year.

We welcome all our new members: Alan, Lillie, John, Lisa, Mary Ann, and all others whose names I have forgotten (*my age*). Also welcome back to those of you who have been ill -- Bernice and Dinah are back after extended illnesses. Welcome!!

A special Thank You to Linda McFall as she lets us know of special services at Church and makes us aware of those who need special prayers.

A big thank you to our parish family and Father John for helping with lunches for our meetings and for allowing us to use the lovely facility for our group.

Again, we invite all of you fifty-five and older, to come to our meetings. We promise a warm welcome and a fun-filled day!

*See you there!*

# Seniors Group's Octoberfest Celebration



## 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.*



# Adoration Chapel



Our Lady of the Holy Souls invites you to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel. The Exposition Tabernacle will allow you to expose Jesus during your Adoration time and then repose (close) when you are finished.

The chapel will be open to all for daily Adoration during normal church office hours and weekends around Mass times. Parishioners who would like after-hour access can register with the church office for a key card.

This special Adoration opportunity is offered in addition to our weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which is offered every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. in the Church.

## Educating the Whole Child: Social-Emotional Learning at Holy Souls School

By Sam Coker, Director of Development

As a Catholic school, our mission has always been to teach more than just reading, writing and arithmetic to our students. Holy Souls School also instills a deeper faith and love of God in the children who pass through our doors.

Continuing in this effort to educate the whole child, in the last few years we have also put a renewed emphasis on developing our students' social and emotional well-being. What began as a simple push to "be kind" has flourished, setting Holy Souls apart as a school that is changing students' lives, so they can change the world. Our goal is that Holy Souls graduates love God, love themselves, and love their neighbor.

The disruption to normalcy that the pandemic has brought in the last 18 months is having a serious effect on our children. Around the country and right here at Holy Souls School, we see both mental health and social issues rising in kids. In an effort to help our students, the School is excited to introduce two new Social-Emotional Learning initiatives.

First, throughout this school year, we will be hosting Community Nights for our families focusing on critical issues facing kids today. In partnership with IndieFlix and the Holy Souls School PTO, these Community Nights will include special screenings of documentaries on important issues, followed by panel discussions to develop solutions we can implement as individuals, a family, and a school. The first Community Nights were held November 10th and 11th and the documentary "Angst" was shown. "Angst" focused on the secondary pandemic our community is facing today: anxiety. From the documentary and the discussions after, we are hopeful that parents left with the tools they need to help their children combat anxiety.





You are invited to join our next Community Nights:

- On January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be viewing and discussing “Like”, which focuses on social media usage and kids.
- On February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> “The Upstanders” will be shown, a film dedicated to eradicating bullying.

In addition to these family-building Community Nights, we are also researching bringing a new Social-Emotional Learning curriculum to our classrooms called Friendzy. This Bible-based curriculum offers important lessons to proactively reduce aggressive behavior, reduce stress, improve student’s focus, and equip them with healthy relationship skills. If we can secure the funding and bring Friendzy to Holy Souls, we know Friendzy’s vital life-lessons will change our school culture and our children for the better.

With these new Social-Emotional Learning initiatives, we look forward to continuing the long-standing Holy Souls tradition of going beyond just educating a child’s academic mind, but developing the whole person.



**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.

# Online Prayer Wall

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## POST A PRAYER

A blue line-art icon of two hands clasped in prayer, with rays of light emanating from the palms.

## SAY A PRAYER

Go to our website  
([www.holysouls.org](http://www.holysouls.org) - bulletin board)  
or our facebook page

*Visit  
the  
Holy Souls  
Website*

- Read this weekend's bulletin early
- Read Fr. John & Deacon John's Homilies
- 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](http://www.holysouls.org)**

## *Greetings from the Office of Faith Formation!*

*by Susej Thompson, Director of Faith Formation*

It's hard to believe that it's almost the holidays and that the new liturgical year began with the First Sunday of Advent on November 28<sup>th</sup>. In our RCIA program, someone recently asked why Advent and Lent are both represented by the color purple. The answer to this question is simple. These seasons are similar in that they are both to be observed with penance and preparation. In Lent, we focus more on penance than preparation and, in Advent, we focus more on preparation than penance. Did you know that some of the saints celebrated their second Lent during Advent and just focused on deep penance as a way to draw closer to Jesus in their self-denial? That may seem hard to imagine because, for most of us, Advent is traditionally a time of excitement and generosity with our friends and families. However, I think the saints may have been onto something in their time of Advent sacrifice.

