



PARISH INFORMATION

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Jonesboro, AR 72401

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Blessed Sacrament
(Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church)

Email:

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

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.

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For sacramental assistance when the Parish Office is closed please call:
479-763-5070 or 501-687-7299

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26 – No Mass

Tuesday, December 27 - No Mass

Wednesday, December 28 - No Mass

Thursday, December 29 - No Mass

Friday, December 30 - Mass
 7:00 a.m. No Mass
 6:30 p.m. Fr. Ernie Hardesty +
 by His Family

Saturday, December 31 - Mass
 Public & Livestreamed Mass
 8:00 a.m. Faye Siebert +
 by Bonnie Willett-Goad
 4:30 p.m. Joe & Carolyn Nolan +
 by The Simpson Family

Sunday, January 1 - Mass
 8:00 a.m. Faye Siebert +
 by Tamara Jansen
 10:00 a.m. Jon DePriest +
 by The Nonis Family
 12:00 p.m. Mass for Parishioners

Confessions: Saturdays 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Church 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 December 26
St. Stephen
 8:45 a.m.—7:30 p.m. No Adoration
 8:15 a.m. No Mass
 5:00 p.m. No Rosary

Tuesday December 27
St. John
 7:30 a.m.— 5:30 p.m. No Adoration
 5:30 p.m. No Mass

Wednesday December 28
The Holy Innocents
 7:30 a.m.— 6:30 p.m. No Adoration
 7:00 a.m. No Mass
 6:30 p.m. No Spanish Mass

Thursday December 29
 7:30 a.m.— 5:30 p.m. No Adoration
 9:00 a.m. No Mass
 5:30 p.m. No Mass

Friday December 30
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
 7:30 a.m.— 6:30 p.m. No Adoration
 7:00 a.m. No Mass
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Saturday December 31
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. Confessions
 3:00 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday January 1
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 10:00 a.m. Mass
 12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

A private area for nursing mothers is now available in the Narthex next to the women's restroom.



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Prior to the Baptism of a child, parents are to meet with Msgr. Friend or Father Amaro. 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
 DECEMBER 25, 2022**

Sunday Is 52:7-10
 Heb 1:1-6
 Jn 1:1-18

Monday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
 Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday 1 Jn 1:1-4
 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5—2:2
 Mt 2:13-18

Thursday 1 Jn 2:3-11
 Lk 2:22-35

Friday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday 1 Jn 2:18-21
 Jn 1:1-18

Sunday Nm 6:22-27
 Gal 4:4-7
 Lk 2:16-21

**Clergy Welfare Collection
 December 24th & 25th**



All collections at masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God's work, and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. Please share with them the generosity that they continue to share with us.



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 3 families
- Rental assistance for 9 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

Important Dates

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

2023

January 4, 2023 Edge & Sr. High classes begin

January 8, 2023 Children's classes begin



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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.



RCIC COAT DRIVE

WITH COLD WEATHER UPON US, IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT ALL BE WARM IN THE COMING WEEKS. WITH THAT IN MIND, THE RCIC CLASS HERE AT BLESSED SACRAMENT IS SPONSORING A COAT DRIVE THROUGH JANUARY 1ST.

WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF NEW OR GENTLY USED, CLEAN CHILDREN'S COATS WHICH WE WILL DELIVER TO MOTHERHOOD MINISTRY.

COAT SIZES FROM NEWBORN AND UP WILL BE ACCEPTED AND CAN BE PLACED IN THE COAT DRIVE BOX IN THE NARTHEX.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP WITH THIS EFFORT



Volunteers Needed

The Helping Neighbors Food Pantry is needing volunteers on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Especially the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month from 10-12 and 12-2.

- Opportunities include:
- Picking up food donations,
 - Making service food bags,
 - Checking in Clients for assistance, & order runners to cars.

Anyone interested can stop by
501 Highland Dr.
(corner of Highland & S. Culberhouse)



No Mass or Adoration

December 26th - 30th

Mass will resume on Friday, Dec 30th at 6:30 pm Spanish Mass.

Monsignor Friend, Father Amaro, and parish staff will be taking some time to visit with their families this week.

The Parish office will be closed December 23rd-28th.

Prayer List

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

Louis Intres, Angelia Blevins, Helen Wilson, Jaime Gomez, Debbie Davidson, Mary Ritter, Sandra Adame, Dave & Debbie Marthey, Sharon Pruet, Cathy Aitken, Kathy Hudson, Harold, Susan & Taylor Perrin, Julieta Bernarte, Joan Culanag, Danny Parker, Andy Sanders, Glenna Throesch, Doug Stapleton, Anna Maiorana, Todd Hamilton, Carolyn Boling, Ann Schaaf, Frank Kremers, Maggie Kickneite, Zita Winemiller, Mike & Becky Davis, Matthew Boswell, Jody Amick, Brandon & Micah Schmersal, Jim & Paulette Horman, Dorothy Smith, Tara Banks, Shelby Ward, Peggy George, Genie Davis, Peter Stevenson, Rita Puryear, Kathy Plessinger, Bill & Millie Kueter, Daniel & Charlie Cline, James Adams, Mike Massanelli, Nancy Stillman, Hank Pfriemer, Leticia Fernandez, David Intres, Terry Brimhall, Don Nguyen, Margaret Teelint, Mike Simmons, Steve Reeves and all COVID sufferers.



