

### **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.

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Parish Manager:

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Dc. Mark Scouten

Robin Markham

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Cemetery Committee:

Custodian:

Eucharistic Adoration: Finance Council:

Flocknote:

Knights of Columbus:

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Legion of Mary:

Libraries:

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Music Ministry:

Pro-Life:

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Sacristans:

Alternate Sacristans: Safe Environment:

Social Justice/Charitable Outreach

Trail Life USA: Tribunal:

Wedding Coordinator:

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

Tom Hoberock Craig Bailey Darlene Coffman Terra Atkinson Marlene Rowe **Doherty Family** Carmen Andrade Joe Koenig Robin Markham Craig Bailey Val Stechly **Ruth Haley** Jennifer Johnson Dc. Mark Scouten Julie Jasper Sandra Guidry Holly Coffman Jones, Stephens, Sandri Scouten, Bailey Holly Coffman Robin Markham Wes Bradford

Dc. Mark Scouten

Wayne & Judy Keith

**Bonnie Tauer** 

### **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,<br>8:00 AM<br>8:30 AM<br>4:30 PM<br>5:00 PM | April 10 Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Mel Pollock Rosary & Confessions MASS: SI - All Parishioners                        |
|---|--|
| Sunday,<br>8:00 AM<br>8:30 AM<br>3:00 PM              | April 11 – Divine Mercy Sunday Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Norm Rowe Divine Mercy Holy Hour w/Exposition & Benediction   |
| Monday,   | April 12 - NO MASS   |
| <b>Tuesday,</b> 5:00 PM 5:30 PM                       | April 13 Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Ann L. Bailey   |
| Wednesday,<br>5:00 PM<br>5:30 PM                      | April 14 Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Lester Jehnke   |
| Thursday,<br>8:00 AM<br>8:30 AM                       | April 15<br>Rosary & Confessions<br>MASS: +Virginia Reed   |
| Friday,<br>8:00 AM<br>8:30 AM                         | April 16<br>Rosary & Confessions<br>MASS: SI – Jane Krone, BD (4-18)   |
| Saturday,<br>8:00 AM<br>8:30 AM<br>4:30 PM<br>5:00 PM | April 17 Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Jerry Reding Rosary & Confessions MASS: SI - All Parishioners                       |
| <b>Sunday,</b><br>8:00 AM<br>8:30 AM                  | April 18 – Third Sunday of Easter<br>Rosary & Confessions<br>MASS: SI – Richard & Laurie Criger, 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. |



**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 <u>before</u> 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 Visit connect (pick one): our parish 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, 2020 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY** is for Building Maintenance.

The "New Pentecost" Prayer Group continues to meet after the Sunday 8:30 AM Mass. Everyone is welcome. Come Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful! Any questions, please call Carmen at 305-815-1795.

You are invited to celebrate with your parish family the FEAST OF MERCY this Sunday, April 11 at 3 PM in our main Sanctuary, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction by Deacon Mark, and the Music Ministry of Julie Jasper.



The Second Sunday of Easter is now called "Divine Mercy Sunday". Pope John Paul II made the announcement of this change in his homily at the canonization of Sr. Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000.

One of the revelations concerning the Feast of Mercy and included in the Diary of St. Faustina contains the following: "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow..."

There is also a Plenary Indulgence that is being granted in this year of pandemic, when you pray for yourself or for another holy soul (more information can be obtained from the Association of Marian Helpers). The normal requirements apply: Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and remain with no attachment to sin.

Come to the Feast of Mercy!

**Legion of Mary will meet on Thursdays at 5:30 PM** in the Altar Server Sacristy (room behind the altar). It is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend and pray with us.



It's time for Co-Ed Church Softball! Anyone 15 or older who loves to play needs to sign up in the vestibule **this** weekend or contact Lori Curry for more info at 870-715-2928 or <a href="mailto:Lori@ozarkmoving.com">Lori@ozarkmoving.com</a>.

