



2020  
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# *Immaculate Heart of Mary*

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

Our Guide Book 2020 is here! We welcome a new year trusting in the providential and unconditional love of our God. I would like to repeat and reaffirm what I said last year: “This (guide) is not only names and data but it is also a testimony of faith from people who the Lord gathers together as one family. I am proud of the community we are and very blessed to be your pastor.”

We conclude a year filled with blessings and begin a new one with new graces for our community, for your family, and for each one us. Thank you for being such a welcoming community for our new associate pastor, Fr. Joseph De Orbegoza and for our new members.

It is wonderful to have this great tool in a printed version -- names and information that we can hold in our hands. IHM will continue providing this guide together with other forms of communication. I strongly recommend you to visit our website (ihmnlr.org) and download our app. Our parish brings you a wonderful gift for formation of our faith and to deepen our relationship with the Lord through formed.org. If you have not signed in yet, please do so. It is FREE for IHM members. This is provided by the Church to our parishioners thanks to generous donations.

Pope Francis encourages us: “No investment is too high for the spreading of God’s Word... at the same time, every talent should be well spent, and taken advantage of” (Sept. 23rd, 2019)

IHM is a community blessed with talented and faithful Christians. Let’s invest our time, talent and treasure to keep building God’s Kingdom in this beautiful portion of our diocese that is our parish.

In Christ’s service,

Fr. Ruben Quinteros



## *Parish Information*

Church Address.....	7006 Jasna Gora Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118
Church Office.....	501-851-2763
Church Fax.....	501-851-4769
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Church Website.....	www.ihmnlr.org
School Address.....	7025 Jasna Gora Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118
School Office.....	501-851-2760
School Fax.....	501-851-2864
School Kitchen.....	501-851-8208
School Email.....	school@ihmnlr.org
School Website.....	www.ihmnlr.org

## *Mass Schedule*

Monday.....	No Mass
Tuesday.....	6:00 PM
Wednesday.....	8:15 AM
Thursday.....	8:15 AM
Friday.....	8:15 AM
Saturday.....	5:00 PM
Sunday.....	8:00 AM
.....	10:30 AM
Holy Days.....	TBA

## *Reconciliation*

Saturday.....	4:15-4:45 PM
Sunday.....	7:30 AM

## *Church Staff*

### **Pastor**

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*School Staff*

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*The Ministries at IHM Church*

*Liturgy*

**Altar Servers**

Altar servers assist in the celebration of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Training is provided to boys and girls, 3rd grade and older, who wish to participate in the altar server program. Contact the church office at 851-2763.

**Eucharistic Ministers at Mass**

Eucharistic ministers assist the priest with distribution of Holy Communion at weekend and weekday Masses. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, a practicing Catholic and approved by the pastor. Training by the Liturgical Training Committee is required. Contact the church office at 851-2763.

**Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick**

Volunteers assist with distribution of Holy Communion to those hospitalized, homebound or in nursing homes. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, a practicing Catholic and approved by the pastor. Training by the Liturgical Training Committee is required. Contact the church office at 851-2763.

### **Lectors**

Lectors proclaim the Word of God through the readings at Mass. Volunteers must be a practicing Catholic and approved by the pastor. Training by the Liturgical Training Committee is required. Contact the church office at 851-2763.

### **Parish Choir**

The parish choir sings regularly at the weekend Masses and other principal liturgies of the church. Cantors are chosen from this group and serve as song leaders. Anyone who loves to sing is encouraged to join the choir. Contact Steven Shook at 870-830-8586.

## *Catechetical Ministry*

### **Faith Formation**

The Faith Formation program provides religious education for kindergarten through high school students who do not attend a Catholic school. These classes are required to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Meetings: Sunday at 9:15am, September through May. Contact Matthew Phillips at [dre@ihmnlr.org](mailto:dre@ihmnlr.org) or 501-851-2763.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

RCIA is designed for both Catholic and non-Catholic adults. For Catholics, this is an opportunity to refresh and rekindle knowledge and understanding of fundamental Catholic teachings and traditions. For non-Catholics, it provides an introduction into Catholic Christianity through scripture study, learning about the Sacraments, the commandments, traditions and laws of the Church. This journey of faith begins in September with weekly 1.5 hour sessions and, for those entering into the Church, continues through the Easter Vigil. Contact Dc Tim Costello at 501-944-3242.

