



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Father Jim.

Pastor:

Deacon:

Parish Manager:

Rev. James M. Fanrak

Dc. Mark Scouten

Robin Markham

Adult Scripture Study:

Buildings, Maintenance:

Catholic Christian Women:

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Cemetery Committee:

Custodian:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Finance Council:

Flocknote:

Knights of Columbus:

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Legion of Mary:

Libraries:

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Music Ministry:

Pro-Life:

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Sacristans:

Alternate Sacristans:

Safe Environment:

Social Justice/Charitable Outreach

Trail Life USA:

Tribunal:

Wedding Coordinator:

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

Tom Hoberock

Craig Bailey

Darlene Coffman

Terra Atkinson

Marlene Rowe

Doherty Family

Carmen Andrade

Joe Koenig

Robin Markham

Craig Bailey

Val Stechly

Ruth Haley

Jennifer Johnson

Dc. Mark Scouten

Julie Jasper

Sandra Guidry

Holly Coffman

Jones, Stephens, Sandri

Scouten, Bailey

Holly Coffman

Robin Markham

Wes Bradford

Dc. Mark Scouten

Bonnie Tauer

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 30
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Johann Chua, In Thanksgiving
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Ron Schoborg
Sunday,	January 31 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Monday,	February 1 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	February 2 – Presentation of the Lord
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Shirley Gillies, 2 nd Anniv. (2-1)
Wednesday,	February 3 – Feast of St. Blaise
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Fr. Thomas Dowdell
Thursday,	February 4
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Ben Krone, BD
First Friday,	February 5
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Joanna Duncan
First Saturday,	February 6
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,	February 7 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Tom Jamison



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 our parish will take up the 136th Annual National Black & Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Our diocese also received \$37,000 in grant funding from this collection last year, benefiting Arkansas Council of Black Catholics, St. Peter's in Pine Bluff, St. Bartholomew, and St. Augustine.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet this Monday, February 1 at 6:30 PM. No meal will be served.



Presentation of the Lord – Tuesday, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast celebrates when, forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus, their first-born son, to God at the Temple in accord with the Mosaic Law. The Mass of the day is sometimes called Candlemas because there is a special blessing for candles this day. The light of candles in prayer and liturgy express the presence of God.

This **Wednesday, February 3** the church celebrates the memorial of Saint Blaise, whose intercession we ask to be delivered from all diseases of the throat and from every other evil. Blessing of Throats will be offered **at the end of the Wednesday Mass and Sunday Masses on February 6-7.**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK is for Building Maintenance.

The 2021 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal begins next Sunday. We ask that you prayerfully welcome this opportunity to give in support of overall needs of the Church in our Diocese. Our parish goal remains the same as last year of \$21,000.

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, Coffman Family, Larry/Rita Coffman, David/Joelene Conner, Jim/Karen Conner, Barbara Crothers, Kathy Cuevas, Decker Family, Gia Dowell, Espinoza Family, Glen Feldman, Greg/Newt Foster, Kendall Fowler, Casey Gibbs, Edmund Griggs, Bill Haley, Lorita Henry, Dianne Hoberock, Tommy Hudson, Chris Jasper, Anthony Joel Jones, Mary Koenig, Dennis Kyler, Eleanor Lipsmeyer, Sandra Luckenbill, Jim Luyet, Melanie Martin, Leanne McAtee, Ramon/Maria Teresa Mendez, Barbara Meyer, Paula Millet, Serenity Monroe, Monte Family of STL, Al Moore, Isaiah Neil, Dave/Lou Ann Neuroth, Mollie Norman, Deb O'Connor, Nikki Patten, Harlan Pollock, Michael Reding, Dc. Mark Scouten, Ed/Yvonne Servis, Phil Sides, Bob Stephens, Steve/Loretta Tarochione, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Ed Terhune, Pennie Veach Family. Our Nursing Home Residents: David Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Alan Lasecki, Bonnie Lundblad, Mary Ralston, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley, Patricia Smith. **Please contact the office to add/delete names.**

