



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Offices:

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Blessed Sacrament
(Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church)

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office@catholicjonesboro.com

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870-932-2529

Regular Office Hours:

Monday–Friday
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Children's & Youth Ministry:

PreK—12 Grade
www.catholicjonesborocym.com

Blessed Sacrament School:

PreK—6th Grade
1105 E. Highland Drive
870-932-3684 Phone
870-932-3613 Fax
www.catholicjonesboroschool.com

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry:

324 W. Huntington Avenue
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.
870-938-1502

Motherhood Ministry:

324 W. Huntington Avenue
Wednesday 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus

Council 1702
1103 E. Highland Drive
Arturo Gonzalez, Grand Knight
870-278-2955

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." *Matthew 13:44*

The Hidden Treasure by James Tissot, circa 1890-1894
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PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Scott Friend, Pastor

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Fr. Alex Smith, Associate Pastor

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501-288-3664, 501-522-9482 or 501-687-7299

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 31 - Mass 8:15 a.m. Eugene & Ann Huss by Dc. Marty & Betsy Huss	†
Tuesday, August 1 - Mass 5:30 p.m. Int. of the Saracini Family by Their Family	
Wednesday, August 2 - Mass 7:00 a.m. Yvonne Hamilton by Dc. Marty & Betsy Huss	†
6:30 p.m. Daniel Thrasher by Mercy Thrasher & Family	†
Thursday, August 3 - Mass 5:30 p.m. Joe & Carolyn Nolan by The Simpson Family	†
Friday, August 4 - Mass 7:00 a.m. Marsha Uhlenhop by Bob Uhlenhop	†
6:30 p.m. Dorothy Brodell	†
Saturday, August 5 - Mass 8:00 a.m. Mass for Parishioners	
4:30 p.m. Bernard & Eleanor Messersmith by The Sustich Family	†
Sunday, August 6 - Mass 8:00 a.m. Daniel Thrasher by Mercy Thrasher & Family	†
10:00 a.m. Carl Vaupel by Joy Vaupel	†
12:00 p.m. Int. of Dc. Ramon & Rosa Ramirez by Betsy Wiederkehr Huss	
6:30 p.m. Mass for Parishioners	
Confessions: Saturdays 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or by appointment, 870-932-2529.	

MARRIAGE GUIDELINES

Those considering marriage need to notify the parish priest or deacon of their intention to marry at least six months prior to their intended wedding date. Wedding dates will be finalized only after consultation with the priest or deacon. Attendance of an approved marriage preparation program is required. Please call the parish office, 932-2529 for further information.



PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.


Monday <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i> 8:45 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration 8:15 a.m. Mass 5:15 p.m. Rosary	July 31
Tuesday <i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i> 7:30 a.m.— 5:30 p.m. Adoration 5:30 p.m. Mass	August 1
Wednesday <i>Ss. Eusebius of Vercelli</i> 7:30 a.m.— 6:30 p.m. Adoration 7:00 a.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass	August 2
Thursday 7:30 a.m.— 5:30 p.m. Adoration 5:30 p.m. Mass	August 3
Friday <i>St. John Vianney</i> 7:30 a.m.—6:30 p.m. Adoration 7:00 a.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass	August 4
Saturday <i>Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major</i> 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Confessions 3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass	August 5
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass 12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass	August 6

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Prior to the Baptism of a child, parents are to meet with Msgr. Friend, Fr. Raj, or Fr. Alex. After the parents have met with one of the Priests, parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Class. For more information and/or to set up a meeting with one of the priests please contact the parish office at (870) 932-2529.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK JULY 30, 2023

Sunday	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52
Monday	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Lv 25:1, 8-17 Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9



The Rosary Guild would like to invite everyone who is interested in learning how to make rosaries to join us for a free class.

Classes meet on the first Monday of each month at 3:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

If interested please contact
Louis Intres
(870) 273-9446



St. Vincent de Paul
324 W. Huntington
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Ministry Update

For those in our community in need of assistance (rent or utility), volunteers are available each Tuesday at 9:00 am.

During the past week we were able to help the following:

Utility assistance for 9 families
Rental assistance for 6 families

Priority is given to members of our parish family.

We thank you for answering our prayers and ask for your continued support!

God Bless you all!!

Motherhood Ministry

324 W Huntington

Each Wednesday
9:30 am - 1:00 pm
volunteers assist
those in need.