This type of self-denial may seem a bit outdated, but I think the modern-day version of this is remembering the heart of the story of Christmas and what the universal themes that call us to carry out God's mission in the world. The Christmas story was a story of exile, poverty, insecurity, humble circumstances, and vulnerability. When we remember that there are still those who take the Holy Family's journey through those struggles and make Christmas time (and throughout the year) a season of denying ourselves and making sacrifices to give the suffering of our communities and the whole world all that was not given to the Holy Family – shelter, resources, support, protection, acceptance, and dignity during their times of need. By doing this we fulfill God's preferential option for the poor which means that, as we see many times in scripture, God presents himself as a God who hears the cry of the poor (Job 34:20-28), the refuge of the poor (Isaiah 25:4-5), and that the kingdom of God belongs to such (Luke 6:20-23). Knowing that Jesus' self-proclaimed mission was to bring good news to the poor and oppressed (Luke 4:16-21), it is our mission to minister to through the least of his people (Mt 25:34-40), not to delay giving to those in need (Sir. 4:1-10), to speak out in defense of the poor (Prov. 31:8-9), and to make our true worship to "work for justice and care for the poor and oppressed." (Isaiah 58:5-7)

We hope and pray that you and your family have a wonderful Advent season and here are some resources you can look up to help you make it a season of service and love for the world:

- Serve at local homeless shelters and support food drives throughout Advent.
- Set aside one donated food or household item each day in a box throughout Advent to donate to organizations who help the poor.
- Fast from one meal or treat a day and say special prayers for suffering people in the world.
- Contact Catholic Charities at the Diocese of Little Rock and see how you can support our Afghan refugees (664-0340).

- Look up the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and do as many as you can.
- Start a neighborhood food drive to support local families, food pantries, and/or contact a local school to see if they have a backpack feeding program you can support.
- Donate shoes, socks, underwear, and winter wear to local shelters.
- Participate in the Holy Souls Angel Tree giving program (for more information, contact Laura Humphries at the church office or email [lhumphries@holysouls.org](mailto:lhumphries@holysouls.org)).

## Youth Faith Formation (YFF)

We are almost halfway through our year and we have grown in faith and made many special memories. For those who don't know, Youth Faith Formation is our Sunday morning program that meets from 9:15-10:15 a.m. (between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses). As always, we have an amazing group of youth, incredible teachers, and supportive parents and that's what makes a great youth faith formation program. Here are some of our highlights:

### Alpha

This fall, our 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> graders who are going through confirmation participated in the first Youth Alpha series to seek a deeper encounter with the Holy Spirit. This 9-week series, facilitated by parishioner Thomas Lipham, focused on the big questions they might have about faith, learning how to talk to others about Jesus, and strengthening their relationship with Jesus, and included a one day retreat with Thomas, our kids, and members of our faith formation staff. One of the highlights of the day was participating in a "Gifts of the Spirit Scavenger Hunt" and praying over each candidate to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These youth, who do not attend Holy Souls school, also participate in our main confirmation with our school youth. In addition to the monthly confirmation family nights and other confirmation requirements, the youth recently met a major milestone by participating in the Rite of Inscription on October 24<sup>th</sup>, where they are presented to the Church and prayed over by the parish community. Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive this sacrament on February 12, 2022.

### All Saints Day Celebration

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual All Saints Celebration with our Sunday morning program and the kids did a great job of researching saints and teaching each other about their favorite saints. The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade kids ran a variety of games, like Pin the Rose in St. Terese's hand (like pin the tail on the donkey), 7 deadly sins pumpkin bowling, Musical Saints, and a saint scavenger hunt. We like to thank our kids, parents, and volunteers for being so invested in our YFF programs, and dedicating so much of their time to develop fun educational experiences for our youth. We hope that you will keep all of our YFF kids in your prayers.



**Jo An Burke  
and  
Presley Jackson**  
August 14, 2021

**Sara Schaffhauser  
and  
Michael Cash**  
September 18, 2021

**Katie Wilson  
and  
Ryan Rutherford**  
October 2, 2021

**Mariah Richardson  
and  
Mitchell Moore**  
October 16, 2021

**Kay Kay DeRossette  
and  
Trevor Cutler**  
November 20, 2021



## 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.

## Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Junior and Senior CYM have been meeting regularly since the beginning of school, let me tell you, we have had some fun this year! The meetings have filled the Benedict House with laughter, fun, and great conversations about faith. Both groups have continued to grow this with as many as 26 kids at a meeting! Obviously, we are so pleased with this increase, but we know that there are a LOT more young people at Holy Souls who need our programs. We invite you to join us by inviting every parent or youth you know to visit our youth program. In case you don't already know, our senior high youth ministry program meets every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. and the junior high youth ministry program meets once monthly. Stay tuned to the bulletin for those dates or email [abaka@holysouls.org](mailto:abaka@holysouls.org) for a calendar.

