



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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Buildings, Maintenance:

Craig Bailey

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Darlene Coffman

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Terra Atkinson

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

Custodian:

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Jones, Stephens, Sandri

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Scouten, Bailey

Safe Environment:

Holly Coffman

Social Justice/Charitable Outreach

Robin Markham

Trail Life USA:

Wes Bradford

Tribunal:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Wedding Coordinator:

Bonnie Tauer

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

Wayne & Judy Keith

NEW IN PARISH

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

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parish Moved From: _____

Parish City: _____

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

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

2021 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday,	March 20
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Chua Family, In Thanksgiving
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Sunday,	March 21 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI-Tim & Stephanie Huddleston Family
Monday,	March 22 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	March 23
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Steve Slavik
Wednesday,	March 24
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – Lisa Whitehead
Thursday,	March 25
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Tom Hoberock
Friday,	March 26
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Joe & Mel Dezort
9:00 AM	Holy Hour w/Stations of the Cross
11:00 AM	Memorial Mass: +Clement Mesavage, Jr.
Saturday,	March 27
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Ron Caster Family
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Julie Maguire, 3 rd Anniv.
Sunday,	March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
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!

Please Keep Your Mask ON While Singing!

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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

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. Cash or checks made out to “Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive” may be given to a Knight or placed in the collection at Mass. Your assistance to the less fortunate is deeply appreciated. May God Bless You!



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of former parishioner, +Clement Mesavage, Jr., who died on February 28. His Memorial Mass will be celebrated this Friday, March 26 at 11 AM (visitation will begin at 10:30 AM) with interment to follow at Maplewood Cemetery. Please keep Clement and his family in your prayers.



EASTER MEMORIALS OR HONORARIUMS – Memorials (for a deceased loved one) or Honorariums (for a living loved one) are available for a \$10 donation. Easter flowers will remain throughout the Easter Season on the Altar. No names will be placed on the individual flowers, but an acknowledgment will be placed in the church bulletin. An acknowledgment card will also be sent to the person you wish to honor or remember. If you wish to make a memorial or honorarium, please use the envelopes available in the vestibule. Fill in the appropriate addresses on the envelope. Return the envelope via the church office or in the collection basket by Palm Sunday, March 28. Thank you for beautifying our church!

Mary Mother of God College Scholarship Applications for high school seniors are due in the church office no later than **April 15**. If you need an application, contact the church office or Holly Coffman.



The Knights of Columbus will award a college scholarship this spring for the 2021-2022 academic year. Applications may be found at harrisoncatholic.org. Select Groups and click Knights of Columbus. Please submit your application to the church office no later than **April 15**. Questions? Contact Nick Simon at 688-7700.

When Our Own Hour Comes - We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

"Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 21: Jer 31:31-34 / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33
 Mar 22: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Jn 8:1-11
 Mar 23: Nm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30
 Mar 24: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Jn 8:31-42
 Mar 25: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38
 Mar 26: Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42
 Mar 27: Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56
 Mar 28: Mk 11:1-10 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 15:1-39

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 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, Jim Luyet, Melanie Martin, Ramon/Maria Teresa Mendez, Barbara Meyer, Paula Millet, Monte Family of STL, Al Moore, Isaiah Neil, Mollie Norman, Nikki Patten, Eliska/Harlan/Martha Pollock, Michael Reding, Deacon Mark Scouten, Ed/Yvonne Servis, Phil Sides, Bob Stephens, Steve/Loretta Tarochione, +Michael Taylor (our Bishop's brother), Mary Ann Van Ore, 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. **Names will be deleted March 31. Please contact the office to add/delete names.**

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

"Let us encourage one another to walk joyfully, our hearts filled with wonder, towards our encounter with the Holy Eucharist ... Make time for personal prayer before the Sacrament of the Altar." Pope Benedict XVI

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

Sunday @ 7 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM & 2 PM

Monday @ Noon, 1 PM & 5 PM

Tuesday @ 11 AM & 1 PM

Wednesday @ 10 AM, 11 AM & 6 PM

Thursday @ 9 AM, 4 PM & 5 PM

Friday @ Noon, 1 PM, 4 PM & 6 PM

Saturday @ 10 AM, 11 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM & 3 PM

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



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Lenten Day of Recollection – "Constructing Our Lives for Christ" will be offered on **Tuesday, March 23**. Led by Br. Roch McClellan, OSB, the day begins with registration at 8:30 AM and includes two conferences, opportunity for reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, Noon prayer with the monks, lunch, and ends with Mass in the Courty House Chapel. \$25 for the day. Call 479-934-1290 or email courthouse@subi.org for reservations. Space is limited to 20 people.