## *Youth Ministry*

### **Vacation Bible School**

A one-week program held in the summer to provide God-centered social and spiritual activities for children in 3 years old to 5th grade. Sixth grade and up are asked to volunteer.

### **Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)**

This ministry is committed to the reality that young people are an important and integral part of our parish. The ministry strives to bring young people and Jesus Christ together by providing faith experiences that lead to initial or ongoing conversion of hearts to the Lord. We encourage young people to appreciate the gifts they possess and challenge them to share these gifts with their community. Meetings are weekly during the school year.





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## **CMG Connect and Circle of Grace**

Catholic Diocese of Little Rock required training for all volunteers who work with children.

## *School*

### **Karnawal**

The IHM Polish Karnawal is a major fundraiser which benefits the parish school. This annual event is held on the third weekend in September and strives to continue the Polish heritage of the parish. A few highlights include a traditional Polish dinner, silent auction, midway games and a prize raffle drawing. Volunteers give their time, talents and treasure to make this a success. To volunteer your time, contact [schoolboard@ihmnlr.org](mailto:schoolboard@ihmnlr.org)

### **Immaculate Heart of Mary School Endowment Fund**

The Endowment Fund has been established to support the philosophy and financial stability of Immaculate Heart of Mary School, ensuring the continuation and enhancement of the school which promotes the development of students in a faith-based environment. Contact the church office at 851-2763.

## *Parish Life*

### **Altar Society**

The Altar Society's primary purpose is supplying the needs of the Sanctuary and Sacristy (e.g. flowers for the altar, altar wine and bread, altar linens, vestments, candles, and cleaning the church). They represent the parish in a spiritual and social manner by providing dinner for the family of a deceased member. They also maintain the IHM Prayer Chain. Membership is open to all women of the parish age 18 or older. Contact [altarsociety@ihmnlr.org](mailto:altarsociety@ihmnlr.org)  
Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Parish Life Center.

### **Hope Ministry**

Volunteers collect and distribute food and clothing to needy families in the area as a ministry to the community.

### **Knights of Columbus (Council 11097)**

A Catholic men's fraternal benefit society formed to provide support and assistance to members of the church and community. Brotherhood in the Knights of Columbus is open to all males 18 years or older who are practicing Catholics and wish to serve the church and community. Contact Matthew Goodhart at 501-529-1289.  
Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the Parish Life Center.

### **Men's Club**

An organization committed to assisting the pastor and developing, implementing and maintaining parish programs and functions. The organization strives to further the spiritual development of the parish community, while building unity among male members of the congregation. The Men's Club also provides assistance in the maintenance of parish buildings and property. Membership is open to all men of the parish age 18 or older. Contact Paul Leonard at razorback100@att.net  
Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:00pm.

### **Money Counters**

Assist with counting the offertory gifts from the weekend Masses.

### **Prayer Chain**

Members offer prayers for the specific needs of parish members and their families. Email ihmprayerchain@gmail.com with prayer requests.

### **Respect for Life**

This ministry provides awareness of social concerns as they pertain to the various stages of life, from conception to natural death. Promotes respect for life activities including Forty Days for Life, Mass for Life and March for Life.

### **Rosary Sodality**

Each member of the Rosary Sodality recites one decade of the rosary privately, but in solidarity, so the full rosary is prayed daily. Members also lead the congregation in praying the rosary before Saturday Vigil and Sunday's 8:00am Mass.

### **Scripture Study**

Study group for those interested in participating in a journey through the Scriptures; learning and growing more in your faith. Contact Deacon John at 501-313-8144.

Meetings: Sunday at 9:00am (directly after 8:00am Mass) in the Parish Life Center

### **Ushers**

Ushers assist with welcoming all to the Liturgy by greeting and seating those in attendance as well as assisting with offertory collections, selecting participants to present the gifts, distribution of bulletins and closing the church after Mass. Contact the church office at 851-2763.



## *“What to do if....”*

### **You want to go to confession:**

This sacrament is available on Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:45pm and on Sundays from 7:30am to 7:45am or by calling the church office for an appointment. During Advent or Lent we may have reconciliation services.

