



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.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

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NEW IN PARISH

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

Name: _____

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Address: _____

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() 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,	February 20
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Thomas Bodden
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Sunday,	February 21 – First Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Mel Pollock, 1 st Anniv. (2-24)
Monday,	February 22 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	February 23
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Carolyn Gokenbach, 1 st Anniv. (2-22)
Wednesday,	February 24
5:00 PM	Rosary
5:30 PM	MASS: +Bill & Sue McAtee
Thursday,	February 25
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Maria Breeding
Friday,	February 26
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Joe & Mel Dezort
9:00 AM	Holy Hour w/Stations of the Cross
Saturday,	February 27
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI - Children & Grandchildren of Ron & Mary Ann Caster
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Shields Family
Sunday,	February 28 – Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners



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.

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. The Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by law.

LENTEN SERVICES – Throughout Lent, the Stations of the Cross are said on Fridays at 9 AM; or pre-recorded for you on the church's Facebook account. Rosary is prayed before daily, Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please choose one or more of these Lenten practices for your sacrifice of prayer.

INDULGENCES – A *Plenary indulgence* is granted to the faithful who make the pious exercise of the *Way of the Cross (Stations)*. Those who are “impeded” can gain the same indulgence, if they spend at least one half an hour in pious reading and meditation on the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

– Enchiridion Indulgentiarum – No. 63

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this Collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccce.

CONFIRMATION WITH BISHOP ANTHONY TAYLOR – On **Sunday, March 21**, at 2 PM, Bishop Taylor will be coming to our parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Any parishioner who has not been confirmed and would like to be, will need to bring their baptism certificate to the church office **no later than next Sunday, February 28** to begin the process.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE 40 CANS OR 40 BUCKS

Council 8410 is asking each family of the parish to consider contributing to our local food pantries during this Lenten season. One can of food or one dollar for each day of Lent. Food donations may be brought to the designated area in the church vestibule before Holy Thursday. Checks may be written to "Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive" and given to any Knight or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Your assistance to the less fortunate is deeply appreciated. May God Bless You!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19 & Terrorism, Vocations, Carl Bear, Donnie Billups, Joyceline Boudreaux, Gynola Bratton, Shari Broscovak, Ray Brysch, Betty Burge, Jenny Carder Family, Loretta Clements, Brian/Chad Coffman, 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, Robert Friedl, Casey Gibbs, Edmund Griggs, Bill Haley, Lorita Henry, Dianne Hoberock, Tommy Hudson, Chris Jasper, Anthony Joel Jones, Mary Koenig, Dennis Kyler, Sylvia LaFrancis, Eleanor Lipsmeyer, Sandra Luckenbill, Jim Luyet, Melanie Martin, Leanne McAtee, Ramon/Maria Teresa Mendez, Barbara Meyer, Paula Millet, Monte Family of STL, Al Moore, Isaiah Neil, Dave/Lou Ann Neuroth, Mollie Norman, Deb O'Connor, Nikki Patten, Harlan/Martha Pollock, Michael Reding, Dc. Mark Scouten, Ed/Yvonne Servis, Phil Sides, Bob Stephens, Steve/Loretta Tarochione, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Pennie Veach Family. Our Nursing Home Residents: David Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Alan Lasecki, Bonnie Lundblud, Mary Ralston, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley, Patricia Smith. **Please contact the office to add/delete names.**

The Unlikely Suspects - Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

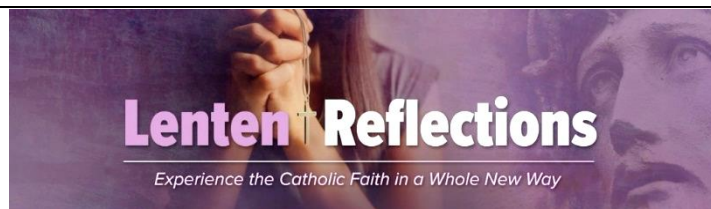
Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Grow in faith this Lent!

Sign up for daily reflections on FORMED!

