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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.



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 12, 2026

SATURDAY, JULY 11

9-10AM NO Confessions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS SI Tom & Dianne Hoberock

SUNDAY, JULY 12

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS †Boyet De Guzman

MONDAY, JULY 13

— NO MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 14

5:00PM Rosary & Confessions
5:30PM MASS †Fr. John Oswald

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

4:30PM Evening Prayer & Adoration
5:00PM Confessions & Benediction
5:30PM MASS †Dan Roberts

THURSDAY, JULY 16

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS †Nick Bottini

FRIDAY, JULY 17

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS †Bob Patterson
9:00AM Fatima Rosary

SATURDAY, JULY 18

9-10AM Confessions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS †Souls in Purgatory

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed,

Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **"understand the Word."** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— Father John Muir, ©LPI

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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/direct/ory/register

ONLINE GIVING

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

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.

COMMUNITY DEVOTIONS

- **Eucharistic Adoration**, 24/7 (Call to sign up for daytime hours)
- **Fatima Rosary**, every Friday at 9 AM
- **Patriotic Rosary**, First Friday at 8 AM
- **Marian Pathways to Holiness & First Saturday Devotions**, every First Saturday.
- **Seven Sisters Apostolate**, praying for our priests.
- **CCW Rosary** for Parish intentions, every Second Thursday at 9 AM.

For more information call or text Carmen at 305-815-1795



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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Join with Pope Leo XIV in being a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

MMG SOFTBALL GAMES

The MMG Softball team has two games this Tuesday, **July 14**, at 6pm and 7pm. Both games will be played on Field 1 at First Baptist Church in Harrison. Come out and support the team, cheer them on, and don't forget to bring a lawn chair!

CCW RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations for the annual CCW Rummage Sale. Please drop off your clean items at the Parish Hall, Monday through Friday from 9am–2pm. Please, no electronics!

The CCW also needs volunteers to sort donations Monday, **July 27**, through Thursday, **July 30**, and to help during the sale on Friday, **July 31**, and Saturday, **August 1**. A sign-up sheet with available time slots is located in the church vestibule.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION INTRODUCTION

Join us Wednesday, **July 22**, at 6pm for our Introduction to Adult Education session. This session (and all future sessions) is open to everyone, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Come grow in your faith, deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, and learn to live the Gospel more fully. A meal will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you!

TASTE OF FAITH, SEMINARIAN FUND - THANKS

A sincere thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Taste of Faith event! Through your incredible generosity, we raised \$19,285 for the Seminarian Fund.

We were especially blessed to have seminarians Parker Vail and Graham Combes with us throughout the month of June. Their presence gave us the opportunity to get to know them, pray with them, and witness their joyful commitment to God's call to the priesthood. We are grateful for the time they shared with our parish family and ask that you continue to keep them (and all those discerning a vocation) in your prayers.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and participated in making Taste of Faith such a wonderful success. Your generosity helps support the education and formation of our future priests and is a true investment in the future of the Church. May God bless you for your kindness, generosity, and continued prayers for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations.

TRAVELING STATUE & SACRED HEART ENTHRONEMENT

The Legion of Mary invites parishioners to sign up for the Traveling Statue of Our Lady and for an Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your home. Choose a date and sign up in the church vestibule.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO THE PARISH

We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone in our parish for the kindness, generosity, and hospitality shown to seminarians Parker Vail and Graham Combes during their month-long visit in June.

They became a wonderful part of our parish family by attending staff meetings, visiting nursing home residents, serving at Mass, helping each evening at Vocation Bible School, and sharing their time in many other ways.

Thank you for making their visit both meaningful and memorable. We are also pleased to share a group photo from Vocation Bible School as a reminder of the many blessings we shared together. Please continue to pray for these seminarians and for all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life.



OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Henry

Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kateri Tekakwitha (1656–1680), “Lily of the Mohawks,” was a Mohawk–Algonquin woman who embraced Catholicism, lived virginity and intense prayer despite ridicule, and died at 24.

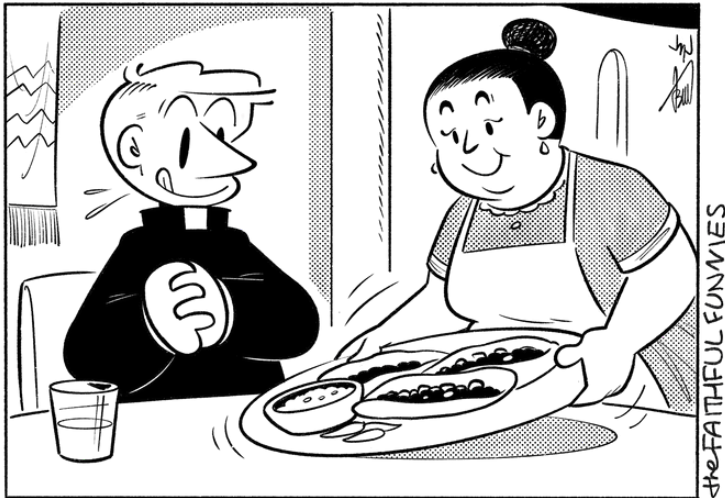
Canonized on October 21, 2012, she is the first Indigenous North American saint and patroness of ecology and Indigenous peoples.



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SAINT KATERI, HELP ME LOVE
JESUS WITH PURE COURAGE.

"What's a priest's favorite type of taco?"



"Tacos Al Pastor."



This taco term means "shepherd style" in Spanish and was inspired by Lebanese immigrants who made lamb in Mexico. Mexicans adopted the style and made their own (yummy) version. "Pastor" means "shepherd," something he does for his congregation.

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PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

farmer
soil
root

rocky
thorns
path

birds
choked
seed

frarme f a r m e r
sede _____
ptah _____
brisd _____
rkyoc _____
tohrsn _____
rtoo _____
cohekd _____
silo _____

MISSION

Visit a garden center. Learn why plants need good soil to grow.

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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, Patricia Bel, Larry & Cindy Benner, Sandi Black, Terry Bodson, Kyle Bowling, Betty Burge, Norma Calhoun, Brian Coffman, Darlene Coffman, Larry & Rita Coffman, †David Decker, Mary 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 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.



Introduction to ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Deepen Your Faith. Strengthen Your Understanding. Live the Gospel.

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

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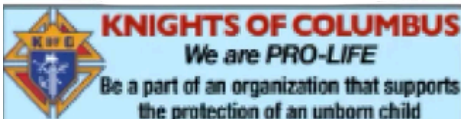
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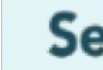
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