



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays As Scheduled

Tuesday & Wednesday – 5:30 PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

As Announced

CONFESSIONS

One-Half Hour Before All Masses

Or By Appointment w/Father Jim at 870-741-5234

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, in our parish, and in our community.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome new members to our Church through the process and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Please contact the church office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and Godparents are required to participate in a preparation process before the Baptism of children. Registration is required. Please contact the church office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements for wedding must be made at least six months in advance. Please contact the church office.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Extraordinary Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are not able to attend Mass. Call the church office about anyone who would like to receive the Eucharist at home.

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Please contact Father Jim.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dc. Mark Scouten

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Tom Hoberock

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Craig Bailey

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Darlene Coffman

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Terra Atkinson

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

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Finance Council:

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Robin Markham

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A.K. Clements

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Trail Life USA:

Wes Bradford

Tribunal:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Wedding Coordinator:

Bonnie Tauer

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

Wayne & Judy Keith

NEW IN PARISH

To register in the parish, please fill out the form below.

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parish Moved From: _____

Parish City: _____

() New In Parish () Change of Address/Phone/Email

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

2021 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday,	January 2	
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions	
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Tuazon Family	
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions	
5:00 PM	MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Sunday,	January 3 – Epiphany of the Lord	
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions	
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners	
Monday,	January 4 – NO MASS	
Tuesday,	January 5	
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions	
5:30 PM	MASS: +Magdalene Sippel	
Wednesday,	January 6	
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions	
5:30 PM	MASS: +Paula Bellinghausen	
Thursday,	January 7	
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions	
8:30 AM	MASS: +Mary Cink	
Friday,	January 8	
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions	
8:30 AM	MASS: +Joe & Mel Dezort	
Saturday,	January 9	
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions	
8:30 AM	MASS: +Joanna Duncan	
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions	
5:00 PM	MASS: +Richard Stechly	
Sunday,	January 10 – Baptism of the Lord	
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions	
8:30 AM	MASS: +Christopher Allen, 1 st Anniv. (1-9)	



VIGIL CANDLES - If you wish to light a 6-day vigil candle, a suggested \$3 donation is requested.

ONLINE BULLETINS for Mary Mother of God Church and St. Andrew's Church may be found at harrisoncatholic.org.

CONFESSIONS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE one-half hour before all Daily and Saturday/Sunday Masses or by appointment.



IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR FLOCKNOTE YET, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UPDATES FROM OUR BISHOP AND FATHER JIM WILL CONTINUE FOR WEEKS TO COME. Parish communications, such as prayer requests, updates, Mass cancellations, etc., arrives as a **Flocknote message**. Individuals and/or families are subscribed so they will either receive messages as emails or texts per their preference. If you do not receive prayer request emails and would like to, sign up now! Registration is easy. There are two ways to connect (pick one): Visit our parish at: www.flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch or text flockmmg to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates. Need help to set up your flocknote? Contact the church office.

EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK TO CHURCH!

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FAITH AT HOME – Effective October 1, the dispensation of attending Mass has been lifted for persons who are in good health, not especially vulnerable, and not caring for someone who is especially vulnerable. Persons who are vulnerable with certain medical conditions identified by the CDC, including asthma and diabetes, are still dispensed from attending Sunday Mass. The Diocese of Little Rock continues to compile a list of online resources to help you stay connected and continue to practice your faith at home, including online Masses, readings, and prayers. This list at dolr.org/covid is updated frequently as new information becomes available.

Mary Mother of God Church is now livestreaming our Saturday 5 PM & Sunday 8:30 AM Masses. You may go online to the Mary Mother of God Catholic Church Facebook account or visit our church website at harrisoncatholic.org. Click Resources; then click livestream.

For daily Masses, check out the MMG Facebook account.

The church doors will be unlocked from 9 AM to 6 PM daily. For private prayer and reflection, you are most welcome to pray in the chapel or the church.