### **You want to have your baby baptized:**

Baptisms are scheduled on individual basis. Parents and godparents must attend a class prior to baptism. Call Dc. Strozyk @ 501-851-2049.

### **You want to make your First Communion or be Confirmed:**

Holy Communion is received by children in the second grade or older in the spring. Confirmation is received by youths who are fourteen years of age by the scheduled date. Children and teens are expected to have attended their Catholic school or religious education classes two years prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Adults receive the Sacrament after having gone through the RCIA process.

### **You want to get married:**

Those preparing for marriage must be registered active contributing parishioners, living within the parish boundaries for at least six months. They must notify the pastor before setting a wedding date which would be no sooner than six months from the pastor's approved date and then begin their marriage preparation program.

### **You would like a parish priest to visit someone sick:**

Please call the church office 501-851-2763 if there is an emergency or if you or a loved one are about to have surgery.

For after-hours emergencies, please call 501-851-2763 Ext. 303 and a priest will be contacted. Please provide the following information:

- Name of person
- Condition of person
- Location and phone number
- Convenient time for visit

### **You need to arrange for a Funeral Mass for the recently deceased:**

Please call the church office.

### **You would like to arrange for a Mass Intention for the living or deceased:**

Come to the church office and request a Mass intention. The offering for the Mass intention is \$10.

### **You want to use the IHM app on your phone:**

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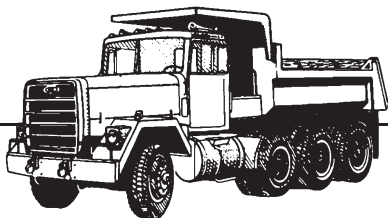


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**You are changing your name/address/telephone number/email/or you are leaving the church:**

Please contact the church office.

**You have graduated from college or are no longer living in your parent's home:**

Please contact the church office and register as an individual member.

**You would like to become a Catholic:**

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the church office 501-851-2763.

**You would like an annulment:**

Please call the church office.

**You want to register your child in Immaculate Heart of Mary School:**

Call Immaculate Heart of Mary School 501-851-2760.

**Your child does not go to a Catholic school:**

Call the director of Religious Education in the church office and register him/her in our parish Youth Faith Formation Program 501-851-2763. The program meets on Sunday mornings from 9:15am to 10:15am during the school year.

**You are not sure about taking your small children to Mass.**

We do not have a cry room; however, your children are always welcome in church.

**You want to find out more about Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

Visit our website for more information at [www.ihmnlr.org](http://www.ihmnlr.org)

**You want to talk to a priest about a confidential matter:**

Call the church office or email the priest.

**You want to visit the church during the day:**

On Monday-Wednesday-Thursday & Friday the church is open for visits from 7:30am to 4:00pm, on Tuesday the church is open for visits from 7:30am to 6:45pm. Eucharistic Adoration: each Wednesday from 1:00pm to 9:00pm.

**You want to return to the Catholic Church:**

If you are interested in returning to the Catholic Church, please call the church office 501-851-2763.

**You want to put something in the church bulletin:**

Contact the Church Secretary. The deadline to submit information is Thursday, noon, ten days before the publication date.

**You would like to put yourself or someone else on our prayer list:**

Call or email the church office.

**You want to rent the Parish Life Center:**

Call the church office 501-851-2763.

**You would like to make a donation to IHM Church in memory or honor of someone:**

Come by the church office or mail us the following information:

1. Indicate if donation is a memorial or honorarium. 2. Name of person the donation is being made in memory/honor of. 3. To whom to send the acknowledgement card and their address. 4. Your name and address. Please make check payable to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

**You want to meet more people at Immaculate Heart of Mary:**

Volunteer! Join organizations like Prayer Groups, Men's Club, Altar Society, and Scripture Study.

## *Our History*

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church had its beginning in 1878, when Polish settlers came into this area. The church was built on the highest point of the hill and is referred to as "Jasna Gora" or Blue Hill, a shrine in Poland. The shrine has deep meaning because of its dedication to the Blessed Mother. This gave the people a feeling of their heritage.

The Parish was originally a mission, served by the Holy Ghost Fathers, a group of Roman Catholic priests. Through the years, twenty-one (21) priests have served as pastor beginning with Father Anthony Jaworski in 1878. Along with the present pastor, Father Rubén Quinteros, each one has had his own special quality that has helped maintain the growth in faith for the people.