2021 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given **\$7,791.80** or **37%** of our designated goal of **\$21,000**. Thank you for your support in helping our diocese to continue to carry on the missionary work of Jesus.

WHY DO WE COVER THE CROSSES AND THE STATUES?

The crosses (crucifixes) are covered from the Fifth Sunday of Lent until Good Friday. Other images are covered from the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil.

The purpose of covering the crosses is to emphasize it being revealed on Good Friday. The purpose of covering other images is to take the focus off the images and focus the attention of the people on the central mysteries of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The veiling of crosses and images is a sort of "fasting" from sacred depictions which represent the paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in a reverencing of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory, culminates on Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win eternal life for us.



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

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1. Log on to <https://digital.arkansas-catholic.org> and sign up for free.

2. Click the red "Sign Up" link.

3. Register for your free account and set up your password.

4. Log in and you now have access to the digital edition, plus all issues back to 2002.

Every Tuesday afternoon you will get an email with a link to access the latest edition. -- Malea Hargett, Editor

2021 CATHOLIC CALENDARS are still available in the vestibule. **Please, only one per family.** If you would like a calendar and are unable to come to church, please call or email the office and a calendar will be mailed to you.

PROJECT RACHEL - There are many men and women silently suffering from a past abortion. Lent is a time for reconciliation and forgiveness. This Lent, make peace with your past. Come back to God, who is Love and Mercy. There is forgiveness and hope after abortion. Call or text 501-663-0996 or email rpuello@dolr.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

NOVENA FOR IMPOSSIBLE REQUESTS

Pray the following prayer devoutly every day from **March 25th through December 25th** for each of three intentions. This Novena honors the nine months in which Our Lady carried Our Lord in her womb.

"Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us;
and after this our exile, show unto us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O Clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary."

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

"Virgin of the incarnation,
A thousand times we praise thee,
A thousand times we praise thee for the joy
You had when God was incarnated in you.
Because you are so powerful a Virgin
And Mother of God,
Grant what we ask of thee for the love of God."

Here, state your first intention.

Repeat all the above and then state your 2nd intention.

Repeat all the above and then state your 3rd intention.

CONCLUSION:

After the above prayers and intentions, pray the **Memorare**:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my mother.
To thee do I come, before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy
hear and answer me.
Amen.



Pray the **Hail Mary ...**

Blessed and praised be the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar,
in Heaven, on earth and everywhere.

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY: Hope & Healing, a 12-week online Bible study just for women who have been wounded by abortion, will begin in April. This new opportunity offered through **Project Rachel Ministry** will explore the impact of past abortion decisions on our lives and discover what we need to do to heal from these traumatic experiences.

On this journey of self-discovery and empowerment we will meet 12 amazing women who, just like us, are wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends. We will learn together how these women faced the same struggles and challenges that we face and through their example gain insight into what we can do to make changes in our own lives so that we can move forward from lingering grief, shame, guilt, fear, and pain to acceptance, forgiveness, trust, peace, love, and joy.

Any woman, anywhere, can participate from the comfort of her own space, either anonymously or with a virtual group of soon-to-be friends. Call or text our CONFIDENTIAL direct phone line 501-663-0996 for more info. **Registration is required by March 29.**



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

The Eighth Annual Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal kicked off Nov. 15, 2020 through October 31, 2021, to benefit students whose families do not have the financial resources to provide a Catholic education without financial assistance. Marguerite Olberts, associate superintendent of schools, is asking everyone to pray for the success of this year's appeal. "Sadly, there are Catholic schools throughout the country closing due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We don't want that to happen in Arkansas. Catholic schools are facing a combination of financial challenges: decrease subsidy from parishes, canceled fundraising events and a greater need for financial assistance for families negatively affected by the pandemic. So, this year's appeal is needed more than ever." This program is sponsored by the Office of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Little Rock. For more info, contact Marguerite Olberts at 501-664-0340 ext. 394.



The Diocesan Tribunal - It is the mission of the Diocesan Tribunal to hear the cases of those who are divorced and who are petitioning the Church to make judgment on the possible invalidity of their marriage, due to some impediment, inadequate consent, or the inability to fulfill the duties of the married state. The Tribunal makes every effort to carry out its pastoral ministry in this process.

Petitions for decrees of nullity may be obtained from recognized Diocesan Tribunal advocates. These persons are specially trained in this work. Please contact our local advocates, **Deacon Mark Scouten at 870-741-1579** or **Lucia McArthur at 407-288-3103**, for more info and the paperwork to present a petition.

"If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist." — *Arkansas Catholic*, Nov. 14, 2015, Father Ken Doyle
Contact Father Jim for more information.