Until further notice, all committees, organizations, services, and meetings are suspended until further notice. If you have any questions, contact the individuals listed on the bulletin.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for Building Maintenance.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet this **Monday, January 4** for the 6:30 PM meeting. **No meal will be served.**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19 & Terrorism, Vocations, Carl Bear, Donnie Billups, Joyceline Boudreaux, Ron Branaman, Gynola Bratton, Shari Broscovak, Ray Brysch, Betty Burge, Jenny Carder Family, Loretta Clements, Brian Coffman, David/Joelene Conner, Jim/Karen Conner, Barbara Crothers, Kathy Cuevas, Decker Family, Lorraine Dix, Gia Dowell, Espinoza Family, Glen Feldman, Newt Foster, Kendall Fowler, Casey Gibbs, Edmund Griggs, Bill Haley, Lorita Henry, Dianne Hoberock, Tommy Hudson, Chris Jasper, Anthony Joel Jones, Mary Koenig, Eleanor Lipsmeyer, Sandra Luckenbill, Jim Luyet, Melanie Martin, Ramon/Maria Teresa Mendez, Barbara Meyer, Paula Millet, Monte Family of STL, Al Moore, Dave/Lou Ann Neuroth, Mollie Norman, Deb O'Connor, Harlan Pollock, Michael Reding, Dc. Mark Scouten, Ed/Yvonne Servis, Phil Sides, Bob Stephens, Bishop Taylor, Pennie Veach Family, Steve/Loretta Tarochione. Our Nursing Home Residents: David Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Marie Green, Alan Lasecki, Bonnie Lundblad, Nikki Patten, Mary Ralston, Virginia Reed, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley, Patricia Smith. **Please contact the office to add/delete any names.**

2021 CATHOLIC CALENDARS are still available in the vestibule. **Please, only one per family.** If you would like a calendar and are unable to come to church, please call or email the office and a calendar will be mailed to you. Many thanks to Holt Memorial Chapel for providing these calendars to our parishioners.

Veterans Day Salute DVDs recorded by Wes Bradford are still available! To order your **FREE DVD** copy, please call the church office or call or text Holly Coffman at 416-9928.

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

- If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features

this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



CALLING ALL MEN for the 11th Annual Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference!! – February 6 – Due to the continued threat of COVID-19, this year's conference will be virtual! In spite of this, we will continue with a great conference with some outstanding speakers! Fr Stephen Gadberry (a.k.a Father Flex), Fr. Mauricio Carrasco, and Deacon Danny Hartnedy. Our theme this year "Are you man enough be like Jesus?" will call us up to be the men God wants us to be at home, at work, in our community and in our Church! Since this year's conference is virtual, there is NO Registration Fee. However, we are asking for donations to offset the cost of production and promotion of the event. Spread the news, invite a friend, plan a watch party on Super Bowl Saturday for the Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference! Go to <http://www.arcatholicmen.com> for more info on how to register.



Catholic Cemetery Gravesites are available to purchase from a Cemetery Committee representative. Gravesites are \$500 each. **A monthly payment plan is available.** If four or more gravesites are purchased at the same time, a 10% discount is applied, and the cost is \$450 per gravesite. Any questions, call Marlene Rowe at 365-0236.

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The diocesan initiative One Church invests each year in a small mission church in our diocese that needs a leg up to become a thriving community. **The 2020-2021 partner is St. Bartholomew Church in Little Rock.** All funds donated to One Church for the next 12 months will help the parish build a new Parish Life Center, which they currently don't have. Please pray for this project and give today. To give or for more information visit: dolr.org/one-church.



ADORE THE EUCHARIST!! – IT'S A DIVINE INVENTION!!

"May Christ's faithful have the occasion to worship the sacred mysteries of the Body and Blood of the Son of God in a worthy manner, and continually experience within themselves the fruits of the redemption." *Redemptionis Sacramentum*

Contact Carmen at 305-815-1795 or the church office to sign up for a Holy Hour.

Sunday @ 7 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 1 PM & 2 PM

Monday @ 6 PM

Tuesday @ 2 PM & 6 PM

Thursday @ 11 AM, 4 PM & 6 PM

Saturday @ 11 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM



PLEASE NOTE: If the Harrison schools are closed due to inclement weather, then Adoration is closed for your safety.

MASS FOR LIFE - On Sunday January 17, Bishop Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock at 12:05 PM. This Mass will also be live streamed on the [Diocese of Little Rock YouTube channel](#) to allow anyone to watch online. Subscribe to the channel to get notifications when new videos are posted. Unfortunately, because of coronavirus, there will not be Eucharistic Procession for Life or a Hearts for Life Conference in 2021. **Arkansas Right to Life still plans to host the March for Life on January 17 at 2 PM** behind the Capitol. Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email cphillips@dolr.org for more information.

