



## PARISH INFORMATION

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### Facebook:

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(Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church)

### Email:

[office@catholicjonesboro.com](mailto:office@catholicjonesboro.com)

### Phone:

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

### Blessed Sacrament School:

PreK—6th Grade  
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870-932-3684 Phone  
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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

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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 7 - Mass 8:15 a.m. Bobby Puryear by His Family	†
Tuesday, August 8 - Mass 5:30 p.m. George Dillin by Derek George	†
Wednesday, August 9 - Mass 7:00 a.m. Sherry Howard by Her Family 6:30 p.m. Int. of Yelba Stevenson by Betsy Wiederkehr Huss	†
Thursday, August 10 - Mass 5:30 p.m. Kathy Doody by Alice Johnson	†
Friday, August 11 - Mass 7:00 a.m. Int. of Michaela Huss by Betsy Wiederkehr Huss 6:30 p.m. Mass for Parishioners	
Saturday, August 12 - Mass 8:00 a.m. Int. of the Saracini Family by Their Family 4:30 p.m. Margaret Hall by Bonnie Willett-Goad	†
Sunday, August 13 - Mass 8:00 a.m. Paul Black by Carolyn Black	†
10:00 a.m. Jerry Saracini by Heath & Jennifer Long	†
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,  
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. Sixtus II</i> 8:45 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration 8:15 a.m. Mass 5:15 p.m. Rosary	August 7
Tuesday <i>St. Dominic</i> 7:30 a.m.— 5:30 p.m. Adoration 5:30 p.m. Mass	August 8
Wednesday <i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i> 7:30 a.m.— 6:30 p.m. Adoration 7:00 a.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass	August 9
Thursday <i>St. Lawrence</i> 7:30 a.m.— 5:30 p.m. Adoration 5:30 p.m. Mass	August 10
Friday <i>St. Clare</i> 7:30 a.m.—6:30 p.m. Adoration 7:00 a.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass	August 11
Saturday <i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i> 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Confessions 3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass	August 12
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass 12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass	August 13

### 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 AUGUST 6, 2023

Sunday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9
Monday	Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday	Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26
Friday	Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

This week's altar flowers  
are provided in  
memory of  
Jana Garcia  
by the Gospel Girls.







**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 5 families  
Rental assistance for 4 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 5:00 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.





## 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!**

## Black Bag Donations

August 12th and 13th



Dear Fellow Parishioners, St. Vincent de Paul members will be collecting money after each Mass this weekend.

Please be generous to our low income brothers and sisters here in our community. Checks are gladly accepted.

Thank you for your kind & generous donations!

# 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](http://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.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE - August 12/13

	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	John Stiles Aidan Jackson Kamila De Los Santos	Nate Barajas Wyatt Cook Drew Gabe	Sabrina Cruz Lesia Knuckles Emma Knuckles
<b>Lectors:</b>	Louis Intres	Mary Kay Jones	Carol Kraus
<b>EMHC:</b>	Amy Clancy Briane Trevathan (C) Molli Beaverstock (C) Cindy Cole (NC)	Jonette Daffron Bryce Cook (C) Jane Sneed (C)	Tamara Jansen (F) Lorna Douglas (FC) Hannah Douglas (FC) Ann Vazquez (NC)
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ralph Massanelli Donald Schmidt Joe Butler Frank Springile	Robert Jones Scott Roberson Mark McCord Marianna Nonis	Ed Kremers Todd Fleer Daniel Cruz Spencer Douglas

F=Front, FC=Front Cup, NChr=Narthex/Choir, NC=Narthex Cup)



### 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.

### 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](http://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](mailto:paul.robin.ring@wwme.org)  
or call 321-544-3440

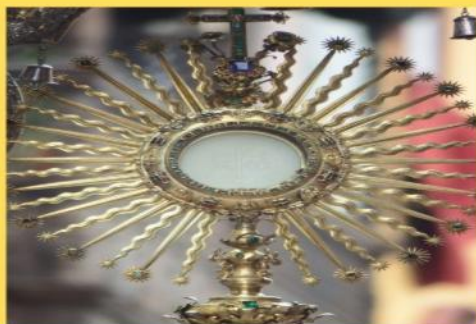
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### Sodality of the Rosary of the Blessed Mother

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 Gottsoner, 501-664-0340, ext. 425.



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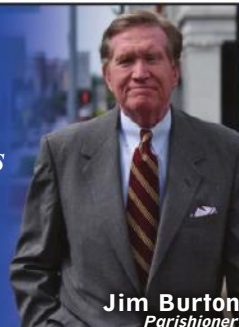
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