



MARY MOTHER OF GOD

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We welcome all visitors to Mary Mother Of God Church. We hope you enjoy your stay in this area and may God be with you on your trip home.



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 10, 2026

SATURDAY, MAY 9

9-10AM NO Confessions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS †Mary & †Joe Gutting

SUNDAY, MAY 10

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS †Helen Nelson

MONDAY, MAY 11

— NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 12

5:00PM Rosary & Confessions
5:30PM MASS †Robert Scott

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

4:30PM Evening Prayer & Adoration
5:00PM Confession & Benediction
5:30PM MASS †Ann Halpin

THURSDAY, MAY 14

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS †Glen Feldman

FRIDAY, MAY 15

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS †Tim Reeves
9:00AM Patriotic Rosary

SATURDAY, MAY 16

9-10AM NO Confessions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS †Fr. Jim Fanrak

OFFICE INFO

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "**I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.**" (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit — his own Spirit, shared with the Father — who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans.

— Father John Muir, ©LPI

CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & SERVICES

Pastor	Fr. Ben Riley	870-741-5234
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Finance Council (Chair)	Joe Koenig
Parish Life Council (Chair)	Holly Coffman
Pro-Life Council (Chair)	Sandra Guidry
Cemetery Council (Chair)	Richard Criger

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Trail Life USA	Wes Bradford	870-743-6103
Wedding Coordinator	Bonnie Tauer	870-688-1084
Welcome New Catholics (OCIA)	Wayne /Judy Keith	870-365-3570

COMMUNITY DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration: 24/7; register for daytime hours.

Patriotic Rosary: Every Friday at 9am

Marian Pathways: First Saturdays, 9am–12pm

Seven Sisters Apostolate: Prayers for priests

We offer many spiritual opportunities. Call/text Carmen at 305-815-1795 for details.

MASS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Eucharistic Ministers: Call Dcn. Mark, 870-741-1579

Lectors/Rosary Leaders: Call Greg or Julie Jasper, 870-688-9369 / 688-3354

Ushers: Call Jerry Hogue, 870-378-2605

Thank you to all Mass volunteers! New volunteers are welcome, and training is provided.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mary Mother of God, Catholic Church is to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, as members of his living body, the church, to bring the kingdom of God into the world through evangelization, worship, religious education, and service in our families, parish, and community.

PARISH CALENDAR

View the updated parish calendar anytime at:

harrisoncatholic.org/resources/calendar

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you're new, please register at:

osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicmmg/directory/register

ONLINE GIVING

Thank you to all who have set up new accounts! Online giving is available at:

osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicmmg/giving/funds

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Subscribe to our parish YouTube: *Harrison Catholic*. Find videos, updates, and parish content. Search "Harrison Catholic" on YouTube.

FORMED: FAMILY RESOURCE

Formed.org, a Catholic streaming service, offers movies, audiobooks, and daily reflections. Visit harrisoncatholic.formed.org, search for "Mary Mother of God", select "Harrison" location, and create an account. Enjoy!

MUSIC MINISTRY

All musical skill levels are welcome! If you are interested in joining any of the groups below, please contact Julie Jasper at 870-688-9369 or juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com.

- **MMG CHOIR**
- **ANGELI CHORUS**
- **FAITH TROUBADOURS**
- **SILVER BELLS**
- **YOUTH & HANDCHIMES CHOIR**
- **HANDBELL CHOIR**

PRE, CYM, YOUTH CHOIR & HAND CHIMES

The PRE/CYM End of Year Potluck is this Wednesday, May 13 at 6PM. Weather permitting, the potluck will be at the Church Pavilion. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. If your family's last name starts with the letter A-H, please bring a side dish. If your family's last name starts with the letter I-Z, please bring a dessert.

PRE 2026–2027 REGISTRATION

Registration for Parish Religious Education (PREP) for the 2026–2027 year is now open. Religious education plays an important role in helping youth grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith, deepen their relationship with God, and prepare for the sacraments. Early registration also helps us plan effectively and ensure we have enough materials and supplies for all participants. Please visit harrisoncatholic.org, select “Groups,” scroll down to PREP, click on it, and register your youth today.