COLLECTION: December 1-31, 2020

General Collection	\$17,867.50
Maintenance Fund	515.00
Immaculate Conception	777.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	967.00
Clergy Welfare Fund (Christmas)	3,783.00
All Saints	65.00
Camp. for Human Development	20.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

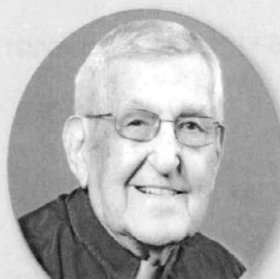
Jan 3:	Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12
Jan 4:	1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Jan 5:	1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44
Jan 6:	1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52
Jan 7:	1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22
Jan 8:	1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16
Jan 9:	1 Jn 6:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30
Jan 10:	Is 55:1-11 / 1 Jn 6:1-9 / Mk 1:7-11

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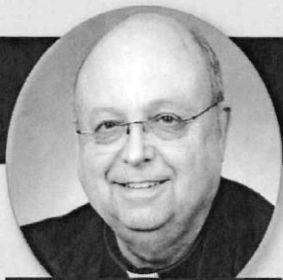
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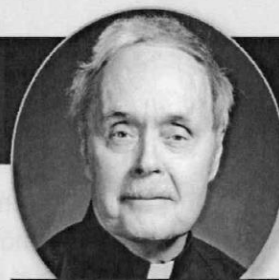


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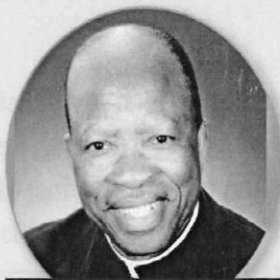
The Christmas collection is the primary source of income for the Clergy Welfare Fund that supports our retired and infirm priests. Please be generous.



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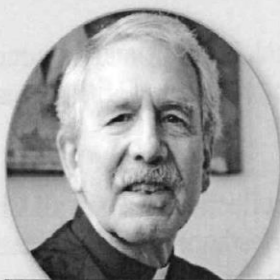
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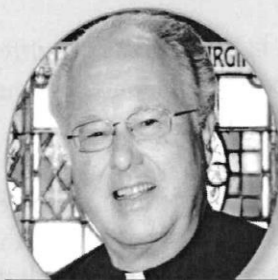
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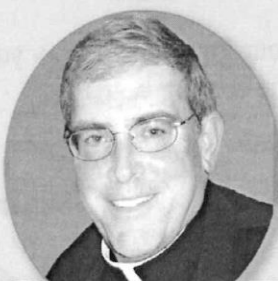
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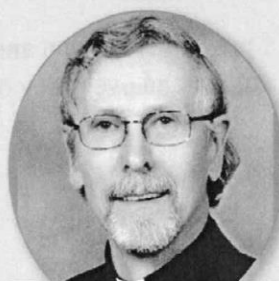
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For more information, contact Dianne Brady, Director of Stewardship and Development,
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Christmas 2020

Dear Friends,

In the words of St. John Vianney, "The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you ... The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus." Every day of a priest's adult life is a gift of humble devotion and service to us, whose spiritual lives he is entrusted to nurture and care for in doing the work of God's hands.

The Diocese of Little Rock has 18 retired priests who receive monthly benefits from the Clergy Welfare Fund and those who are still able continue their lives of service in prayer, hearing confessions, and even substituting in parishes for pastors absent due to vacation or illness. Most of our priests work well into their 70's and beyond, caring for the spiritual life and welfare of their people, and there are many nearing retirement. They have given us the gift of their hearts and their lives of service and dedication; let us give them the gift of assurance that their retirement days are spent with dignity and care.

The Christmas Collection in the Diocese of Little Rock is the primary source of income for the Clergy Welfare Fund. Your support will help us continue to provide benefits for our retired priests, and build the fund to meet our future obligations.

I appeal to you to join me in supporting this special collection taken at all Christmas masses. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese, and for happy and healthy retirement for those who have served us so well throughout the years. Pray also for those priests in active ministry who deserve our support, encouragement, and care.

I pray daily for you and your loved ones! May you receive the peace and joy of Christ this Christmas season and every day of the coming year.