Expectant mothers
may obtain free
maternity clothes
as well as free
clothing for children.

For more information please
contact Carolyn Schilly
870-930-8375



Children's & Youth Ministry Classes

Catholic Youth Ministry will offer religious education for the 2023-2024 school year for grades Pre-K to Senior High School. All classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 pm beginning September 6th, 2023.

For children in 2nd grade, the classes will include sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. For the children enrolled in Senior High School, classes will include sacramental preparation for Confirmation. Please contact the Parish Office to register.



Children's & Youth Ministry

TEACHERS NEEDED

Classes for the 2023-2024 religious school year will begin in September. We have a need for teachers in the various grade levels. Teachers will be equipped with a teacher's guide and other aids to help our children learn how to grow in friendship with God and leading a moral life with piety.

Please call Jim McDonald or Ann Vazquez at the Parish Office or stop by to get more information to help our children get on the path to heaven.

Part time opportunities available at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

CAFETERIA ASSISTANT is 15 hours per week 10a-1p.

AFTER CARE AIDE is 15 hours per week 2:30p-5:30p.

Qualified candidates will be:

Energetic and enjoy working with children;
Possess strong communication and organizational skills.

Ability to manage groups of students in grades PreK 3-6th grade is essential.

Interested candidates, please email
principal@catholicjonesboroschool.com.



Backpack Blessing!

AT MASSES AUGUST 12 & 13

BSCS and parishioner students & teachers, bring your empty backpack to Mass and receive a special blessing after Communion for a safe & healthy school year! School begins Tuesday, August 15.



Pregnant and in need of help?

Call (870) 926-8377
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A support ministry for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church parishioners

Volunteers needed

Help is needed for preparation, food service, and clean-up on Wednesdays during the Parish Faith Formation 2023-2024 School Year.

Wednesday, September 6th a new Parish Faith Formation program will begin for the whole Parish! Changes have been made in order to improve the quality of faith formation of the children attending class as well as increase Parish involvement. We ask everyone to gather for a Parish Wide Dinner at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All children & youth (Pre-K to Year 2 Confirmation) will begin their program at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall and School. All adults will proceed to the Church for a Holy Hour from 6:15-7:15 pm with Adoration and Benediction.

*RCIA, RCIC, and Sacrament Formation for older children and youth who have not made their First Communion will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning September 5th.



Prayer List

Please pray for the special intentions of parishioners, especially those homebound or hospitalized.

Martha Stafford, Albert Frankenberger, John Preston Marthey, Tony Hess, Tom Gschwend, Ken Leick, Mary Rojaro, Jim Griffin & Family, Betty Baltz, Mary Ferguson, Julie Taylor, Barbara Gschwend, John Williams, Mike Ville, Angelia Blevins, Dave & Debbie Marthey, Rick & Kathy Hudson, Harold, Susan & Taylor Perrin, Joan Culanag, Danny Parker, Andy Sanders, Ann Schaaf, Carolyn Boling, Glenna Throesch, Tara Banks, Doug Stapleton, Anna Maiorana, Todd Hamilton, Frank Kremers, Jody Amick, Maggie Kickneite, Zita Winemiller, Mike & Becky Davis, Matthew Boswell, Dorothy Smith, Jim & Paulette Horman, Genie Davis, Peggy George, Peter Stevenson, Rita Puryear, Bill & Millie Kueter, James Adams, Daniel & Charlie Cline, Nancy Stillman, Don Nguyen, Mike Massanelli, Hank Pfriemer, and all COVID sufferers.



Helping Neighbors Food Pantry
has received



of food from our parish this week.

Thank you!



Have you recently had a baby, or do you know of a parishioner who has?

Please call the Parish Office 870-932-2529 so we can provide the family with a New Baby Dinner.



Taste of Faith

Benefitting Seminarian Education

All are invited to attend this in-person dinner on Saturday, Aug. 5th at 6:30 pm at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock

Reservations Required
Call Dianne Brady at (501) 664-0340 ext. 391 to reserve seats or a table.

For more information or to donate, visit tasteoffaith.org

MOTHERHOOD MINISTRY'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE

With the new school year quickly approaching, our ministry is in desperate need of boy's gently used tennis shoes in children's sizes 12-13. We are also accepting men's sizes 8-10.