Proposed Columbarium



Blessed Sacrament Parish has developed a design for a future **Columbarium Garden** to be located on the east side of our church. The Columbarium is a consecrated place for the committal of cremated remains of deceased church members and other eligible persons. It is an arrangement of niches into which an urn is placed for permanent memorial. A rendering of the planned Columbarium Garden can be seen in the Church Narthex. For further information, please contact Lisa Golden facilities@catholicjonesboro.com

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has received



of food from our parish this week. **Thank you!**

Merry Christmas Feliz Navidad

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Y FELIZ AÑO NUEVO!

From Msgr. Friend,
Fr. Amaro, Dc. Ramon, Dc. Huss
and the Parish Staff



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.

During the past week we
were able to help 85 people.

Volunteers are needed! For more
information please contact
Carolyn Schilly 870-930-8375



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Parish Financial Report

GENERAL COLLECTIONS

	Goal	Actual
July	\$78,400.00	\$82,407.60
August	\$98,000.00	\$79,512.47
September	\$78,400.00	\$73,745.51
October	\$98,000.00	\$76,692.17
November	\$78,400.00	\$74,464.60
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
YTD (Jul-Present)	\$431,200.00	\$386,822.35

YTD Budget Surplus / Shortage **\$44,377.65**

Thank you for your parish
support!!



Formation Days The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

To address the many challenges facing the Church today, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops has called us to reflect deeply upon the Eucharist. Parish leaders and catechists are invited to attend a Formation Day to study the recent USCCB document, *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*. Through presentations by priests and catechists, and discussion with peers from Arkansas parishes, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the meaning of Christ's gift of himself in the Eucharist, and our response to his gift.

Formation Day training will be held 5 separate times throughout the state in English & Spanish. The cost is \$10.00 per person to cover lunch; payable by cash/check to the **Diocese of Little Rock**. The day will begin with check-in at 8:30 am and finish with Mass at 4:00 pm (Mass times will vary by location). Register for the location that is most convenient for you.

Locations

- January 28, 2023: St. Benedict Church, 81 W. Parish Drive, Subiaco 72865
- March 28, 2023: Blessed Sacrament Church, 1101 E. Highland Dr., Jonesboro 72401
- April 29, 2023: St. Louis Church, 202 N. Adams Ave., Camden 71701
- May 13, 2023: St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1416 W. Poplar St., Rogers 72758

To register online, visit:

<https://forms.office.com/r/pDQ3UJRED8> or email your registration form to jmoore@dolr.org



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.

The Diocese of Little Rock Respect Life Office
invites you to join us for these Catholic Pro-life events

Hearts for Life

ADULT PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE

FREE Event Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, 5-8pm. Dinner included
St. John Center at Diocese of Little Rock

Register by Jan. 13 by calling 501-664-0340 or email RL@dolr.org
Overnight rooms available + breakfast for \$25



Adorers Needed

Jesus waits for YOU!

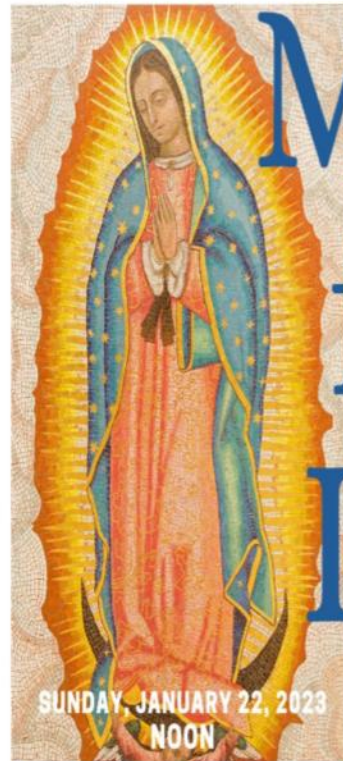
Adoration is open Monday-Friday.
To sign up for a Holy Hour, call
Inez Ray
(870) 273-6535
or
Luisa Aquino
(870) 761-0909.



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.**



Mass for Life

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023
NOON**

Eucharistic Procession for Life

Sunday, Jan. 22, 10am

Starting at the plaza in front of the Doubtree Hotel, processing through Riverfront Park to the Statehouse Convention Center

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, President
Concelebrated by Priests of the
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