

St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish

Catholic Campus Ministry

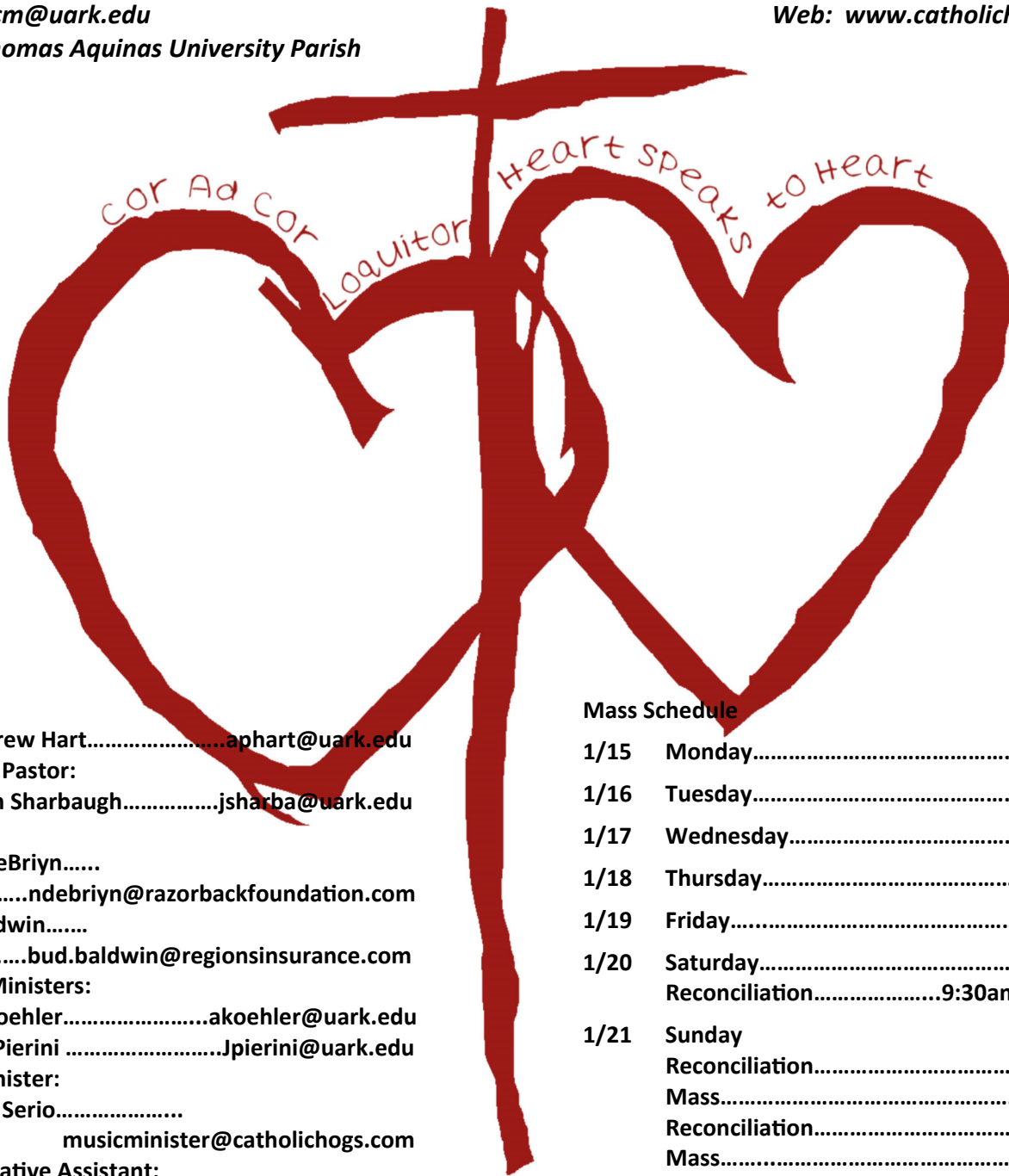
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Newman Center Hours

Sunday—Thursday.....8:00am—9:00pm

Friday—Saturday.....8:00am—5:00pm

Mass Schedule

1/15	Monday.....	no Mass
1/16	Tuesday.....	12:00pm
1/17	Wednesday.....	7:30pm
1/18	Thursday.....	5:30pm
1/19	Friday.....	12:00pm
1/20	Saturday.....	9:00am
	Reconciliation.....	9:30am-10:30am
1/21	Sunday	
	Reconciliation.....	9:00am
	Mass.....	10:00am
	Reconciliation.....	4:00pm
	Mass.....	5:00pm
	Reconciliation.....	7:00pm
	Mass.....	8:00pm

Administrative Office Hours

Monday—Thursday.....8:00am—5:00pm

Friday.....8:00am—12:00pm

Saturday.....Closed

Sunday.....Closed



NWA Catholic Respect Life will be sponsoring NWA March for Life. If you are not planning on the March in Washington D.C. or in Little Rock, please plan on joining NWA pro-lifers on Sunday, January 21st at 2:30p starting at St. Joseph's church in Fayetteville. We will walk approx. 2.9 miles to Planned Parenthood abortion center for a short rally. Fayetteville Judge Joseph Wood will be our key note speaker. Hot cocoa and refreshments will be served at St. Joseph following the rally.