Sincerely In Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock

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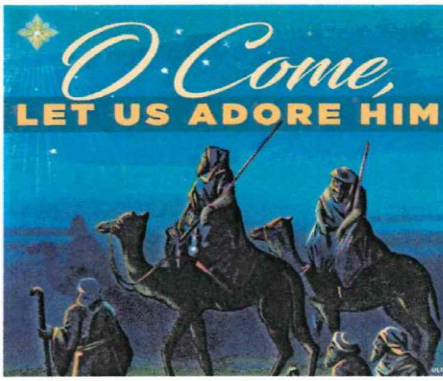
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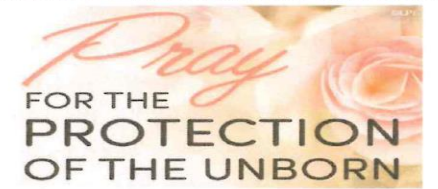
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Epiphany of the Lord—January 3, 2021

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"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!



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Dates & Times



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 27 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	December 28 NO MASS	December 29 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	December 30 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ NO PREP CLASSES Classes Resume on January 6, 2021	December 31 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Vigil Mass	January 1, 2021 <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 11 AM Mass in Yvl	January 2 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
January 3 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund	January 4 NO MASS ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM Meeting	January 5 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	January 6 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ K-8 Online Classes 6-8 PM Confirmation 6:30-7:30 PM HS Class	January 7 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	January 8 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	January 9 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
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JANUARY 2021 MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

5 PM Saturday Mass

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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Jan 3	Judith Penquite	Jan 11	Roger Lizarda	Jan 21	Samuel Luyet
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Jan 5	Larry Benner	Jan 14	Johnny Nichols	Jan 26	Rickey Amerson
Jan 5	Melba Bruton	Jan 14	Weston Rogers	Jan 26	Stacie Klott
Jan 5	Joe Faria	Jan 16	Amy Aldrete	Jan 26	Dolly Leach
Jan 5	Joan Lipsmeyer	Jan 17	Jordan Reeves	Jan 26	Jorge Ramirez
Jan 6	Cris Teague	Jan 18	Madelynne Barnard	Jan 27	Joy Lizarda
Jan 9	Kristi Morrison Hugues	Jan 18	Rita Ward	Jan 28	John Mastrobuono
Jan 9	Pennie Veach	Jan 19	George Espinoza	Jan 29	Patti Mole
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Jan 10	George Stimson	Jan 20	Tina Bohannon	Jan 31	John Hargett

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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November 19, 2020

To all doctors, nurses, administrators, support staff and other co-workers in Catholic health care:

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday during a time of pandemic, I thank God for many things—for God's loving presence, for the gift of faith, for family and friends (even though we can't be physically together now). I also thank God right now for the gift of life and health. Especially as COVID-19 continues to increase in our country and in much of the world, we have a reminder of how important our physical health is.

This pandemic has been a challenging time for all of society. Whether someone has been infected, cared for someone who has been infected, or simply experienced changes of life because of the measures needed to combat it, no one has been exempt.

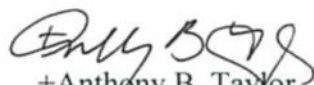
Above all, though, I know that COVID-19 has affected you as healthcare workers. You stand on the front lines, often putting yourselves at risk in order to serve your patients. Your generosity of heart and zeal for your ministry give life to many, especially right now.

As the Bishop of Little Rock, I thank God for the great work undertaken by Catholic healthcare ministries in Arkansas, ministries that can only exist because of people like you. Your daily work is an extension of the healing ministry of Jesus. Like the ministry of Jesus, your work is loving, sacrificial, and life-giving. Just as the ministry of Jesus did, your work gives hope and strength to all it touches—and to society as a whole!

I know these are trying times for you. You want to help and heal, even as you know there is still much to be done in combating COVID-19. I encourage you to persevere, and I pray for your resilience and strength as you confront the challenges that lie ahead. We may celebrate Thanksgiving differently this year than in other years, but our need to be grateful is even stronger than ever.

So, thank you! And be assured of my prayers for you now and throughout these challenging times.