BAPTISM GODPARENT / CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Being a baptism godparent/confirmation sponsor means actively being a good Catholic witness and example, a role model, and ready to give help and advice to the one baptized/confirmed.

When choosing a baptism godparent/confirmation sponsor, do consider the church requirements for a valid choice:

- Not a parent of the one being baptized/confirmed.
- Must be at least 16 years old.
- A practicing Catholic who is leading a good Christian life and is not invalidly married.
- Must have already made First Communion and been confirmed.

A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be a witness to the baptism, but only together with a Catholic godparent.

ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK – (Previously called “Last Rites”)

This Sacrament is the way that Jesus through the Church cares for the person who is dying, but there is so much more to it. **Please call** (or have someone call for you) the church at 741-5234 when you are admitted to the hospital, or to hospice care for serious illness, or for surgery. (Medical personnel will not do this for you unless you direct them.)

THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was instituted by Christ and is attested by Saint James. *“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call the Presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”* James 5:14-15

This Sacrament confers special grace which unites the sick person more intimately to the Passion of Christ for his good and for the good of all the Church. It gives comfort, peace, courage, and even the forgiveness of sins if the sick person is not able to make a confession. Sometimes, if it is the will of God, this Sacrament even brings about the restoration of physical health. (From: *COMPENDIUM, Catechism of the Catholic Church: USCCB, 2006, pages 90-92.*)



Alumni Update

CCM Conway is looking for alumni of any age who graduated from colleges in the Conway area.

**Hendrix College
University of Central Arkansas
University of Arkansas
Community College Morrilton
Central Baptist College**

Head over to conwaycatholic.com to update your contact information and check out what happening at CCM.



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

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.

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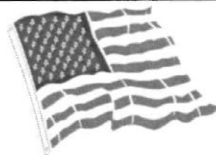
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Fifth Sunday of Lent—March 21, 2021—Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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Dear friends in Christ,

On July 1, 2010 we established the Holy Thursday collection to give everyone the opportunity to help support the education of our seminarians. Since that time you have donated over \$3,611,423.76. As of 2009, Bishop Taylor has ordained 38 new priests. Your generosity has been overwhelming, and I want to thank you for your prayers and support.

I am pleased to share with you the good news of your Holy Investment in Faith! This past year the Diocese of Little Rock ordained two men to the priesthood. They faithfully and enthusiastically serve your needs all across our diocese. I am proud to say, and they would confirm, that the fruit of their vocations are a result of your prayers and sacrifices.

The good news of your Holy Investment in Faith continues! In 2021, God willing, 5 additional men will be ordained to the priesthood to serve the people of our diocese. This is in addition to the 69 active diocesan priests already serving our diocese. Today the median age of our active priests has dropped to 48 years.

As you already know, the success of your Investment in Faith is dependent upon God's grace and your donations. Your donation directly supports the education of the future priests of our diocese. We currently have 28 seminarians and anticipate growing even more this fall. I invite you once again this year to open your hearts and help support these young men who will someday be your priests. The education cost for each of the 28 diocesan seminarians is \$36,000 per year, which is equivalent to a total cost of \$1,008,000.00. We need your help to be able to prepare our seminarians for the priesthood. Every dollar is important. Every gift is an expression of faith.

Many of you have envelopes for this collection in your monthly packets. I have also asked every pastor to place envelopes in the pews this weekend. Preferably, anytime between now and Easter, you can put the envelope in the parish collection basket, or you can mail your contribution directly to the diocese.

I want to thank you on behalf of Bishop Taylor, our seminarians and myself for your generous support and prayers. I am very proud of our seminarians who are men of prayer and who work and study diligently so that they can be good and holy priests for you in the years to come. Please be assured that you are included in their daily prayers as well as in my own. I am confident that you will respond generously again this year to the Holy Thursday Collection so we can continue to build and to invest for the future and to make a difference well past our time.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Scott Friend
Director of Vocations

March 2, 2021

UPDATE FROM BISHOP TAYLOR

As the pandemic statistics are improving and more and more people have been vaccinated, the question has arisen regarding possible modifications in our protocols, so I thought I would bring you up to date on present thinking.

