



## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Offices:

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### Facebook:

Blessed Sacrament  
(Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church)

### Email:

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870-932-2529

### Regular Office Hours:

Monday–Friday  
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

### Children's & Youth Ministry:

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[www.catholicjonesborocym.com](http://www.catholicjonesborocym.com)

### Blessed Sacrament School:

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[www.catholicjonesboroschool.com](http://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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
*in Ordinary Time*



*And behold, a  
Canaanite woman of that  
district came and called  
out, "Have pity on me,  
Lord, Son of David! My  
daughter is tormented by  
a demon."*

Matthew 15:22

## PARISH STAFF

**Msgr. Scott Friend, Pastor**

**Fr. Raj Nalazala, Associate Pastor**

**Fr. Alex Smith, Associate Pastor**

**Dcn. Ramon Ramirez, Pastoral Associate  
of Hispanic Ministry**

**Dcn. Martin Huss, Baptism Classes**

**Lisa Golden, Facilities Manager**

**Jennifer Long, Administrative Assistant**

**Molli Beaverstock, Bookkeeper**

**James McDonald, Director of Faith**

**Formation & Youth Ministry**

**Ann Vazquez, Assistant Director of Faith**

**Formation & Youth Ministry**

**Carol Windle, Music Director**

**Mary Kay Jones, School Principal**

**Robert Jones, R.C.I.A.**

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*For sacramental assistance when the Parish Office is closed, please call:*

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

### MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 21 - Mass  
8:15 a.m. Jerry Saracini +  
by Barbara Bradley

Tuesday, August 22 - Mass  
5:30 p.m. Mass for Parishioners

Wednesday, August 23 - Mass  
7:00 a.m. Int. of Vicenta Teel  
by Her Family  
6:30 p.m. Mass for Parishioners

Thursday, August 24 - Mass  
9:00 a.m. Healing of Chris Davis  
by His Family  
5:30 p.m. Bernard & Eleanor Messersmith +  
by The Sustich Family

Friday, August 25 - Mass  
8:15 a.m. Jerry Saracini +  
by Barbara Bradley  
6:30 p.m. Mass for Parishioners

Saturday, August 26 - Mass  
8:00 a.m. Teresa Teel +  
by Tyson & Vicenta Teel  
4:30 p.m. Vicente Jocson +  
by Tyson & Vicenta Teel

Sunday, August 27 - Mass  
8:00 a.m. Int. of the Saracini Family  
by Their Family  
10:00 a.m. Ase Denna +  
by Mercy Thrasher  
12:00 p.m. Mass for Parishioners  
6:30 p.m. Mass for Parishioners

Confessions: Saturdays 8:30 a.m. and  
3:00 p.m. or by appointment,

### PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday August 21  
*St. Pius X*  
8:45 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration  
8:15 a.m. Mass  
5:15 p.m. Rosary

Tuesday August 22  
*Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
7:30 a.m.— 5:30 p.m. Adoration  
5:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday August 23  
*St. Rose of Lima*  
7:30 a.m.— 6:30 p.m. Adoration  
7:00 a.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Thursday August 24  
*St. Bartholomew*  
7:30 a.m.— 5:30 p.m. Adoration  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
5:30 p.m. Mass

Friday August 25  
*Ss. Louis & Joseph Calasanz*  
7:30 a.m.—6:30 p.m. Adoration  
8:15 a.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Saturday August 26  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Confessions  
3:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday August 27  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
10:00 a.m. Mass  
12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass  
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 20, 2023

Sunday Is 56:1, 6-7  
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32  
Mt 15:21-28

Monday Jgs 2:11-19  
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Jgs 6:11-24a  
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Jgs 9:6-15  
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Rv 21:9b-14  
Jn 1:45-51

Friday Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22  
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17  
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday Is 22:19-23  
Rom 11:33-36  
Mt 16:13-20

### 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.



### 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.

### SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL



### Special Collection August 19/20

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).





**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 6 families  
Rental assistance for 5 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!!**



## 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.**

## 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



**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 5:00 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.



**Pregnant and in need of help?**

**Call (870) 926-8377**  
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## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH ♦♦ 10:00 AM**  
**IN THE CHURCH**

**ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED FIRST COMMUNION ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT MINISTRY.**

PIZZA LUNCH PROVIDED IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER TRAINING.

This week's altar flowers  
are provided in  
memory of  
Jose Resendiz  
by his Family.





## Prayer List

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

Chris Davis, 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, Todd Hamilton, 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!**

## Friends of the Poor Walk

It is time for our annual Friends of the Poor Walk once again! St. Vincent de Paul members invite you to join us on September 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in the BSCC parking lot...walkers, strollers, pets on leashes, ALL are welcome!

**Janice Massey - Walk Coordinator**

Sign up sheets will be available at all Masses or by contacting Janice Massey 870-974-2211.  
A \$25 donation will include a free t-shirt.



## Tea Room

Love Baking, canning, or crafting? The Fall Festival's Tea Room welcomes your contribution! Please consider donating a delicious treat, homemade canned item, lovely craft, or your time to keep one of the sweetest parts of our Parish's annual tradition thriving.

For more information, please contact  
Maria DiGaetano (870) 919-4603 or  
Victoria Wolken (870) 219-2650.



## Fall Festival Silent Auction

If you would like to donate new items for Silent Auction or make a cash donation, please contact

Tamara Roberson (870) 761-2666  
Mary Tucker (870) 919-1350  
Tamara Jansen (870) 219-8236  
Donna Fincher (870) 930-6457 or  
Sara Beth Cook (870) 897-3279  
to make arrangements.

Cash donations may also be dropped off at the Parish Office in the drop box. *(Please mark envelope as Fall Festival Silent Auction)*

## 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.





### 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](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)  
For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or  
contact the Family Life Office at 501-664-0340.



### \*\* Job Opening \*\*

#### DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

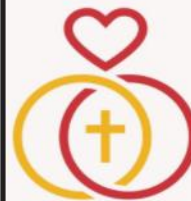
St. John Newman University Parish seeks a **Director of Catholic Campus Ministry** to lead, manage, & sustain an active campus ministry at Arkansas State University which includes planning & implementing worship, gatherings & retreats as well as assisting w/annual fundraising. This position offers flexible 40-hour week with competitive pay and benefits.

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For more information or to apply, contact  
**Liz Tingquist, Diocesan Director of Catholic Campus Ministry** at [ltingquist@dolr.org](mailto:ltingquist@dolr.org)

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.



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or call 321-544-3440

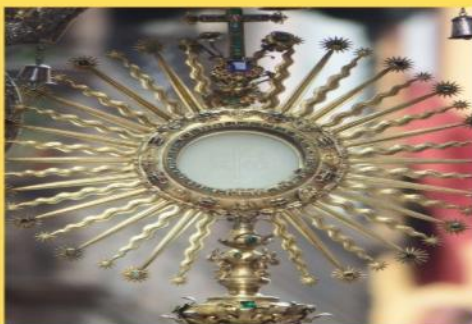
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### Sodality of the Rosary of the Blessed Mother

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.



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