Sincerely in Christ,


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Statement on the “REPORT ON THE HOLY SEE’S INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND DECISION-MAKING RELATED TO FORMER CARDINAL THEODORE EDGAR MCCARRICK (1930 TO 2017)” issued November 10, 2020

I am grateful to Pope Francis for his commitment to bringing healing to the victims of clergy sexual abuse and to preventing such cases from being mishandled in the future, regardless of the prominence of the accused perpetrator. Yesterday we received concrete proof of his commitment to transparency and to bringing the light of truth to bear on this darkest of evils that has, in the case of ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, reached even the highest echelons of the hierarchy in the Church. This 449 page report chronicles not only the horror of McCarrick’s abuse of minors and young adults, but also the mishandling of allegations by even by such saintly persons as Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI and those that advised them, albeit due in part to having received faulty information from several now deceased New Jersey bishops and the failure of Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò to investigate when told to do so while working in the Secretariat of State in the Vatican and later mishandling the case when he was papal nuncio to the United States.

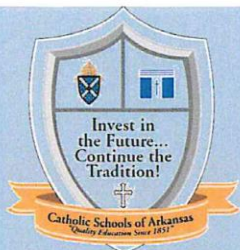
When in 2017 Pope Francis first became aware of a concrete allegation against then Cardinal McCarrick, he ordered a canonical trial of McCarrick which in February 2019 resulted in the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state. Pope Francis also ordered the investigation, the results of which were released yesterday, of how such a person as Mr. McCarrick could have risen to the highest ranks within the Church, including who had a hand in covering up misdeeds of which they had knowledge and why allegations received previously were not taken seriously. In May of 2019 Pope Francis also promulgated “*Vos Estis Lux Mundi*”, a papal decree which introduced sweeping changes in order to hold bishops accountable for sexual abuse or covering up, making reporting obligatory for clerics and allowing anyone to complain directly to the Vatican if needed. To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Catholic bishop, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 800/276-1562.

The Diocese of Little Rock continues its commitment to keeping children safe. Anyone who has been abused sexually by a priest or representative of the Church is encouraged to contact first the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline at 800/482-5964; and to contact Deacon Matthew Glover at 501/664-0340 ext. 361, or Laura Gottspomer, our Victims Assistance coordinator at 501/664-0340 ext. 425.

We remain united in our pain and our support for all victims of sexual abuse and pray for healing and reconciliation within our Church.

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Bishop of Little Rock
November 11, 2020



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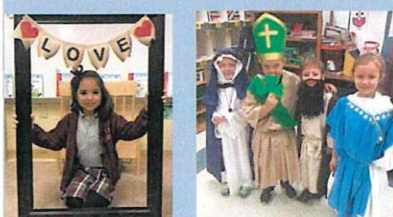
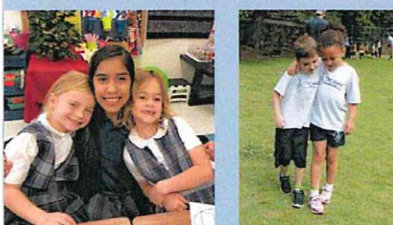
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ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

November 14, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Sadly, there are Catholic schools throughout the country closing due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help prevent this from happening in Arkansas through your gift to the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal. Our Catholic schools are facing a combination of financial challenges: decreased subsidy from parishes, cancelled fundraising events, decreased enrollment, and a greater need for financial assistance for families negatively affected by the pandemic.

The Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal is held annually to give tuition assistance to families with a demonstrated need. Catholic schools throughout the state submit applications on behalf of these families. Last year funds from the appeal provided tuition support to 54 students attending Arkansas Catholic schools with awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 per family.

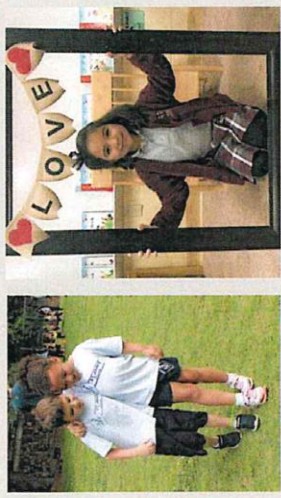
Families who qualify are granted assistance through Parish subsidies, school fundraising, foundations, and individual donors. However, even with this financial support, a need still exists for more tuition aid. This year our calculated need is \$465,000. Please help us by donating to the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal. Every dollar received from donations will be used to aid those in need of financial assistance.

