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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.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 18, 2026

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM Mass: †Michael J. Stephen

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

— NO Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:00PM NO Rosary / NO Confessions
5:30PM NO Mass

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

4:30PM NO Evening Prayer or Adoration
5:00PM NO Confession or Benediction
5:30PM NO Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00AM NO Rosary or Confessions
8:30AM NO Mass

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00AM NO Patriotic Rosary or Confessions
8:30AM NO Mass
9:00AM Fatima Rosary & Adoration

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

9-10AM Confessions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM Mass: SI All Parishioners

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM Mass: †Stephen J. Segura

OFFICE INFO

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— Father John Muir, ©LPI

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.

ADULT EDUCATION/OCIA CLASSES

- **Weds. Oct. 21** - Lesson 11: The Old Law and the New: Learning Freedom
- **Weds. Oct. 28** - Lesson 12: The Church: God's Family

All sessions are open to everyone, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Come grow in your faith and learn to live the Gospel more fully. A meal is provided.

LADIES' NIGHT AT THE FIREPIT

Calling all ladies of the parish, ages 18 and older! Join us for a fun and relaxing evening of fellowship Friday, **Oct. 23**, at the firepit by the Church Pavilion. This will be a potluck gathering, so bring a favorite dish to share and your drink of choice. Come enjoy good food, conversation, laughter, and time together with the women of our parish!

PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES

The Diocese of Little Rock Task Force Against Human Trafficking and Pornography, a ministry of Catholic Charities of Arkansas, will present on human trafficking, online grooming, sexting, sextortion and pornography, tools for safer digital environments, and Safe Haven Sunday, approved by the Presbyteral Council to help families safeguard their homes. All parishioners are welcome. **Under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.** Saturday, **Oct. 24**, after the Vigil Mass in the Parish Hall. Call the Church Office for more information.

TWO EVENTS, ONE NIGHT!

Halloween Party: Scouting Troop 2261 and Pack 226 invite you to the Parish Hall on Saturday, **Oct. 31** at 6:30pm. Entrance is by donation of non-perishable food items for a local charity, and monetary donations for the Troop and Pack are welcome. No scary costumes please. This is a family friendly event.

Procession to Cemetery: At 8:30pm, **following the Halloween Party**, there will be a candlelight procession to the cemetery to pray the Office of the Dead, remembering those who have died and entrusting them to God's mercy.

ALL SAINTS DAY: A TIME OF PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE

Following Mass on Sunday, **Nov. 1**, All Saints Day, parishioners are invited to remain in the Church Sanctuary for meditative prayer and Veneration of the Relics we have at our parish. Pause, pray and give thanks for all the saints in the peaceful presence of the Lord. Reflective music will be provided.

CAREGIVER RETREAT

The Faith and Health Ministry at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Little Rock invites all caregivers to its annual retreat Saturday, **Nov. 7**, 8am-3pm. Cost is \$20 and limited scholarships are available. Register at bit.ly/caregiver-retreat or contact Debbie Meiklejohn, 501-666-5073.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Travel with Fr. Ben Riley and author Amy Schisler, **April 6-15, 2027**, in the footsteps of Christ: Mass in Nazareth, Cana, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, the Holy Sepulchre and Bethlehem. \$5,000 per person, double occupancy, if registered by **Nov. 1**. Includes airfare, hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, guides, admissions and daily Mass. Reserve: 410-725-1693 · www.psalms91min.com · amyschislerauthor@psalms91min.com.

WE CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY!

This World Mission Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926, a chance to celebrate with renewed missionary zeal. Last year Pope Leo XIV appealed to us in a personal video: "Please help me help missionaries everywhere." That is what World Mission Sunday does. It helps Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary dioceses and territories under his supervision through the Dicastery for Evangelization. The second collection we take up today extends the Church's work of evangelization to missionary lands where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, and to places where the Church barely exists or is too young, too persecuted or too poor to sustain herself. Thank you for responding to Pope Leo's call to help him help missionaries everywhere!

ONE CHURCH

The diocesan initiative One Church invests each year in a church or school in our diocese that needs a leg up to become a thriving community. The 2026-2027 partner is Holy Rosary School in Stuttgart. Funds given over the next 12 months will help them expand and welcome more students in Arkansas County. Please pray for this project and give today. To give or for more information, visit dolr.org/one-church.

RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE

Our Church Flooring Campaign cares for the worship space God has entrusted to us: a dignified and unified sanctuary, safer and more durable flooring, and a cohesive design throughout our church. Our goal is \$150,000, and every gift, large or small, brings us closer. To give, scan the QR code below. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and continued support of our parish.



CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & SERVICES

Pastor	Fr. Ben Riley	870-741-5234
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Scouting USA	Chad Coffman	870-416-9928
Wedding Coordinator	Bonnie Tauer	870-688-1084
Welcome New Catholics (OCIA)	Wayne/Judy Keith	870-365-3570
Catholic in Recovery	Eric Bausch	870-688-6245

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, Roy Arnold, Patricia Bel, Larry & Cindy Benner, Sandi Black, Terry Bodson, Marie Bottini, Kyle Bowling, †Mary 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, Ricky & Georgeanna Greenhaw, Becky & Hank Hartman, Pat Heinen, Sheila Hight, Jon Hill & Family, Dianne Hoberock, Derek Holden, Connie Israel, Ed & Virray Karlovic, Darby Kester, 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, Teresa Rotkowski, Giovanna Sandri, Betty Stechly, Greg Stephens, Dr. Grace St. Pierre, Linda Utaski, Nettie Virnig, Carly Webb, Cooper Webb, Jimmie & Rita Wells, Ray Wood.

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

COMMUNITY DEVOTIONS

- **Eucharistic Adoration**, 24/7 (Sign up for daytime hours)
- **Fatima Rosary**, every Friday at 9am
- **Patriotic Rosary**, First Friday at 8am
- **Marian Pathways to Holiness**, every First Saturday at 9:30am
- **First Saturday Devotions**, every First Saturday.
- **Seven Sisters Apostolate**, praying for our priests.
- **CCW Rosary** for Parish intentions, every Second Thursday at 9am.

For more info, call or text Carmen Andrade at 305-815-1795.

Fasting Brothers: For more information, contact Trevor Buckhout at 870-414-1115.

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

- Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
- Monday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara
- Tuesday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Thursday: St. John Paul II, Pope
- Friday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest
- Saturday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LP1

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

Visit <https://harrisoncatholic.org/> for:

- Parish calendar
- New parishioner registration
- Online giving
- YouTube (search "Harrison Catholic" for Masses and parish videos)
- FORMED, free Catholic streaming (movies, audiobooks, and daily reflections). Under resources, create an account and search "Mary Mother of God." Select the Harrison location



VOLUNTEER FOR A MASS MINISTRY

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.

INCOME & EXPENSE

July - September 2026

1st Quarter for the Church

General	\$106,464.00
Building	\$7,681.00
Gifts/Memorials	\$25.00
Other	\$4,759.00

TOTAL	\$118,929.00
EXPENSES -	\$104,392.00

DIFFERENCE	+\$14,539.00
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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 Gottspomer at (501) 499-9110. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

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