MESSAGE OF HOPE, MISSION OF LOVE

Next week, our special collection will support the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign shares the Gospel message of hope through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds collected remain in the Diocese of Little Rock to support local communications efforts, while the other half supports the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the country. Your support helps spread the Gospel message. Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

PUBLIC ROSARY AT NOPALITOS

Saturday, **May 16** at noon. May is the Month of Mary, when her children around the world honor her with flowers, prayer, and special devotion. Let us gather to pray the Rosary and intercede for our children, our Church, and our country. Join us Saturday, May 16 at noon by Nopalitos restaurant. Most Holy Mary, pray for us.

PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Beginning **May 16**, Mary Mother of God will invite parishioners to consider nominating themselves or someone else to serve on the Pastoral or Finance Councils. Nominees must be registered members of Mary Mother of God, in good standing with the Catholic Church, and at least 18 years old. Nomination forms will be available in the pews and vestibule beginning Saturday, May 16. Nominations will be accepted May 16–24, 2026. Please prayerfully consider who might best serve our parish in these roles. Forms may be submitted to the church office or placed in the collection basket. Thank you for helping shape the future of our church.

PILGRIMAGE TO SUBIACO

Please join us for a pilgrimage to Subiaco on Friday, **June 19** and Saturday, **June 20** for a retreat led by Fr. Cassian Elkins. Details, including cost, can be found on flyers in the church vestibule or by contacting the church office. A limited number of shared rooms is available. Please contact Holly or Melissa at the church office to sign up.

VOCATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“Vocation” Bible School will be held Sunday, June 21 through Thursday, **June 25**, for children ages Pre-K through those entering 6th grade. This program helps children grow in their faith while learning about God’s call for their lives through fun activities, music, and fellowship. Please visit harrisoncatholic.org, click on the Vocation Bible School flyer, and register today.

SEARCH #158 RETREAT

Registrations are now being accepted for Search #158, a retreat designed to help high school juniors and seniors know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to incoming juniors, seniors, and recently graduated seniors. Search #158 will be held **June 26–28**, 2026, at St. John Center in Little Rock. The fee is \$150. For more information and registration forms, visit:

PAPER REGISTRATION:

<https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-158-form.pdf>

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/search-158-june-26-28--2026>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUMMER INSTITUTE

Registrations are now being accepted for C2SI, a summer program presented by the Youth Ministry Office and Catholic Charities of Little Rock. This week-long program is open to youth in grades 10–12 who are interested in learning about the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church. During the 5-day session, participants will learn how to put those teachings into action through worthwhile hands-on community service experiences. Join us in Jesus's invitation to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and welcome the stranger among us. Participants receive 40 hours of community service for the week. C2SI will be held **July 13–17**, 2026, at St. John Center in Little Rock. The fee is \$250. For more information and registration, visit:

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/c2si-catholic-charities-summer-institute-july-13-17--2026>

PAPER REGISTRATION:

<https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/c2si-registration-form-26.pdf>

BULLETIN ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

The church is pleased to announce the availability of advertising space on the back of our weekly bulletin. This offers businesses a valuable opportunity to reach members of our congregation while supporting the parish's mission. Current advertisers will soon receive a renewal letter with details for continued partnership. We sincerely appreciate your support and engagement.

If you are interested in becoming a new advertiser, please contact the church office for information on ad formats, pricing, and submission deadlines. We look forward to working with you and fostering meaningful connections within our parish community.

ENHANCING THE CRUCIFIX & MEDITATION AREA

We invite you to join us in a meaningful transformation at the Mary Mother of God Cemetery. Our new landscaping project is dedicated to creating a serene and beautiful environment around the crucifix and meditation area, a sacred space for reflection, prayer, and remembrance. Your generous donations to the cemetery project are deeply appreciated and may be made online or in person at the church office during normal office hours. For more information, please see the project board in the vestibule. Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING

Creating or updating an estate plan is an important responsibility. It allows you to provide for your loved ones, put your intentions in writing, and make decisions rooted in your values.

To help with this, the Diocese of Little Rock offers FreeWill, a free and secure online program that makes it easy to create or update your will or trust in about 20 minutes. It is a practical resource for planning wisely and offers the opportunity to remember a parish, Catholic school, or diocesan ministry in your plans.

In this season of Easter joy, taking time to plan for the future can be a meaningful expression of faithful stewardship. Get started at FreeWill.com/DioceseofLittleRock.