1. Earlier advice was given to use as Communion Ministers only those who are under 65 years of age and have no other health risks. This was to protect our older ministers, but was only a guideline and older Communion Ministers continued to function in a few places that had very few younger parishioners. Now that many of our parishioners have been vaccinated, older Communion Ministers and those with health risks can now resume this ministry once they themselves have been vaccinated.
2. Water can be restored to our Holy Water fonts, possibly starting with the Easter Vigil.
3. Sanitizing of hands should continue, but sanitizing of surfaces, pews, hymn books is no longer necessary.
4. Processions from the entrance to the Church instead of from the sacristy is now permitted, and masked altar servers are now permitted. Offertory processions are still not permitted. Greeting people after Mass is not recommended unless sufficient physical distancing can be maintained.
5. On the other hand, choirs are still not permitted and the sign of peace, which is optional, should not involve physical contact. Communion for the congregation is still only in the form of the Body of Christ and in concelebrated Masses all the priests receive by intinction except the last to receive, who drinks the remaining Precious Blood. Communion on the tongue is still not permitted during Mass, but may be received from the Tabernacle after Mass.



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March 3, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

The following statement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops addresses concerns that many have regarding the available COVID-19 vaccines:

"The approval of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines.

"Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.' However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's.

"While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the world-wide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good."

In practical terms, here in Arkansas we are not currently given a choice regarding which vaccine to receive—each place has only one option to offer. Therefore, unless this changes, Catholics here can—and, in the interest of the common good, should—receive whichever vaccine is offered, including the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. If for reasons of personal conscience any Catholic refuses a vaccine when it becomes available, that person has a moral obligation to do their utmost to avoid becoming a vehicle of transmission to others, especially the most vulnerable.

Sincerely in Christ,

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February 27, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

One of our most valuable vehicles for evangelization is our award-winning *Arkansas Catholic* newspaper. We are one of the smallest dioceses in the country to be blessed with a weekly local Catholic newspaper, which enables us to provide much information about our faith and the life of the Church in a timely way.

Pope Francis has called for a missionary transformation of the Church so last year we made a decision to make the digital version of *Arkansas Catholic* free for everyone in our diocese thanks in part to your support of the Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal. Hundreds of you have already signed up since we launched the free digital edition.

For those who enjoy a traditional newspaper mailed to your home, the print version is also available for only \$30 a year. In your pew today you will find subscription envelopes where you can subscribe to the print edition and find out how to sign up for your free digital account.

It is my hope that you and all members of your family will read and subscribe to *Arkansas Catholic* in whatever format you prefer. You will be connecting all of us as one family in Christ throughout our diocese.

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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.

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MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 28 2nd Sunday of Lent 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	March 3 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ K-8 Online Classes 6 PM Confirmation with Holy Hour & Confessions 6:30-7:30 PM HS Class	March 4 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	March 5 First Friday 8 AM Healing Rosary w/Exposition 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	March 6 First Saturday 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
March 7 3rd Sunday of Lent 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Building Maintenance	March 8 NO MASS	March 9 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	March 10 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ K-8 Online Classes NO Confirmation Class NO HS Class	March 11 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	March 12 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	March 13 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
March 14 4th Sunday of Lent 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services 	March 15 NO MASS	March 16 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	March 17 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ K-8 Online Classes 6 PM Confirmation Practice NO HS Class	March 18 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	March 19 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	March 20 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
March 21 5th Sunday of Lent 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	March 22 NO MASS	March 23 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	March 24 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ SPRING BREAK: NO CLASS	March 25 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	March 26 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	March 27 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
March 28 Palm Sunday 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	March 29 NO MASS ++ Day of Recollection 5:30 PM Chrism Mass in Little Rock	March 30 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	March 31 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ K-8 Online Classes 6:30-7:30 PM HS Class ++ All Food Donations May Be Brought to the Church No Later than Today Thank You!	April 1, 2021 Holy Thursday NO 8:30 AM MASS ++ 5 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Mass ++ Collection to Support Our Seminarians ++ Adoration Until 9 PM	April 2 Good Friday NO 8:30 AM Mass 3 PM Confessions & Stations of the Cross ++ 5:30 PM Service Holy Land Collection ++ NO Adoration Today ++ FAST & ABSTINENCE	April 3 Holy Saturday NO 8:30 AM Mass NO 4:30 Confessions NO 5 PM Mass ++ 8 PM Easter Vigil Mass ++ NO Adoration Today
		DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BEGINS				
April 4 Easter Sunday  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 11 AM Mass - Yellville	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE 40 CANS OR 40 BUCKS Food donations may be brought to the church before Holy Thursday. Cash or checks payable to the Knights of Columbus Food Drive may be placed in the collection basket or sent to the church office.		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.			