Journey through Lent with Dr. Tim Gray - Set yourself up for a transformative 40 days with FORMED Lenten Reflections. Get daily videos from Dr. Tim Gray delivered right to your inbox so you don't miss a day of growing closer to our Lord. Visit lent.formed.org to sign up! Haven't signed up for your free FORMED account? Visit harrisoncatholic.formed.org

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PHONE & TV FAST – Once again, the Diocese of Little Rock is inviting people to "fast" by turning off their cell phones and televisions on **Ash Wednesday, February 17 and Good Friday, April 2**. Silencing our phones and televisions for all or part of these holy days will give God a chance to call our hearts, especially if we couple this with at least an hour spent in silent prayer while disconnected from digital media. Please consider including this practice in addition to almsgiving, prayer and fasting from food, which are traditional disciplines the Church observes during Lent. Because these practices involve sacrifice of one sort or another, it would be especially beneficial to offer the spiritual fruits of that sacrifice for some specific cause -- thus giving meaning to the suffering involved and producing greater spiritual benefit. The diocese is recommending parishioners offer up the sacrifices of Ash Wednesday for those who have left or been hurt by the Church. The sacrifices of Good Friday should be offered up for those who are marginalized and neglected -- basing our reflection on Jesus' parable of the Last Judgment in Matthew 25:31-46.

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This year, you can have the BEST LENT EVER. Each day of Lent, you'll receive a short inspirational video that will help you find areas for growth, build better habits, and spark lasting change in your life. All you do is sign up at BestLentEver.com. This is a service of Dynamic Catholic and it's FREE.

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Ascension Press offers many free podcasts for your use. The most popular one offered this year is *The Bible in a Year* podcast where Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer. With this podcast, you won't just read the Bible in a year ... you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today! Each episode is 20-25 minutes. For more information, visit ascensionpress.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Feb 21: Gn 9:8-15 / 1 Pt 3:18-22 / Mk 1:12-15
Feb 22: 1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19
Feb 23: Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15
Feb 24: Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32
Feb 25: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12
Feb 26: Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26
Feb 27: Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48
Feb 28: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10

TEN WAYS TO DEEPEN EXPERIENCE OF LENT

In addition to the traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, many perform acts of penance by "giving up" something, such as chocolate, soda, or social media. As an alternative, we invite you to take up a practice that you wouldn't otherwise do. It may help you experience Lent in a whole new way this year.

1. Try a new prayer or devotion - If you have gotten in a rut with your Lenten prayer, why not try something new? One of the most common Lenten prayers is the Stations of the Cross. This practice goes back centuries; but reflecting on the event that made our salvation possible never goes out of style. Most parishes offer the stations each Friday of Lent. To experience this devotion online, check out "Way of the Cross: Meditations and Stations from Arkansas". Other suggestions include eucharistic adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina or centering prayer.

2. Fast to draw closer to God - Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the standard. To learn the basics, visit the Fasting and Abstinence Guidelines. Why not go beyond the basics? Find out what many already know: Fasting awakens your awareness of God and pulls you closer to him. You might find fasting for those in need more fulfilling by taking part in programs like CRS Food Fast. What about fasting from something other than food? Try the I Phone Fast challenge.

3. Do some spiritual reading - If you like to read, why not put aside that best seller and read something that will deepen your relationship with God and his Church. Check out Pope Francis' 2017 Lenten Message, Bishop Anthony B. Taylor's Homily Library or Arkansas Catholic. Other suggestions include Bishop Taylor's pastoral letter, "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me: A Pastoral Letter on the Human Rights of Immigrants," the writings of Pope Francis, Bishop Robert Barron's Daily Lenten Reflections or select from the readings lists from National Catholic Register and Our Sunday Visitor.

4. Give alms for those in need - During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on almsgiving, which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. Challenge yourself to give more this year. It might mean passing on that new iPhone or putting off that car purchase, but your sacrifice for those in need is a "work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462) Suggestions include giving to CASA, the Catholic Schools of Arkansas Scholarship Appeal, the special collections during Lent and CRS Rice Bowl, which helps people in developing countries around the world.

5. Take a Bible Study - Join a study at your parish or start a new one to reflect on a Lenten series from Little Rock Scripture Study. This internationally recognized program also offers free, monthly articles that come with questions for group study. Its newest release, "Blessed Are You: The Beatitudes," explores the blessings proclaimed by Jesus at the start of the revolutionary Sermon on the Mount. You may also want to consider this helpful Q&A about reading the Bible and guide for reading it in chronological order.