Another great development this year is the return of statewide diocesan events for youth that had to be suspended last year due to the pandemic. This fall, our Senior CYM group was able to attend the first one of the year, the Senior High Youth Rally, themed "Strengthen Each Other Through Hope" with guest speaker, Taylor Schroll, President of the evangelization and media ministry, Forte Catholic. The Junior CYM attended the Junior High Youth Rally on November 14th, themed "Rescued to Find Ourselves" with guest speaker Maggie Craig with Maggie Craig Ministries. Both events were very well attended, had great talks, opportunities for fellowship with youth from all over the state, and Mass with Fr. Jeff Hebert.



## Confirmation Kids at Rite of Inscription



Before you go, I'd like to make sure you know about two exciting developments in our fall program:

### Monthly CYM Mass

This fall, we have returned to having the last 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass every month designated as our CYM Mass. Youth cover all of the liturgical roles, including ushering, gift bearing, lecturing, and even help with music whenever possible. Youth do not have to attend CYM to be part of this. If your kids would like to help, call the church office and we will get them signed up.

### Altar Server Ministry

This may not be the area of the newsletter where you would expect to see information about altar server ministry, but we are pleased to announce that Andrew Baka, our youth minister, will be coordinating our altar server ministry this year and we are re-vamping our entire program. We are also planning some fun and faith-building events for our altar servers and will be providing a youth- group-styled program for them that we hope all of our kids want to be a part of from grade school through high school. It is our goal to have separate fellowship & social opportunities for different age groups and faith-building experiences that grow their devotion to the Mass and the Eucharist. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, feel free to contact Andrew.



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Church's

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# IN MEMORY OF YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

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

## CYM Fall Fundraiser

In October and November, you may have seen a special display in the church vestibule with an envelope fundraiser to support CYM and other Youth Faith Formation programs here at Holy Souls. Thanks to the generous support of our church family, over \$10,000 was raised in just a few weeks. If you didn't get a chance to give, we invite you to drop a donation by the church office or put it in the weekend collection basket and designate it for the CYM Envelope Fundraiser. Thank you!







## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Father, we pray that more young people will be generous in responding to your invitation to be priests, brothers and sisters. Teach them to follow in Jesus' footsteps by bringing the light of the Holy Spirit to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*



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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 Holy Souls Courtyard, weather permitting (otherwise inside church) or pray with our group in spirit at a time and place of your choosing.

## RCIA

RCIA has had 11 weeks of weekly meetings of various presenters from around our Diocese. So far, we have learned about Faith, Jesus, the Trinity, Mary and the Saints, and much more from amazing presenters like Fr. Taryn Whittington, Sr. Deborah Troillet, Deacon John Hartnedy, Fr. Patrick Friend, and - of course - our own pastor, Fr. John. On Veteran's Day we had a special visit and presentation from Bishop Anthony Taylor. Bishop Taylor spoke on the Shepherds of the Church and shared some of his faith journey stories with the group. We want to make all of our parish members know that they are both welcomed and encouraged to attend RCIA, no matter how long you have been Catholic and also to invite others to attend as well. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare the Rite of Welcoming in December.





# The Domestic Church

Watch for the family Advent Wreath making kits on the Domestic Church table in the vestibule. We welcome families to email pictures of their Advent Wreaths and/or traditions to be displayed on our social media platforms during Advent. Please email them to [sminster@holysouls.org](mailto:sminster@holysouls.org)

We also want to remind you that we have a new children's Mass bulletin and crayons available every week on the table that you are free to pick up for your children to use during Mass or take home.

Happy Fall, y'all and we pray that you have a blessed Advent!

*Send us pictures of the Advent  
Wreath in your Domestic Church!*



The Holy Souls Faith Formation Team would like to see how you celebrate Advent in your home, email us pictures of your Advent Wreath for us to display on our Domestic Church Table through the Advent season. If you don't have an Advent Wreath we will be putting out Wreath making kits for you to take home and make with your family. (Please limit one per family.)