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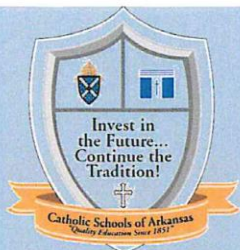
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Mar 3	Val Stechly	Mar 14	Lauren Dearing	Mar 26	June Simon
Mar 4	Bill Markham	Mar 14	Belin Juntos	Mar 26	Christine Teague
Mar 6	Lori Goulet	Mar 14	Josephine Kershaw	Mar 27	Laura Burge
Mar 7	Tiffany Coffman	Mar 15	Richard Atkinson	Mar 27	Kayleigh Culpepper
Mar 8	Bob Patterson	Mar 15	Lily Hodges	Mar 27	Emily Hargett
Mar 9	Justin Applegate	Mar 15	Elisabeth Scouten	Mar 27	Juliet Juntos
Mar 9	Paul Styles	Mar 16	Ricky Crosley	Mar 27	Elyssa Weisman
Mar 10	Matthew Bradford	Mar 16	Brooxie Rogers	Mar 28	Aaliyah Simpson
Mar 10	Elijah Leimberg	Mar 18	Michael Adamos	Mar 29	Parker Atkinson
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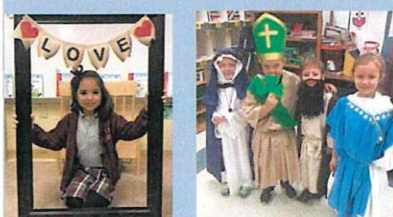
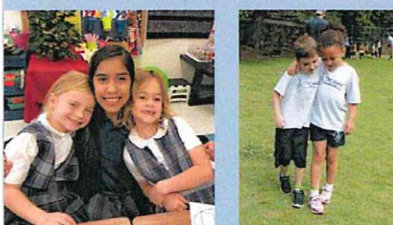
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ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

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.

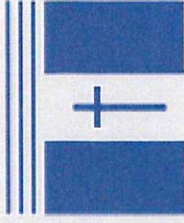
Thank you for your support of the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship fund. Please keep our schools in your prayers.

Sincerely In Christ,

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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.”

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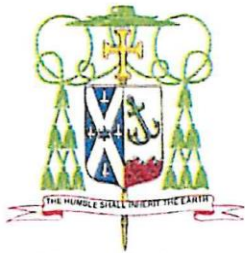
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September 25, 2020

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

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

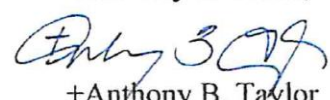
The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, and our Sunday communal celebration of the Eucharist is a central and non-negotiable part of who we are as Catholics. However, in view of the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, effective March 12, 2020 I dispensed everyone in the Diocese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

Sincerely in Christ,


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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.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Informed Choices ministry exists to evangelize, encourage and empower men/women in making life affirming choices.

Informed Choices provides:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Pregnancy options education
- Healthy pregnancy education
- 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)
 - 100-Hole Golf Marathon
 - Community Events

CURRENT NEEDS

- Diapers sizes 1&2
- New baby items
- New (unused) car seats



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Informedchoiceswomenscenter.org



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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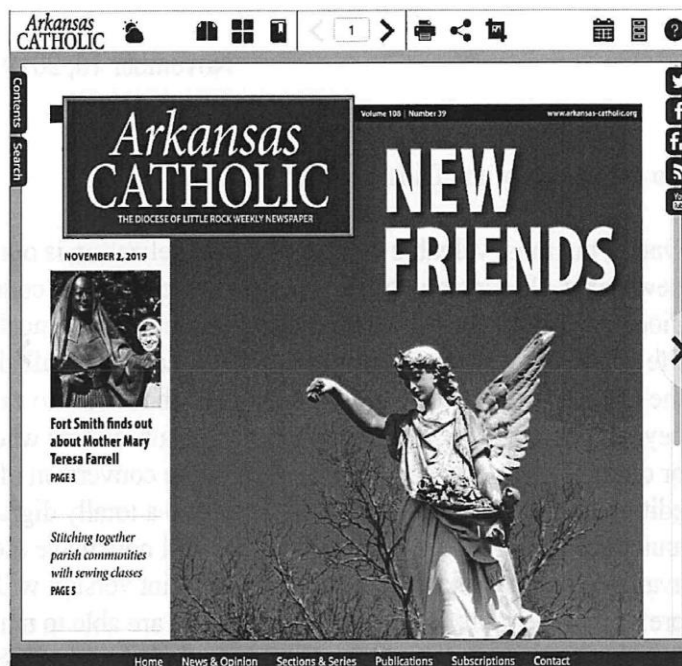
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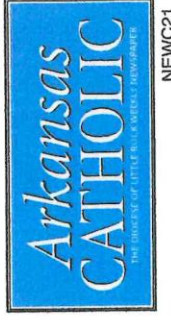
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MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



**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.