6. Learn about Catholic faith - Do you have questions about what the Church teaches and why? Have you been told or read something about a teaching that bothers you? Has this caused you to take a step back? Are you sure what you were told is correct? You owe it to yourself to learn the truth. Ask a priest. Take part in a faith formation program at a parish or the diocese. Or visit trusted resources online. We also recommend reading Bishop Taylor's statements on current events or read his homilies that are posted each week.

7. Attend Lenten activities – MAYBE NOT THIS YEAR! - Check out what your local parish has to offer during Lent. It's likely you'll find a parish mission, retreat, fish fry, holy hour, or soup supper to get involved with. If you haven't taken part in the past, we invite you to see how experiencing Lent in community can broaden your perspective, enrich your faith and form new and lasting relationships with fellow believers.

8. Make a good confession - If you haven't received the sacrament of reconciliation in a long time, Lent is the ideal time to go. "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart ..." (Joel 2:12). Many parishes provide additional opportunities to receive this sacrament during Lent through Communal Reconciliation Services. These typically include a short service with prayers, readings, and songs, followed by private, individual confessions with priests stationed throughout the church.

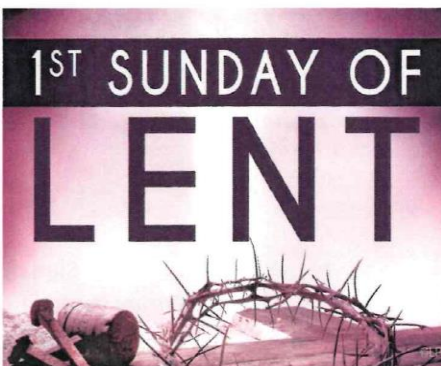
9. Try a new meatless recipe - I don't know about you, but fast food fish sandwiches get really old during Lent. Just because you are abstaining from meat on Fridays doesn't mean your meals have to be boring. Sample a recipe from Arkansas Catholic readers who shared their favorite meatless meals, which are divided into main dishes, casseroles, soups, and side dishes. Are you hungry yet?

10. Discover Christ in service - Service is a great way to see Christ in the faces of those in need. There are many ways to help others. Based on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we came up with 25 ideas to perform these works in Arkansas. These include volunteering at your parish, school, or local social service organization, visiting the sick or elderly or adopting a child who needs a forever family.

Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

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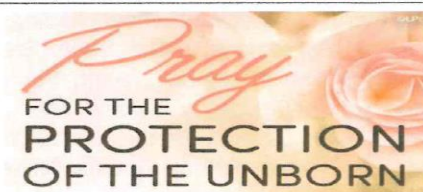
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First Sunday of Lent—February 21, 2021 — St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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February 9, 2021

To Catholics participating in 40 Days for Life and other prayer events outside abortion facilities,

40 Days for Life has a long tradition of conducting peaceful campaigns of education, public witness, fasting and prayer outside abortion facilities. I will be joining the spring campaign in Little Rock to pray the Stations of the Cross outside Planned Parenthood on at 11:00 a.m. on Friday March 12, 2021 and I invite you to join me. Prayer is at the heart of our efforts to end abortion.

When you pray, perhaps you'll see a young woman entering Planned Parenthood. Try to image the fear or hopelessness she might feel. Try to see her as a beloved daughter of God and reach out to her as Jesus himself might- with love, not condemnation. All life issues are connected. She might be struggling with poverty, racism, domestic violence, or other issues we can't even guess, but make it difficult for us to truly understand how she came to seek abortion. Let us have as much concern for her life and for her dignity as we have for the life of the child in her womb.

Recently in Little Rock, several abortion protesters were arrested at the surgical abortion facility. I ask all Catholics not to engage in any activity that is unlawful, including trespassing. Our peaceful, prayerful presence may influence other protesters. However, if during your prayer time there are others present who are disruptive or disrespectful, I ask you to separate yourselves from them. Words or actions that do not uphold the God-given human dignity of *any* person are contrary to our mission to respect and protect every human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
HARRISON, ARKANSAS

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> <i>Blessing of Candles</i> 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	February 3 <i>Feast of St. Blaise</i> <i>Blessing of Throats</i> 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

Rosary:

Lector:

E/M:

Servers:

Ushers:

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary:

Lector:

E/M:

Servers:

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.

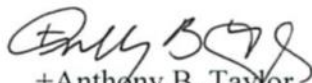
Above all, though, I know that COVID-19 has affected you as healthcare workers. You stand on the front lines, often putting yourselves at risk in order to serve your patients. Your generosity of heart and zeal for your ministry give life to many, especially right now.