Shoes can be left in the Motherhood cradle located in the Narthex or brought to Motherhood Ministry on Wednesdays between 9:00am-1:00pm at 324 W. Huntington.

We greatly appreciate all the donations received from the parish in the past and hope you can help us again with this shoe drive.

Mass Intentions may be offered for the Repose of the Soul of a deceased loved one, for healing, a special occasion or a special intention for yourself, a family member or friend. Please contact the office for available date.

A \$10 Stipend is customary for each Mass.



Mass Intentions

Memorial Flowers



If you would like to sponsor our weekly altar flowers in memory of or to honor a loved one, please contact the parish office.

Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

What is the Rite?

The process by which adults come into the Catholic Church has come to be known as "RCIA," or "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults." RCIA is a faith journey for those desiring to enter the Catholic Church or for those who wish to complete their initiation into the Church.

The RCIA Formation Process is for:

Those Who Are Unbaptized

Adults who need a process to help them grow in awareness to God's call to conversion as well as ways to respond to that call, the R.C.I.A. gradually uncovers the story of God's salvation for all; the mystery of Jesus's life, death and resurrection; and the workings of the Holy Spirit as revealed in the beliefs, sacramental life, and spiritual practices of the Catholic Church. Those who enter the Rite are called catechumens. The process of Christian initiation or RCIA) prepares you to enter into the Catholic Church by celebrating what are called the sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist (or Holy Communion).

Christians Baptized in Another Christian Church

Those catechized and un-catechized persons who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. Those Christians who desire to be in full communion with the Catholic Church are called candidates. If you were already baptized in another Christian tradition, the initiation process prepares you to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church by celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist (or Holy Communion).

Baptized but Un-Catechized Catholic Adults

Persons who were baptized as infants and not given any religious upbringing within the Catholic Tradition. These adults will be prepared to celebrate the sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist. They are also considered candidates.

For more information, please contact Jim at the Blessed Sacrament Parish office at (870)932-2529

HELP OUR MARRIAGE.ORG

Are you facing difficult challenges in your marriage relationship? Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Primarily, it is a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.

Next weekend will be
at St. John's Center
in Little Rock
September 22-24, 2023



To register: www.helpourmarriage.org
For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or
contact the Family Life Office at 501-664-0340.

CALLING ALL SINGLE CATHOLICS!

AUGUST 25 - 27, 2023

Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 22nd National Conference for Single Catholics at St. John's Resort, in Plymouth, MI or participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions. This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles (of all ages). The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship and more. (If attending in-person, use the promo code (PARISH23) when you register to get \$50 off! (Discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code.) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can't find your questions answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

Single

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
is accepting nominations for
the 2023 Longest Married
Couple (couple does not need
to be Catholic).

Submit the couple's name, location, and
wedding date, along with the nominator's
name, phone number and email address.
Winners will be recognized in each state,
as well as an overall national winner.



To nominate, email
paul.robin.ring@wwme.org
or call 321-544-3440

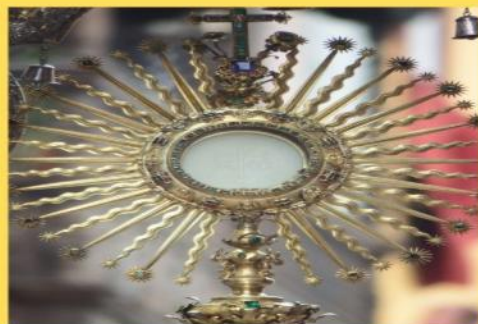
**worldwide
marriage
encounter**



Sodality of the Rosary of the Blessed Mother

Meets every Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the
church for recitation of the Rosary.

Join us for half an hour to say the Holy
Rosary of the Blessed Mother and learn
of the fifteen promises of the Rosary
given to us by our Blessed Mother.



Adorers Needed

Jesus waits for
YOU!

Adoration is open
Monday-Friday.
To sign up for a
Holy Hour, call

Inez Ray
(870) 273-6535
or
Luisa Aquino
(870) 761-0909.



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed
to protecting Children, Youth, & Adults at risk.

If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by
clerics, Church volunteers or Church workers, please
contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes
against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor
for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover,
501-664-0340, ext 361.

For pastoral assistance, please contact:
Diocese of Little Rock Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Laura Gottspomer, 501-664-0340, ext. 425.

Diocesan is proud to now be printing *Blessed Sacrament's Sunday Bulletin*

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