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HERE I AM! A Women's Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat will be held – February 24-25, 2018 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2500 N. Tyler St., Little Rock, AR 72207. Come see that Sisters are Real People! The retreat is for young women 16-35 years of age who want to learn and discern about Religious Life. Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices of Vocations, Youth & Campus Ministry, & Minister for Religious, the retreat will include talks on Religious Life by Sisters from congregations serving in Arkansas; time for prayer & reflection; and opportunity to speak with the Sisters. The Retreat is free. Registration deadline is February 15th. For the Registration Form and more information click on <http://bit.ly/dolrwr2018> or contact Sr. Mary Clare, Minister for Religious smcbezn@dolr.org or 501-664-0340, ext. 309.

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Our Mission Statement

We are a Christian faith community with a unique mission and commitment to the students, faculty and staff of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. All in the Fayetteville area are welcome in this community. We prayerfully strive to be Christ-like by providing a source of guidance, spiritual growth and awareness of our Roman Catholic identity, a challenge to service and an enthusiastic spirit of worship. We are a sacrament and proclaim God's love with the message of hope, sacrifice, reconciliation and everlasting life. We encourage each other to accept the Eucharist as the Lord's invitation and the center of our lives.

During the spring semester, St. Thomas Aquinas is happy to provide Sunday Meals following the 5pm Mass. These meals provide a great environment for the community to get to know each other and build relationships. We are looking forward to another great semester of meals ahead, but could use your help! If anyone or any group is interested in volunteering to prepare and serve a Sunday meal either this upcoming fall or spring semester, please contact Adam Koehler at akoehler@uark.edu.

We really appreciate your help and support of the Sunday Meal program at St. Thomas Aquinas!

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| January 21st | March 4th |
| January 28th | March 11th |
| | March 25th |
| February 11th | |
| February 18th | April 8th |
| February 25th | April 22nd |
| | April 29th |
| | May 6th |

Thanks again and Happy New Year!

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Get aSpire, a free monthly e-mail newsletter covering the Catholic faith, Pope Francis and the Diocese of Little Rock. Brief, casual and entertaining -- it's news you might have missed, simple inspirations and useful tips for achieving an exceptional Catholic life. Sign-up at <http://www.arkansas-catholic.org/publications/e-letter>

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Subiaco Academy! – A Catholic, Benedictine boarding and day school for boys in grades 7-12 located just east of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Subiaco Academy is hosting three 2018 Spring *Shadow Days* for interested students in grades 6-10 and their parents to visit the Academy on Friday, February 9, March 9, or April 13.

Shadow Day offers campus tours, shadowing classes, parent meetings with faculty/staff, and overnight stay, all free of charge.

Applications for the 2018/19 school year are now being accepted.

For more information, or to sign up for a *Shadow Day*, contact the Subiaco Academy admissions office at 800-364-7824, 479-934-1034, or email admissions@subi.org.

Learn more at our website www.SubiacoAcademy.us.

Pray the Rosary With Us; Saturday mornings, following the 9:00am Mass.

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St. Scholastica Retreat Center will present a Lenten workshop series on three consecutive Thursdays, February 22 through March 8, from 9:30-11:00 AM. Using the book **SEVEN STAGES OF SUFFERING: a Spiritual Path for Transformation**, Sister Rachel Dietz, OSB will lead participants through the seven stages with an emphasis on the positive and transformative energy of suffering. Cost: \$60.00. A non-refundable, non-transferable registration fee of \$20.00 is required at time of registration. For more information, or to register, call (479) 783-1135 or visit www.stscho.org/retreat-registration/
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Post-Abortion Support Group

The Respect Life Office, through Project Rachel, is starting a support group for men and women, beginning February 19, 2018. The spiritual journey lasts 9 weeks, with small groups of 4-6. Groups will be formed in Little Rock, Fayetteville/Rogers, and the Hot Springs area and other areas in Arkansas depending on the geographic location of the participants. All names and meeting places are strictly confidential. For details call 501-664-0340, ext. 357 or email: helenevans@sbcglobal.net. All inquiries must be made by February 19, 2018.

Fragrance Prayer

Chorus

Dear Jesus
Help me to spread Your fragrance
Ev'rywhere that I go
Dear Jesus
Flood my soul with Your spirit
And Your love

Penetrate and possess my being
So utterly that all my life may only be
A radiance of You

Shine through me and be so in me
That ev'ry soul I come in contact with
May feel Your presence in my soul

Let them look up and see no longer me
But only You my Jesus
Stay with me and then I shall begin
To shine as You shine
So to shine as a light to all

Dear Jesus
(Flood my soul)

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(Flood my soul)

Dear Jesus

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary Time" began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecored the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ's birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War. Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don't enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!
--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.