Catholic schools are an integral part of the teaching mission of the Church because they assist parents in the important obligation of educating and forming their children through faith development. This year our schools have responded beautifully finding creative and practical solutions to challenges related to safety and virtual learning. They continue to provide a rigorous education, rooted in the Gospel, and rich in the cherished traditions and liturgical practices of our faith. Even in the midst of a pandemic, our schools are ensuring that students will have the foundation to live a moral and upright life to face the challenges brought by changes in the world today.

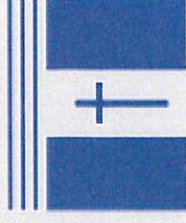
Thank you for your support of the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship fund. Please keep our schools in your prayers.

Sincerely In Christ,

Most Reverend Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock



Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal



A Catholic education is a gift that serves the child, their family, and the community throughout their lifetime and beyond. The cost of tuition is a challenge to hundreds of our families who desire a Catholic education for their child. Parish subsidies, school fundraising, and foundations provide funds for financial assistance, but not enough.

All funds raised through this appeal go directly to an Arkansas Catholic school to provide tuition assistance to a family with a demonstrated financial need. Your gift will help keep these children in our Catholic schools. Please be generous, and remember our Catholic schools in your prayers.

“Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.”

Pope Francis

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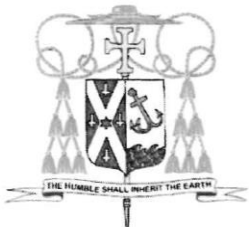
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October 22, 2020

Clarification regarding Pope Francis' statement about Civil Unions

The major theme of Pope Francis' apostolic ministry has been to call the Church to reach out with mercy to those on the margins. This is the mercy of coming close to Jesus. Mercy is the lens through which Pope Francis calls us to view and respond to situations of poverty, migration, racial and income inequality, the environment and people affected by unjust discrimination—among whom are homosexuals, who have been marginalized throughout history. We can debate points of theology but debates seldom change hearts and usually lead to both parties clinging all the more tenaciously to the truth as they understand it. Mercy as a concept separate from Jesus can end up being simply license, but when we truly try listen to the other with a heart conformed to that of Jesus, we begin to look for ways to remedy situations that disadvantage those on the margin.

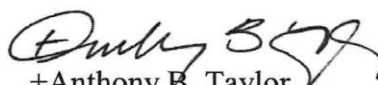
I believe that is why, without changing any of the teaching of the Church about the immorality of homosexual acts, Pope Francis has tried to find ways to reassure homosexuals that God loves them, that they have a place in the life of the Church and that we have an obligation to remove all the disadvantages that they suffer unjustly. One of these injustices is the fact that in most societies the legal union of civil marriage conveys tangential benefits to incentivize marriage that are not intrinsically connected to marriage itself, and are denied to those who are not in a legal union. That is the background for Pope Francis' statement about civil unions in the documentary "Francesco" which premiered in the Rome Film Festival on October 21, 2020. I note that comments in an interview like this can be insightful but are not meant to articulate doctrine. Here is what he said:

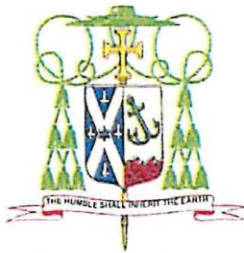
"Homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God. You can't kick someone out of a family nor make their life miserable for this. What we have to have is a civil union law; that way people are legally covered."

That's his concern. Civil unions of homosexuals would grant most of the tangential benefits of marriage without being a true marriage, which is of course impossible for a homosexual union, and thus a misnomer, even though U.S. law describes it as marriage. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that marriage by its very nature is "ordered to the good of the couple, as well as to the generation and education of children." (CCC 1660) One look at our bodies reveals that both the procreation of children and the complete unitive act of intercourse requires physical complementarity, which are not present in a same-sex union. However, a stable bond between persons of the same sex has the possibility of offering some good for those persons, especially when that bond is chaste in nature. Notice that this union is civil, solely for the purpose of ensuring civil benefits. It has no status in Church law. Some of the tangential civil benefits of marriage that could be made available to homosexuals in a civil union are: health insurance benefits, surviving partner inheritance benefits, joint tax return benefits, medical decision-making, hospital visitation rights, funeral decision-making and tax free transfer of property.

This statement regarding civil unions is one small expression of a much broader vision of inclusion that Pope Francis has proclaimed throughout his papacy.