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.

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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.

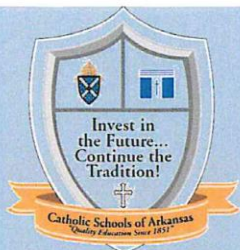
When in 2017 Pope Francis first became aware of a concrete allegation against then Cardinal McCarrick, he ordered a canonical trial of McCarrick which in February 2019 resulted in the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state. Pope Francis also ordered the investigation, the results of which were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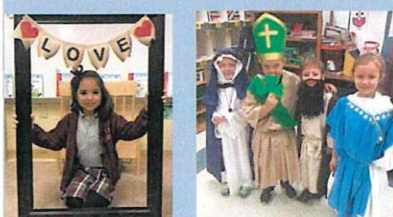
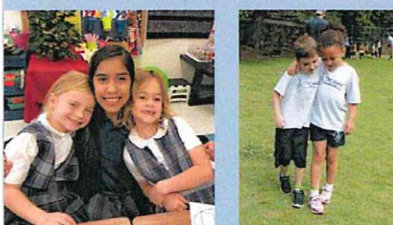
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ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

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.

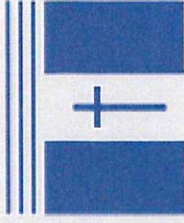
Thank you for your support of the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship fund. Please keep our schools in your prayers.

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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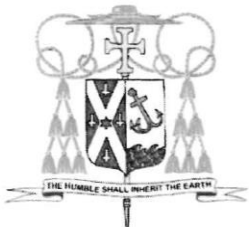
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October 22, 2020

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.

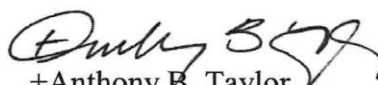
I believe that is why, without changing any of the teaching of the Church about the immorality of homosexual acts, Pope Francis has tried to find ways to reassure homosexuals that God loves them, that they have a place in the life of the Church and that we have an obligation to remove all the disadvantages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

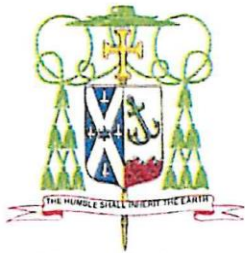
"Homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God. You can't kick someone out of a family nor make their life miserable for this. What we have to have is a civil union law; that way people are legally covered."

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,

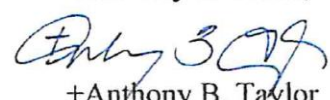
The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, and our Sunday communal celebration of the Eucharist is a central and non-negotiable part of who we are as Catholics. However, in view of the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, effective March 12, 2020 I dispensed everyone in the Diocese 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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WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

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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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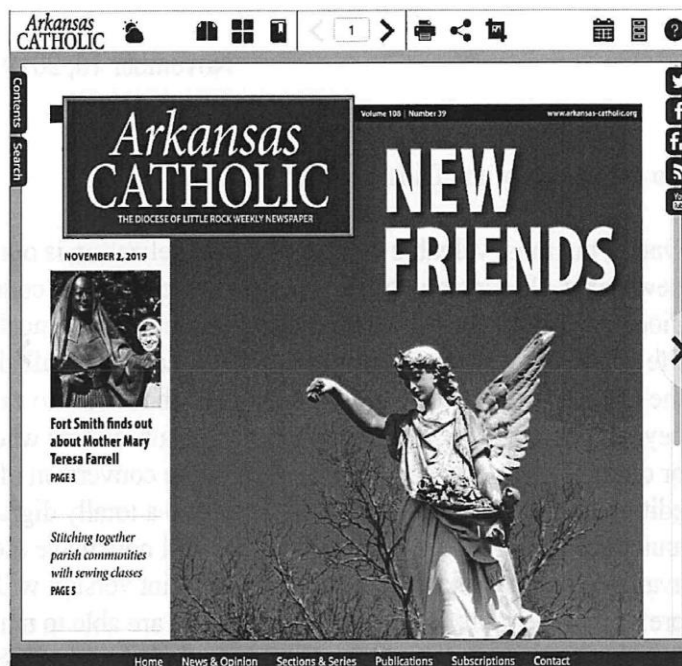
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MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



**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.