Email photos to: [sminster@holysouls.org](mailto:sminster@holysouls.org)

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Become a part of a great charitable organization and make a difference not only in your life, but in the lives in your parish and community by giving back. Please call Pete Stabnick at 663-2032 for more information on Knights of Columbus Council 812.



Join the  
Holy Souls  
Young  
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## It's Not About Us

It's about what the Holy Spirit can do through us.

It's about the mothers and fathers who tell us how much it meant to them to be able to dress their babies with honor and dignity. It's about the family members who attend the Wave of Light Ceremony every October 15th and realize they are not the only members of a club that none of them asked to join. It's about our volunteers across the United States who pray over the layettes and hats they sew and knit. It's a million different things, but it's not about us.

It's about the Holy Souls PTO and students who raised \$1,859.05 for our ministry. The students paid to have a Casual Day on campus, and the PTO gave Holy Sews the money raised to help buy fabric, teddy bears, ribbon and all the supplies needed to complete a layette.

It's about the Kerr Foundation in Oklahoma City awarding a \$3,000 grant to Holy Sews to help expand our delivery of layettes to hospitals across Oklahoma. It's about the Foundation recognizing and supporting our mission of serving as God's hands in the world.

It's about a night in October where loved ones come together to remember their babies born too soon and share in a beautiful program that helps them to know they are not alone. It's about a searchlight that illuminates the sky above the State Capitol in memory of children loved and lost, carried to Heaven before we could know them, but forever known as precious children of God.

It's about honor, dignity and compassion, but it's not about us. It's about what the Holy Spirit can do, working through our hearts and hands...it's about The Spirit.



*To conclude the annual Wave of Light Ceremony on October 15, 2021, a searchlight illuminated the night sky over the State Capitol in memory of all the babies born too soon.*



*A check for \$1,859.05, collected for a Casual Day event, was presented to Sarah Alexander, Holy Sews Development Director, by the PTO and Holy Souls School students and parents.*

# Thank You, Blood Donors!

Holy Souls Parish appreciates our wonderful Blood Donors whose donations at our last two Arkansas Blood Institute Blood Drives saved up to 111 lives!!! On Sunday, September 5th, 21 parishioners and friends donated blood, and then on Sunday, November 17, 16 people donated blood at Holy Souls. Please consider becoming a blood donor in 2022! 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 2022!



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May 15

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September 4

November 6



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## REGISTRATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Registration for new members is completed in the church office or online by visiting our web page, [www.holysouls.org](http://www.holysouls.org). Please contact the church office or go online at [www.holysouls.org](http://www.holysouls.org) if you have moved, changed your telephone number or email. When parishioners reach 18 years of age, they should register separately from their family.

## RCIA

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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30pm and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:00pm or call the church office for an appointment.

## BAPTISM

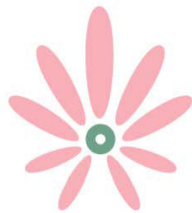
Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis. Please call the church office for more information.

## 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.



walking with purpose

*Adult Women's Study*

Walking With Purpose will start a new 9-week study in January. In *Beholding Your King*, we'll dive deeper into the Old Testament with King David, select psalms, the temple, and many prophets and see the ways in which they all point to the coming King of Kings, Jesus Christ.

Starts January 12th through March 16th:  
Wednesday Evening, In-Person 6-7:30pm\*  
Thursday Morning, In-Person, 8:30-10am  
Thursday Morning, Virtual, 9-10am  
\*For fully vaccinated women

Register at [www.holysouls.org](http://www.holysouls.org) until December 27th  
Beholding Your King (Spring Study) \$20

If you would like to apply for a scholarship to cover the cost of the study, please email [wwp@holysouls.org](mailto:wwp@holysouls.org)  
Participants from the fall who ordered both books, do not need to register again.



## Mass Schedule

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

No 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

or

8:15 a.m. School Mass  
(when School is open)

### SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. - Mass

(only on 1st Saturday  
of month)

4:00 p.m. - (Anticipated  
Mass)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays

4:30 - 5:00 p.m.;

Saturday Afternoon

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

by appointment by

calling the Church Office

## Parish Office Hours

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

# Sign Up for Flock Notes

We have a lot of amazing things going on here at Holy Souls. It's hard to keep up with such a busy schedule, so we've adopted a new and improved way to communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the parish information you want or need from us! It's powered by a service called Flocknote. Like sending a "note" to your "flock", Flocknote. This is free for you to use; you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. You can receive email or text messages from only the groups and ministries that you choose. Other things we will use this communication for are things like inclement weather announcements, cancellations, and upcoming events. See below how to sign up!

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