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September 25, 2020

On Lifting the Suspension of the Sunday Mass Obligation, effective October 1, 2020

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

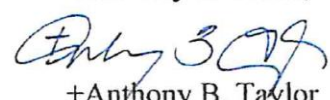
The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, and our Sunday communal celebration of the Eucharist is a central and non-negotiable part of who we are as Catholics. However, in view of the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, effective March 12, 2020 I dispensed everyone in the Diocese of Little Rock temporarily from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in person, with the stipulation that everyone keep holy the Lord's Day in other ways, for instance through participation in Mass transmitted over the internet, through Eucharistic Adoration or other time spent in prayer, for instance a family rosary. And then effective the weekend of March 21-22, in view of the increasing danger and following the advice of our governor, the public celebration of Mass was suspended for the entire state of Arkansas, with the exception of small, self-contained groups at the discretion of the priest. This was consistent with the steps taken in dioceses throughout the world and lasted for 6 weeks.

On May 4, 2020—once we had a clearer idea of the steps to be taken to prevent the spread of the coronavirus at Mass—I authorized the resumption of the public celebration of Mass on a limited basis with the stipulation that all participants be required to wear masks the entire time they are in the Church, that the space occupied not exceed 25% occupancy, that 6' of physical separation be maintained between family groups and individuals, plus other steps be taken to ensure the safety of the participants, including the sanitizing of hands and surfaces, the temporary removal of hymn books and the temporary suspension of the ministry of choirs and altar servers. The progressive re-opening of our Churches continued throughout the summer and as of June 15, 2020 we were able to authorize up to 66% occupancy in Churches where that was possible while still maintaining the required use of masks and 6' physical distancing. During this time the dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance continued.

Today I am happy to announce that our anti-COVID protocols have been effective in preventing the spread of the disease at Mass. We are not aware of even a single case of transmission linked to participation in worship in any Catholic Church in Arkansas—or for that matter, not any other Catholic Church in the United States where these protocols were in place. **Therefore, we are now in a position to lift the dispensation from the obligation of in-person Sunday Mass attendance for everyone who is in good health and not especially vulnerable or caring for someone who is especially vulnerable—effective October 1, 2020. The celebration of the Eucharist is at the center of our relationship with Jesus, whose true body and blood, soul and divinity we receive in this sacrament—the greatest treasure in our lives. Of course if a person feels ill, or has been exposed to COVID-19 and is in quarantine, or is otherwise especially vulnerable, for instance due to chronic illness or the frailty of old age, they remain dispensed—but still have the obligation to otherwise keep the Lord's Day holy.**

In the event that due to the ongoing requirement of physical distancing, the number of people seeking to attend Mass exceeds the capacity of the Church building and any overflow areas provided, any who are turned away have fulfilled their obligation before the Lord by the mere fact of having attempted to come to Mass, so long as they then participate in Mass via the internet, or observe some other way of keeping holy the Lord's Day, for instance through a family rosary or time spent in Eucharistic Adoration.

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Clarification and Reminder 9/29/20

Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

As we prepare to lift the suspension of the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance for those who are in good health, not especially vulnerable and not caring for someone who is especially vulnerable, the following clarification and reminder is in order.

Clarification: if you are in a risk group identified by the CDC or—after serious prayer and deliberation—remain very fearful otherwise, you can consider yourself still dispensed. Older adults and persons with certain medical conditions, including asthma and diabetes, have been identified by the CDC as being at greater risk. When dealing with fear or otherwise in doubt, feel free to consult with your pastor regarding your specific situation.

Protocols: all of the measures we have taken for protecting our people at Mass not only remain in place, they should be more strictly observed due to the larger number of people who will be attending Mass. In addition to mask wearing the entire time you are inside the Church, 6' physical distancing and hand sanitizing upon entry into the Church, the following (about which questions have been asked) should also continue to be observed:

Communion on the hand. You receive on the hand with the mask still on, step aside, lower the mask, place the host in your mouth, raise the mask and return to your place. There is no Communion on the tongue except during the Latin Mass. Those desiring to receive on the tongue should wait until the congregation has left, and then receive communion from the tabernacle, the priest or deacon sanitizing his hands before and after.

Dismissal: People should be dismissed row by row from the back of the Church to the front and instructed to go directly to their cars. People should not be allowed to congregate in the vestibule or immediately outside the Church following Mass.

