



## PARISH INFORMATION

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(Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church)

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[office@catholicjonesboro.com](mailto: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](http://www.catholicjonesborocym.com)

**Blessed Sacrament School:**

PreK—6th Grade

1105 E. Highland Drive

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**

Council 1702

1103 E. Highland Drive

Arturo Gonzalez, Grand Knight

870-278-2955

# BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

*Matthew 18:32–33*

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant by Claude Vignon, 1629  
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## PARISH STAFF

**Msgr. Scott Friend, Pastor**

**Fr. Raj Nalazala, Associate Pastor**

**Fr. Alex Smith, Associate Pastor**

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of Hispanic Ministry**

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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, September 18 - Mass 8:15 a.m. Marilyn Muniz by Inez Ray	†
Tuesday, September 19 - Mass 5:30 p.m. Edward Dunlap Jr. by Steve Hecht	†
Wednesday, September 20 - Mass 7:00 a.m. Int. of the Saracini Family by Their Family	
Thursday, September 21 - Mass 9:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory	†
5:30 p.m. Anna Dunlap by Steve Hecht	†
Friday, September 22 - Mass 8:15 a.m. Mike & Adele Massanelli Sr. by Mike & Helen Massanelli	†
6:30 p.m. Flavio Martin Ostos Carhuachin	†
by His Family	
Saturday, September 23 - Mass 8:00 a.m. Jerry Saracini by Barbara Bradley	†
4:30 p.m. Int. of the Saracini Family by Their Family	
Sunday, September 24 - Mass 8:00 a.m. Dennis Penter by Doris Penter	†
10:00 a.m. Special Intention by Mercy Thrasher	
12:00 p.m. Mass for Parishioners	
6:30 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory	†

Confessions: Saturdays 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.  
or by appointment, 870-932-2529.

### PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday	September 18
8:45 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration	
8:15 a.m. Mass	
5:15 p.m. Rosary	
Tuesday	September 19
<i>St. Januarius</i>	
7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Adoration	
5:30 p.m. Mass	
Wednesday	September 20
<i>Ss. Andrew Taegon, Paul Chong, &amp; Companions</i>	
7:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Adoration	
7:00 a.m. Mass	
6:15 p.m. Parish Adoration & Benediction	
Thursday	September 21
<i>St. Matthew</i>	
7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Adoration	
9:00 a.m. Mass	
5:30 p.m. Mass	
Friday	September 22
7:30 a.m.—6:30 p.m. Adoration	
8:15 a.m. Mass	
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass	
Saturday	September 23
<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	
8:00 a.m. Mass	
8:30 a.m. Confessions	
3:00 p.m. Confessions	
4:30 p.m. Mass	
Sunday	September 24
8:00 a.m. Mass	
10:00 a.m. Mass	
12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass	
3:00 p.m. Filipino Mass	
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass	

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Sunday	Sir 27:30-28:7 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35
Monday	1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	1 Tm 3:1-13 Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	1 Tm 3:14-16 Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

### 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.

This week's altar flowers  
are provided in  
Memory of  
Rosa Lucilla Ascurra.







**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 3 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.**

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 for more information.

## Catechetical Sunday September 17th



**STAY WITH US**

This is a day where we recognize those who serve as catechists and share their faith in Christ. There will be a special collection to support the ministries of faith formation and evangelization. Half of the collection stays in the parish. The rest goes to support faith formation throughout the diocese.

## 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



## Monthly Family Lunch

Your Knights of Columbus Council 1702 will be hosting a monthly family lunch on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

\$5 per plate or \$30 per family (Pay at the door)  
11:15 am - 12:30 pm  
Knights of Columbus Hall

September 17, 2023

Chicken Alfredo, Salad & Garlic Bread

Kids Meal: Pasta w/red sauce



## FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD**  
**AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**  
**1107 E HIGHLAND DRIVE, JONESBORO**

**REGISTRATION: 8:30 AM** **WALK BEGINS: 9:00 AM**

**FREE TO WALK, BUT DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED! ALL DONATIONS BENEFIT THE POOR OF NORTHEAST ARKANSAS!**



**Pregnant and  
in need of help?**

**Call (870) 926-8377**  
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## SINGERS! MUSICIANS!

English choir practice will begin on  
Sunday, September 17th at 4:00 pm in the  
choir loft practice room.  
4th grade and up are invited. All Youth under 16 must  
be signed in and out of the choir loft.

For more information please contact  
Carol Windle (870) 819-7092





## Prayer List

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

David Wolters, Miller Clarke Vickers, Al & Barbara Langlois, Linda Pelkey, Carol Ward, 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, Debbie Marthey, Rick & Kathy Hudson, 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 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.**



## FALL FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH



**PRESALE ONLINE:**  
Boston Butts (\$40),  
Tamales (\$20), & BBQ  
Sandwich Meals (\$8)  
**Deadline to order:**  
October 1st

Scan QR Code or visit  
[catholicjonesboro.com/events](https://catholicjonesboro.com/events)  
to place orders and for more  
information about festivities  
and online silent auction.

**FRIDAY, Oct 6th**  
BBQ Sandwich Meals  
(inc. sandwich, chips,  
drink, cole slaw) for sale  
\$8/meal from 10:30am  
-7:00pm (Sandwich  
only - \$6)  
**\*\*Free delivery for  
orders of 20 or more\*\***

Boston Butt & Tamales  
Pick-Up 4:00-7:00 pm

**SATURDAY, Oct 7th**  
Pony Rides/Petting  
Zoo - Hispanic &  
Filipino foods -  
Carnival - Inflatables  
- 50/50 Raffle -  
Silent Auction - BBQ  
- Cotton Candy -  
Entertainment - Tea  
Room - Shuttle Bus  
available all day

### ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

<https://casbid.com/info/bscc>

**Register Now!!**

Bidding opens October  
1st at 8:00 AM & ends  
October 8th at 10:00 PM.  
Pick Up time will be  
Saturday, October 14th  
from 10:00 am-12:00 pm



## 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)



## Come & See Retreat

with the  
Olivetian Benedictine Sisters

Holy Angels Convent  
Jonesboro, Arkansas

October 21-22, 2023

For information, contact:

Sr. Cecilia Nguyen, OSB  
Vocation Directress  
vocations@olivben.org  
870-450-0341



## Day of Prayer & Healing Retreat

*You are not alone. There is hope. Healing is possible.*

Project Rachel is hosting a one-day, retreat for women who have been wounded by abortion on Saturday, September 23rd in the Texarkana area from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (The exact location is only disclosed to participants.) This retreat offers a safe, confidential, non-judgmental space for women to begin or continue their journey to hope and healing.

Call or text our confidential phone line 501-663-0996 for more information or to register.

**Please contact Project Rachel. We Care. We understand.**

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.



### 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.



### 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 Gottsponer, 501-664-0340, ext. 425.



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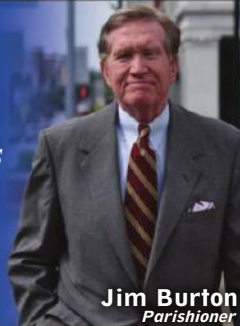
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