LAUDATO SI'

"Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little"
Pope Francis Laudato Si para 222

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses); St. Matthias, Apostle

Friday: St. Isidore

Saturday: Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

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PUZZLE

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MISSION

Make cards for the sick. Remind them how much Jesus loves them.

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We ask Mary to intercede for all mothers in our community, and for those who want to be mothers, too.

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PRAYER LIST

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Military & emergency personnel, veterans, victims of terrorism, war, and other violence, victims of natural disasters, the sick & injured, all others in need of prayer, and for an increase in vocations.

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

David Allen, Larry Benner & family, Patricia Bel, Sandi Black, Terry Bodson, Kyle Bowling, Betty Burge, Norma Calhoun, Jim Conner, Sally Conner, †Donald Coffman, Larry & Rita Coffman, †David Decker, Meghan Decker, Wayne Dixon, John & Wink Duncan, Heather Faught, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Becky & Hank Hartman, Pat Heinen, Sheila Hight, Dianne Hoberock, Derek Holden, Connie Israel, Ed & Virray Karlovic, Darby Kester, Lavonne Keehn, Scott Kennebec, Mary Koenig, Dennis Kyler, Eleanor Lipsmeyer, Mary Lynam, Mike & Sandy Luckenbill, Andi Miller, Shane & Esther Neeley, Christine Neely, Tina Pietrabella, Jimmy Pierce, Baby Guy Reading, Seamus Roche, Teresa Rotkowski, Giovanna Sandri, Liz Smalley, Betty Stechly, Greg Stephens, Dr. Grace St. Pierre, †Linda Thompson, Linda Utaski, Nettie Virnig, Carly Webb, Cooper Webb, Ray Wood

To add a name or ensure a name remains, please contact the parish office.



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. 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 | General Counsel, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 499-9110. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
WALKING WITH JESUS
CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION
DOWNTOWN HARRISON SQUARE
6.7.2026
STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF CHRISTIANITY

the doctrine of Jesus' body and blood being truly present in the "Eucharist," a word meaning thanksgiving, has always been held. In keeping the teaching of the Holy Scripture and the earliest traditions of Christianity, the Catholic Church has maintained that the Eucharist, consecrated by a priest in the line of apostolic tradition, is not a symbol or image of Jesus, but is truly, actually, and substantially, His body, blood, soul, and divinity.

In acknowledgment of this reality, Catholics all around the world worship the Eucharist in adoration through various liturgical celebrations, including Eucharistic processions.

Mary Mother of God would like to invite you to a Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 3:00pm on the Harrison Town Square. All are welcome to participate in prayer as we walk with Jesus.

John 6:51

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Matthew 26:26

"While they were eating, Jesus took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, 'take and eat; this is my body.' "

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

"The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

Acts 2:42

"And they held steadfastly to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."

Mary Mother of God • VBS 2026

DISCOVERY MISSION

Catholic **Vocation** Bible School

Sunday, June 21
— THROUGH —
Thursday, June 25



COST

\$20 per youth
Discounts for 2 or more siblings;
Scholarships available

AGES

Pre-K to Children
Entering 6th Grade

ITINERARY

5:30 PM - Dinner
5:55 PM - VBS Starts
8:30 PM - VBS Ends

Adults and youth entering 7th grade and older interested in helping, please contact Holly Coffman



SUBIACO RETREAT

LEAVE FRIDAY, JUNE 19 AT 7:00 A.M.
RETURN SATURDAY, JUNE 20
(WILL BE BACK IN TIME FOR MMG VIGIL MASS)



Leader of the Retreat

FR. CASSIAN ELKINS, OSB

The Benedictines (OSB) serving in Arkansas are a community of monks serving God by prayer and work in the tradition of the Swiss-American Congregation. Their abbey is located in Subiaco. In fidelity to that Benedictine tradition they proclaim the Gospel through monastic and private prayer, hospitality, retreats and spiritual direction, education, parish, diocesan and special ministries.

\$108 per night per adult
2 or more in a room is \$88 per person
(\$65 room fee + \$33 meals + \$10 facility fee)

Meals Provided:

Friday, June 19th: Lunch & Dinner

Saturday, June 20th: Breakfast & Lunch

As long as children under the age of 18 are in a room with their parents there will not be a room charge for them, but if they are 14 or older the meal charge would apply.

There are only 30 rooms available. They will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations must be made with the Church Office as various rooms sleep up to 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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