The Eucharist is the greatest treasure the Lord has left us and it is my hope that increased participation will draw us closer to the Lord at this difficult time and provide us the spiritual nourishment we need amid the challenges we face. May the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael protect us as we move forward in our journey of faith.

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IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MUSIC MINISTRY?

Adult Choir—The Adult Choir meets every Thursday at 6:30pm and sings at the Sunday 8:30am Mass and other Holy Days of Obligation.

Youth Choir—The Youth Choir consists of students in grades K-12. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm immediately following PREP class. They sing at the scheduled Youth Masses throughout the academic year. Hand chimes and other instruments are used, as well.

Hand Bell Choir—The Hand Bell Choir meets on Tuesday evenings at 6PM and plays at approximately 7 Masses throughout the year.

Silver Bells—Silver Bells is a group, specifically for the senior members of our parish. Opportunities for food, fellowship, and fun are guaranteed!

What does Music Ministry mean to me?

"Singing in church has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. It was such a natural routine for me that I would feel as if I had not participated in Mass if no singing was involved. Music ministry continues to be a meaningful part of my life even as a senior member of the parish. It is only through God's blessings that I continue in this ministry and gain a greater connection to my fellow choir members and our church congregation. I would strongly encourage others who appreciate music during church services to seriously consider giving music ministry a try."—Kevin Cheri (Adult Choir member)

"I like singing in the church choir because it lets me glorify God in a way that I enjoy. I also like the choir because it makes me feel peaceful especially when I am singing about God."—Eliana & Charlize Adamos (Youth Choir members)

"I have been a part of this amazing handbell group since it started three years ago. Even though I do have a music background, I find playing handbells challenging. Instead of playing all the notes in a song, each bell is a part of the whole that makes the music. I am thankful that I have been able to use my talents to bring more to our Mass celebration. Being a part of our music ministry has been a blessing to me."—Bonnie Tauer (Hand Bell Choir member)

"These bells make our old souls sing!"—Silver Bells members

If you are interested in sharing your musical talents, contact
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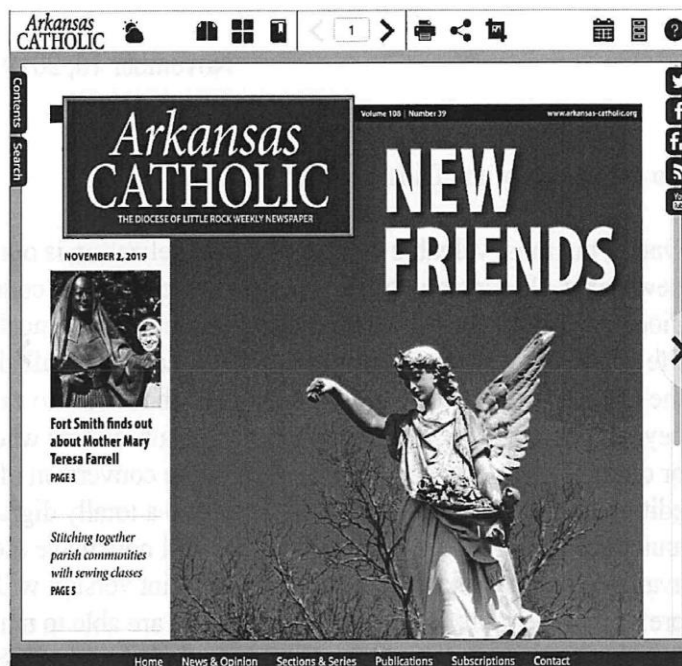
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MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



**In the Diocese of Little Rock,
Beginning July 1, 2017:**

WHO must do safe environment training and background checks:

1) Employees

2) Volunteers with Routine Contact w/ Minors

- a. This includes only volunteers who have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their volunteer duties.
- b. Volunteers who do not have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their duties do not have to do safe environment training or background checks.

WHAT training programs:

“CMG Connect” → online training for **adults**
(<http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment>)
(or directly at: <https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org>)

“Circle of Grace” → in-classroom training for **children/youth**

We will no longer use VIRTUS’s “Protecting God’s Children” or “Touching Safety.”
Instead, we will use products supported by **Catholic Mutual Group (CMG)**.

All data from VIRTUS will be moved over to CMG Connect. No one who has already done safe environment training and a background check will have to re-do anything at this time. Users who are due for a 5-year recertification will be notified how to do that by their parish/school safe environment coordinator, who will also have info on both new programs.