Embracing Change in Christ - It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears, and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 31: Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28
 Feb 1: Heb 11:32-40 / Mk 5:1-20
 Feb 2: Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40
 Feb 3: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 / Mk 6:1-6
 Feb 4: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 / Mk 6:7-13
 Feb 5: Heb 13:1-8 / Mk 6:14-29
 Feb 6: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 / Mk 6:30-34
 Feb 7: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

2020 MMG CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS have been mailed. If you did not receive your statement in the mail, please contact the church office. We appreciate your donation to the church. Luke 6:38 reminds us: **"Give and it shall be given to you. ...For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you."**



CONFIRMATION WITH BISHOP ANTHONY TAYLOR – On Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 2 PM, Bishop Taylor will be coming to our parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Any parishioner who has not been confirmed will need to bring their baptism certificate to the church office as soon as possible to begin the process.

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 @ 11 AM, 2 PM & 6 PM

Wednesday @ 10 AM & 5 PM

Thursday @ Noon, 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.



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CALLING ALL MEN for the 11th Annual Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference!! – February 6 – "Are you man enough to be like Jesus?" Make plans now to join hundreds of men from around the state at this year's VIRTUAL Conference. You WILL be blessed and fed by our incredible and insightful speakers Fr. Stephen Gadberry (a.k.a. Father Flex), Fr. Mauricio Carrasco, and Deacon Danny Hartnedy, with keen insights and the biblical foundation for becoming like Christ at home, in your marriage, at work, in your 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! For more info on how to register, visit <http://www.arcatholicmen.com>.

Preserving the Sanctity of Life at the End of Life - A free virtual conference is being sponsored by the Arkansas Right to Life on **Saturday, February 6** from 1-5 PM. Although the conference is FREE, you must register to attend and space is limited. We all know that with the growing acceptance of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide in our country, the frail elderly, terminally ill and persons with disabilities become more vulnerable. This will be an excellent conference to equip you with defending the sacredness of life in ALL STAGES. For more details, visit <https://artl.org/preserving-the-sanctity-of-life-at-the-end-of-life-zoom-conference/>

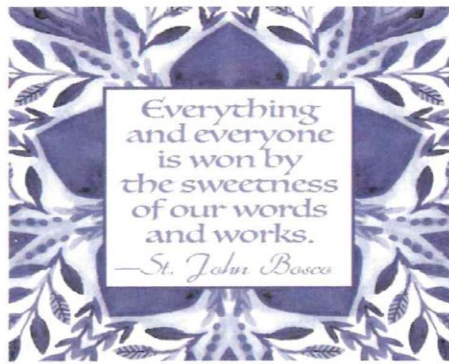
Veterans Day Salute DVDs recorded by Wes Bradford are still available! To order your FREE DVD copy, please call the church office or call or text Holly Coffman at 416-9928.

Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

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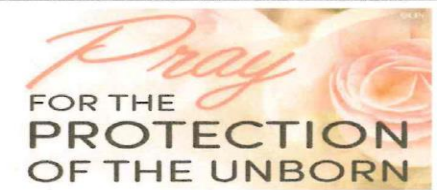
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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 31, 2021— Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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Dates & Times



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 31 <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions	February 1, 2021 NO MASS ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM Meeting	February 2 <i>Presentation of the Lord</i> Blessing of Candles 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	February 3 <i>Feast of St. Blaise</i> Blessing of Throats 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ K-8 Online Classes 6-8 PM Confirmation 6:30-7:30 PM HS Class	February 4 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	February 5 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	February 6 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass Blessing of Throats Following Mass ++ CASA BEGINS
February 7 <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass Blessing of Throats Following Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ CASA BEGINS	February 8 NO MASS	February 9 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	February 10 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ K-8 Online Classes NO Confirmation Class NO HS Class	February 11 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	February 12 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	February 13 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
February 14 <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	February 15 NO MASS	February 16 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	February 17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 8:30 AM Mass w/ Distribution of Ashes 5:30 PM Mass w/ Distribution of Ashes ++ NO PREP CLASSES FAST & ABSTINENCE	February 18 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	February 19 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	February 20 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
February 21 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Aid to Church in Central & Eastern Europe	February 22 NO MASS	February 23 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	February 24 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ K-8 Online Classes 6:30-7:30 PM HS Class	February 25 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	February 26 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	February 27 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
February 28 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Arkansas Catholic Subscription Drive	March 1, 2021 NO MASS ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM Meeting	March 2 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	As the season of Lent approaches, it is helpful to recall the discipline of the Church with regard to fast, abstinence, and other forms of penance. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age. All members of the Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by Law.			

PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY 2021 MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

5 PM Saturday Mass	8:30 AM Sunday Mass
Rosary:	Rosary:
Lector:	Lector:
 E/M:	 E/M:
 Servers:	 Servers:
 Ushers:	 Ushers:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Feb 1	Shirley Feldman	Feb 10	Noah Applegate	Feb 21	Jonathan Porras
Feb 1	Marisa Keylon	Feb 10	Lorraine Dix	Feb 21	Evan Webb
Feb 1	Alina Perez	Feb 10	Uriel Ramirez	Feb 23	Carmen Andrade
Feb 3	Rachel Hodges	Feb 11	Benny Hancock	Feb 23	Colton Hocut
Feb 4	Mary Griggs	Feb 13	Chad Coffman	Feb 24	Mary Dryden-Koenig
Feb 4	Ben Krone	Feb 13	Mike Stephen	Feb 24	Ed Karlovic
Feb 4	Kheilab McBride	Feb 18	Paul DiCarlo	Feb 26	Jennifer Billups
Feb 4	Gabby Paradiso	Feb 18	Gabriel Lavoie	Feb 26	Janet Wilcox
Feb 5	Norma Renshaw	Feb 20	Gabriel Sandoval	Feb 27	Rick Milburn
Feb 6	Tina Pietrabella	Feb 21	Sheila O'Laughlin	Feb 28	Frank Taheny
Feb 6	Rita Wells	Feb 21	Richard Paul	Feb 29	Holly Coffman
Feb 8	Lucia McArthur			Feb 29	Andy Perez

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb 9	Bob & Mary Stephens	Feb 20	Ronnie & Shirlene Lackey
Feb 10	Harvey & Emily Myers	Feb 21	Bob & Donna Terrell
Feb 11	Bill & Ann May	Feb 22	Tom & Helen Heffran
Feb 11	Joseph & Audrey McFadden	Feb 23	Bob & Patsy Astorino
Feb 13	Johann & Sally Chua	Feb 27	Jim & Karen Conner
Feb 13	Levi & Helen Haley		



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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.

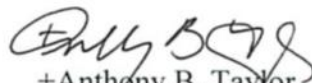
Above all, though, I know that COVID-19 has affected you as healthcare workers. You stand on the front lines, often putting yourselves at risk in order to serve your patients. Your generosity of heart and zeal for your ministry give life to many, especially right now.

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,


+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock





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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.

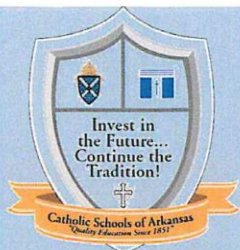
When in 2017 Pope Francis first became aware of a concrete allegation against then Cardinal McCarrick, he ordered a canonical trial of McCarrick which in February 2019 resulted in the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state. Pope Francis also ordered the investigation, the results of which were 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.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock
November 11, 2020



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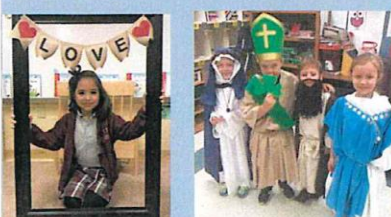
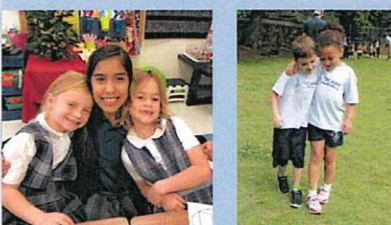
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ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

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.