In 1887, Fr. Cyrill Augustynski became the first resident pastor. Though the times were not always easy, the people's faith overcame even what seemed to be hopeless situations. The original church was destroyed by fire. A new church and rectory were built in the present location. In 1932, again fire destroyed the church and rectory, which were rebuilt and dedicated in 1933. This was all possible through sacrificing, hard work, and love for their church. With each circumstance their faith and community became stronger. There was always that sense of unity, roll up their sleeves and get the job done, to lend a helping hand whenever anyone needed help, something prevalent still today.

Father Charles Hertel served as pastor from 1907 to 1949, longer than any other priest, a total of 42 years. Many of the old traditions were still kept alive during this time. The church grounds expanded in 1924 to include the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, a home for a small community of Benedictine Sisters from St. Scholastica Convent, and a rectory (built in 1933). The Stations of the Cross were added to the central part of the church in 1944, and a pipe organ was installed in 1947.

In 1960, when Msgr. Thomas Pendergast was pastor, a new school was dedicated to replace the one built in 1924. The convent that was originally built when Father Bartogze was pastor was also remodeled and enlarged at this time. In 1970, Father Edward McCormick became pastor and more changes took place. The church and rectory were renovated and air-conditioned. In 1978, the Centennial of our parish was celebrated, bringing people back home.

In 1985, Father Albert Schneider became pastor. The church and rectory underwent extensive restoration. A new addition to the school was dedicated in January 1991. The grounds took on a different look with landscaping, paving and the addition of a canopy to the church. To increase the awareness of our Polish Heritage, the “Karnawal”, a major fundraiser for the school, was started and is now an annual parish-wide event.

In 1994, Msgr. Bernard Malone became pastor. Under his direction, in 1996 we underwent a campaign to build a Family Life Center structure, which is large enough for all parishioners to celebrate Mass together, as well as house many other school and parish functions. The Life Center was completed in late 1997 and has been a large addition to the parish community activities as well as the school.

In 2002, Father Robert T. Dienert was assigned as pastor. In preparation for the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the parish, parishioners recovered the foundation stones of the first church building. From those stones a corner stone was erected to create a memorial to the founding Fathers and Mothers of the Parish Community. This monument was placed on a plat on the south entrance of the present church, and was blessed by Bishop J. Peter Sartain on the day of the Jubilee. Immediately behind the memorial is a Time Capsule which remains sealed until the celebration of another Jubilee Day. An addition to the parish office was completed in June 2005. This allowed for Fr. Dienert to have a private office. Restoration and repairs were made to some of the stained glass windows in the church.

In 2011, Father Thomas J. Hart became pastor. The rectory underwent an extensive remodel. In the summer of 2013 the parish office was remodeled and the parish conference room and offices were renovated. The parish celebrated the 80th Anniversary of the dedication of the church on May 3, 2013. In June 2016, Fr. Rubén Quinteros was assigned to our parish, and in December 2017, Fr Nelson Rubio was named associate pastor. Then in June 2019, Fr Nelson was replaced by Fr Joseph de Orbegoza. Under their guidance, plans are underway to build a columbarium in the cemetery and update the Youth House.

We commend our future to the grace of God who has provided for us through all these past years and ask for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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## *Parish and School Events 2020*

New Year's Day (No School/Office Closed)	January 1
Return to school	January 6
MLK Day (No School/Office Closed)	January 20
President's Day (No School/Office Closed)	February 17
CYM Mardi Gras	February 21
Confirmation – 10:30 am Mass	February 23
Men's Club Fish Fry	March 6
Spring Break	March 23-27
Men's Club Fish Fry	April 3
Good Friday (No School/Office Closed)	April 10
Easter Sunday	April 12
First Communion – 8 am Mass	April 26
8th Grade Graduation	May 14
Memorial Day (No School/Office Closed)	May 25
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	August 15
Labor Day (No School/Office Closed)	September 7
Karnawal	September 18-19
Professional Day (No School)	September 25
Thanksgiving Break	November 23-27
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	December 8
Christmas Break	December 21 – January 1
IHM School Bingo	2nd Friday of most Months