



## PARISH INFORMATION

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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**

Council 1702  
1103 E. Highland Drive  
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870-278-2955

# BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

*Matthew 16:18*

Jesus Returning the Keys to St. Peter by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres, 1820  
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## PARISH STAFF

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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, August 28 - Mass  
8:15 a.m. Hubert Brodell †

Tuesday, August 29 - Mass  
5:30 p.m. Devin Dicus (Anniv) †  
by The Parish

Wednesday, August 30 - Mass  
7:00 a.m. Jerry Saracini †  
by Barbara Bradley †  
6:30 p.m. Barbara Allen Lamb †  
By Tyson & Vicenta Teel

Thursday, August 31 - Mass  
9:00 a.m. Int. of Fr. Elmer Poniado  
by Tyson & Vicenta Teel  
5:30 p.m. Int. of the Saracini Family  
by Their Family

Friday, September 1 - Mass  
8:15 a.m. Marsha Uhlenhop †  
by Bob Uhlenhop †  
6:30 p.m. Int. of Jesus & Tracey Nava  
by Jennifer Guereca

Saturday, September 2 - Mass  
8:00 a.m. Jerry Saracini †  
by Barbara Bradley †  
4:30 p.m. Maria De Jesus Jasso †  
by Her Family

Sunday, September 3 - Mass  
8:00 a.m. Bobby Puryear †  
by His Family †  
10:00 a.m. Carl Vaupel †  
by Joy Vaupel †  
12:00 p.m. Mass for Parishioners †  
6:30 p.m. Homero Jocson †  
By Tyson & Vicenta Teel

*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 August 28  
*St. Augustine*  
8:45 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration  
8:15 a.m. Mass  
5:15 p.m. Rosary

Tuesday August 29  
*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*  
7:30 a.m.— 5:30 p.m. Adoration  
5:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday August 30  
7:30 a.m.— 6:30 p.m. Adoration  
7:00 a.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Thursday August 31  
7:30 a.m.— 5:30 p.m. Adoration  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
5:30 p.m. Mass

Friday September 1  
*World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*  
7:30 a.m.—6:30 p.m. Adoration  
8:15 a.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Saturday September 2  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Confessions  
3:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday September 3  
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 27, 2023**

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

Monday 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10  
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8  
Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13  
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13  
Mt 24:42-51

Friday 1 Thes 4:1-8  
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11  
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday Jer 20:7-9  
Rom 12:1-2  
Mt 16:21-27

**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 Thank You!**

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. The collection will strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give!  
Just visit [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 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 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.

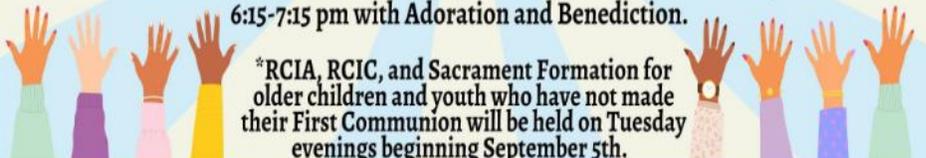
For more information please contact Carolyn Schilly  
870-930-8375



**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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### Parish Financial Report

#### GENERAL COLLECTIONS

	Goal	Actual
July	\$105,769.23	\$86,131.29
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
<b>YTD (Jul-Present)</b>	<b>\$105,769.23</b>	<b>\$86,131.29</b>
<b>YTD Budget Surplus / Shortage</b>	<b>\$19,637.94</b>	

**Thank you for your parish support!!**

This week's altar flowers are provided in memory of Mayra Riveros by her Family.



## Prayer List

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

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, 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 Priemer, and all COVID sufferers.



### Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has received



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



## 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)*



## 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!



## 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.



**Red Wolves' Nation-Let's Ride!**

Need a place to park for games? Need a place for the family & friends to tailgate? Look no further!

St. John Newman is inviting all Red Wolves fans to come park and tailgate at St. John Newman University Parish. All proceeds go to supporting the campus parish life and the facilities maintenance. Parking and tailgating is first come, first serve. There will be full time security before, during and after the game.

**Parking: \$20**

**Tailgating: \$30**

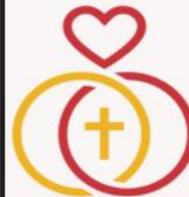
**Season Pass (guaranteed parking pass): \$150**

*Parking & tailgating will start three hours before kick-off.*

**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



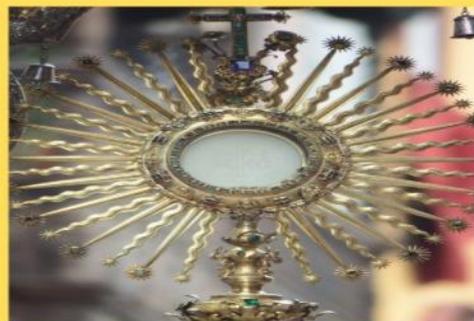
worldwide **marriage encounter**



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

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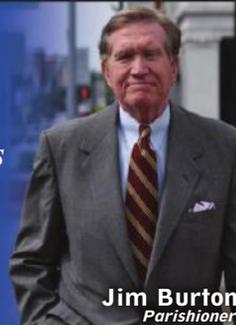
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