



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, the annual Blessing of the Animals, sponsored by Catholic Daughters, will be Saturday, October 5th at 10:00AM on the Walnut Street parking lot on the east side of the church. All are invited to attend. Please

have your pet on a leash or in an appropriate container or carrier for their safety and for the safety of others. Refreshments will be provided following the service for the pets and humans attending. Holy cards and medals of St. Francis will also be available.

Also, on Friday, October 4th, Deacon Bud will bless the animals at the Pine Bluff Animal Shelter. Join us if you can.

If anyone would like to donate items (or money) to the Pine Bluff Animal Shelter, they are in need of items like pet food (cat & dog), treats (cat & dog), blankets, towels, toys, collars, leashes, and cleaning supplies. Please leave your donations in the boxes in the hallway by the parish offices.

HOLY DOORS PILGRIMAGE - Arkansas Catholic's first pilgrimage to Italy for the Holy Year sold out, but a second tour has been added to accommodate everyone who wants to participate. Father Brian Cundall, pastor of Christ the King Church in Fort Smith, will be the spiritual director for the tour October 29-November 8, 2025. You can experience Florence on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, plus stops in Milan, Turin, Orvieto and Montecassino. Pilgrims will have four days in Rome and walk through the Holy Doors. To sign up, download the brochure at arkansas-catholic.org/pilgrimage. Register by September 30, 2024, and save \$100. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Primm at Sue Smith Vacations at kathy@suesmithvacations.com or 501-771-0987.

GET YOUR DIOCESAN DIRECTORY - The 2025 Diocese of Little Rock Directory is coming soon. It is an invaluable resource to keep in your house or car to find Mass times for another parish or to call or e-mail a parish, priest, deacon or religious in the diocese. It costs only \$18, which includes shipping. Send your check to Directory, Arkansas Catholic, P.O. Box 7417, Little Rock, AR 72217 or order online at arkansas-catholic.org/product-category/directory/. Directories will be shipped in October.

Have you or anyone you know been wounded by abortion? Project Rachel, a ministry of the Respect Life Office-Diocese of Little Rock, is hosting an upcoming **DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING RETREATS**. This one-day retreat offers a safe, confidential, non-judgmental space for anyone who has been affected by abortion to begin or continue their journey to hope and healing. The date of the retreat is: Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.- Little Rock area in SPANISH

****pre-registration is required. Please call or text (501) 663-0996 or email projectrachel@dolr.org.**

All inquiries are strictly confidential. *****The exact location of the retreats is only disclosed to the participants. We love you, and we want to help!**

MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC WOMEN - Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, will host its Fall Brunch called "Restored to Life" from 10AM-1PM, Saturday, September 28 at St. Joseph Church Spiritan Center in Conway. The guest speaker will be Erin Pohlmeier, a wife and mother who teaches Theology of the Body at St. Joseph School in Fayetteville. Tickets are \$20 per person and includes brunch. Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance. The deadline to order is September 24. For tickets, visit <https://tinyurl.com/42kx2y65>. Questions? Contact Jalisa, jvalde1@aol.com, 501-514-0965.