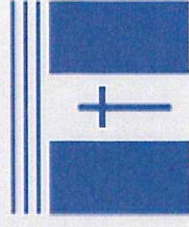
Thank you for your support of the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship fund. Please keep our schools in your prayers.

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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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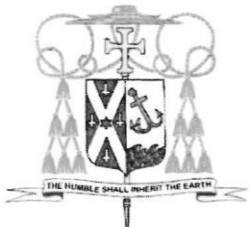
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October 22, 2020

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.

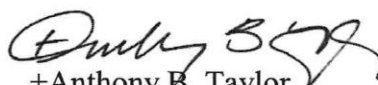
I believe that is why, without changing any of the teaching of the Church about the immorality of homosexual acts, Pope Francis has tried to find ways to reassure homosexuals that God loves them, that they have a place in the life of the Church and that we have an obligation to remove all the disadvantages 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:

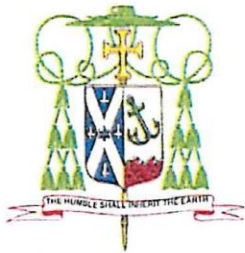
"Homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God. You can't kick someone out of a family nor make their life miserable for this. What we have to have is a civil union law; that way people are legally covered."

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,

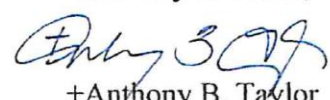
The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, and our Sunday communal celebration of the Eucharist is a central and non-negotiable part of who we are as Catholics. However, in view of the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, effective March 12, 2020 I dispensed everyone in the Diocese 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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Informed Choices ministry exists to evangelize, encourage and empower men/women in making life affirming choices.

Informed Choices provides:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Pregnancy options education
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- Limited ultrasounds
- Post abortion recovery
- Referrals for
 - Pre-natal care
 - Social services
 - Adoption
- Parenting Skills
 - Support mothers & fathers beyond pregnancy
 - "Earn While You Learn" program where clients earn items and resources to provide a healthy environment for their child

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

- PRAYER PARTNER
- FINANCIAL SUPPORTER
 - One Time Gifts
 - Monthly Gift
- DONATE ITEMS
- VOLUNTEER
 - Men/Women Volunteers
 - Youth Group Service Projects: yard work, sort baby items
- PROMOTE & PARTICIPATE
 - Baby Bottle Campaign
 - Annual Banquet(s)
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 - Community Events

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- Diapers sizes 1&2
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Do you love to sing?
Do you love to make music for the Lord?
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
Julie Jasper, Director of Music Ministry at (870)688-9369 or julesjasper93@gmail.com



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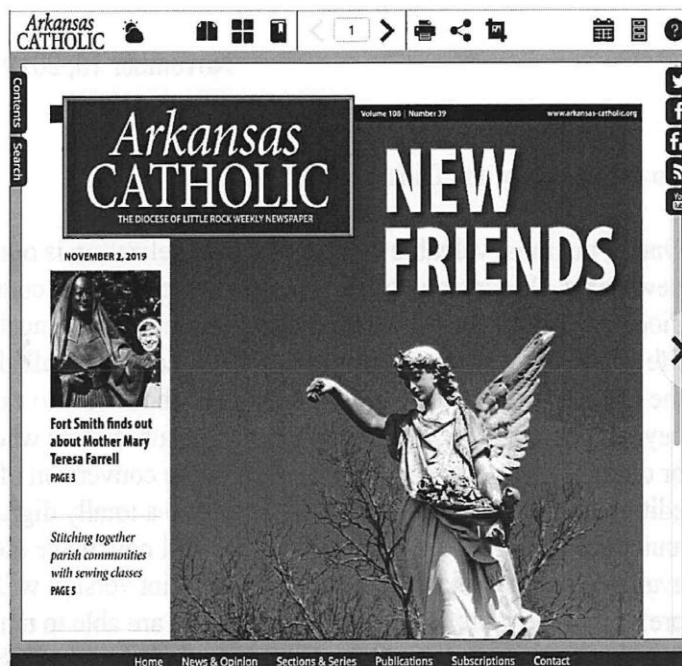
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MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



**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.