**2021 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** - To date, our parishioners have given **\$8,876.80** or **42%** 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.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR will once again be assigned beginning in May. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you no longer wish to continue your ministry or need to delay returning to your ministry. The Bishop's last letter stated that our older parishioners who wish to continue their ministry must have received their vaccinations to participate. Please complete the enclosed form and drop it in next weekend's collection basket or email the info to Robin in the church office. If you are new to serving (Halleluiah!) please fill in your chosen ministry and someone will contact you for a brief training meeting. Thank you!

Mary Mother of God College Scholarship Applications for high school seniors are due in the church office no later than this Thursday, 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 this Thursday, April 15. Questions? Contact Nick Simon at 688-7700.

**Eye Has Not Seen** - They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive, they had ordered a pair of navy-blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – Military & Emergency Personnel, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19 & Terrorism, Vocations, Donnie Billups, Joyceline Boudreaux, Shari Broscovak, Ray Brysch, Betty Burge, Loretta Clements, Brian/Chad Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Kathy Cuevas, Espinoza Family, Glen Feldman, Greg Foster, Kendall Fowler, Casey Gibbs, Bill/Levi Haley, Chris Haley, Lorita Henry, Dianne Hoberock, Tommy Hudson, Chris Jasper, Anthony Joel Jones, Mary Koenig, Dennis Kyler, Sylvia LaFrancis, Jim Luyet, Bill/Ann May, Janice Munzner, Chris Neeley, Mollie Norman, Nikki Patten, Eliska/Harlan/Martha Pollock, Dc. Mark Scouten, Ed/Yvonne Servis, Phil Sides, Bob Stephens, Steve/Loretta Tarochione, Mary Ann Van Ore. <u>Our Nursing Home Residents</u>: 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.

Easter Greetings from Father Jim:
Happy Easter everyone! You are in my thoughts
and in my prayers. I very much hope that
we can all get together soon for worship, for
fellowship, and for service.
In the meantime, take care and let us pray:
"Jesus, I trust in you."

### ADORE THE EUCHARIST - IT'S CHRIST WITH US!

"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, 3 PM & 5 PM Monday @ Noon & 1 PM

Tuesday @ 8 AM, 11 AM & 1 PM

Wednesday @ 10 AM, 11 AM, Noon & 6 PM

Thursday @ Noon & 4 PM

Sharing Appeal.

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

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

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

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Apr 11: Acts 4:32-35 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31

Apr 12: Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8

Apr 13: Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15

Apr 14: Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

Apr 15: Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

Apr 16: Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15 Apr 17: Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21

Apr 18: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 24:35-48

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Mary Mother of God Catholic Church Catholic Christian Women (CCW) 107 Years of Serving Our Parish See Bulletin For Meeting





Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) - April 11, 2021 — What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions,

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

### He Is Risen! H ppy Easter!

In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster

### MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR SIGN-UP SHEET

| <b>MINISTRIES</b>                                 | Sat Mass | Sun Mass | Name & Phone #: |
|---|----------|----------|-----------------|
| Rosary Leader:                                    | Yes / No | Yes / No |                 |
| <u>Lectors:</u>                                   | Yes / No | Yes / No |                 |
| Extraordinary<br>(Communion)<br><u>Minister</u> : | Yes / No | Yes / No |                 |
| <u>Altar Servers</u> :                            | Yes / No | Yes / No |                 |
| <u>Ushers</u> :                                   | Yes / No | Yes / No |                 |

Please complete and return to the church office or in next weekend's collection basket. **If you are new** to serving in any of these ministries, someone will contact you for a brief training meeting. Thank you!

### MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH HARRISON, ARKANSAS

|  |                                       |                             | HARRISON, ARRANSA                                  |                                   |                              |                                |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday                                     | Monday                                | Tuesday                     | Wednesday  | Thursday                          | Friday                       | Saturday                       |
| March 28                                   | March 29                              | March 30                    | March 31   | April 1, 2021                     | April 2                      | April 3                        |
| Palm Sunday                                |                                       |                             |  | Holy Thursday                     | Good Friday                  | Holy Saturday                  |
| 8 AM Rosary                                | NO MASS                               | 5 PM Rosary                 | 5 PM Rosary  | NO 8:30 AM MASS                   | NO 8:30 AM Mass              | NO 8:30 AM Mass                |
| 8:30 AM Mass                               | ++                                    | 5:30 PM Mass                | 5:30 PM Mass                                       | ++                                | 3 PM Confessions &           | NO 4:30 Confessions            |
|  | Day of Recollection<br>5:30 PM Chrism |                             | ++<br>K-8 Online Classes                           | 5 PM Confessions<br>5:30 PM Mass  | Stations of the Cross        | NO 5 PM Mass                   |
|  | Mass in Little Rock                   |                             | 6:30-7:30 PM HS Class                              | 5:50 PIVI IVIASS                  | 5:30 PM Service              | 8 PM Easter Vigil Mass         |
|  |                                       |                             | ++   | Collection to Support             | <b>Holy Land Collection</b>  | ++                             |
|  |                                       | July 4                      | All Food Donations May<br>Be Brought to the Church | Our Seminarians                   | ++<br>NO Adoration Today     | NO Adoration Today             |
|  |                                       |                             | No Later than Today                                | Adoration Until 9 PM              | ++                           | atilita                        |
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| April 4 Easter Sunday                      | April 5                               | April 6                     | April 7  | April 8                           | April 9                      | April 10                       |
| Luster Sunday                              |                                       |                             |  |                                   |                              |                                |
|  | NO MASS                               | 5 PM Rosary                 | 5 PM Rosary  | 8 AM Rosary                       | 8 AM Healing Rosary          | 8:10 AM Rosary                 |
| 8 AM Rosary                                | ++<br>Knights of Columbus             | 5:30 PM Mass                | 5:30 PM Mass                                       | 8:30 AM Mass<br>9 AM Rosary w/CCW | w/Exposition<br>8:30 AM Mass | 8:30 AM Mass<br>++             |
| 8:30 AM Mass                               | 6:30 PM Meeting                       |                             | K-8 Online Classes                                 | Coffee/Donuts Follow              | 0.30 AIVI IVIG33             | 4:30 PM Rosary                 |
| ++   |                                       |                             | NO High School Class                               |                                   |                              | 5 PM Mass                      |
| 11 AM Mass - Yellville                     |                                       |                             |  |                                   |                              |                                |
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| April 11                                   | April 12                              | April 13                    | April 14   | April 15                          | April 16                     | April 17                       |
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| ++   |                                       |                             | ++   |                                   |                              | ++                             |
| Second Collection:<br>Building Maintenance |                                       |                             | K-8 Online Classes Confirmation Class              |                                   |                              | 4:30 PM Rosary<br>5 PM Mass    |
| ++   |                                       |                             | Will Meet w/HS Class                               |                                   |                              | 5 / 14/ 14/035                 |
| 3 PM Divine Mercy                          |                                       |                             | 6:30-7:30 PM                                       |                                   |                              |                                |
| Hour with Exposition & Benediction         |                                       |                             |  |                                   |                              |                                |
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| April 18                                   | April 19                              | April 20                    | April 21   | April 22                          | April 23                     | April 24                       |
| 3rd Sunday of Easter                       |                                       |                             |  |                                   |                              |                                |
| 8 AM Rosary                                | NO MASS                               | 5 PM Rosary                 | 5 PM Rosary  | 8 AM Rosary                       | 8 AM Rosary                  | 8:10 AM Rosary                 |
| 8:30 AM Mass                               |                                       | 5:30 PM Mass                | 5:30 PM Mass                                       | 8:30 AM Mass                      | 8:30 AM Mass                 | 8:30 AM Mass                   |
|  |                                       |                             | ++<br>K-8 Online Classes                           |                                   |                              | ++<br>4:30 PM Rosary           |
|  |                                       |                             | NO High School Class                               |                                   |                              | 5 PM Mass                      |
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| April 25<br>4th Sunday of Easter           | April 26                              | April 27                    | April 28   | April 29                          | April 30                     | May 1, 2021                    |
| Januay of Laster                           |                                       |                             |  |                                   |                              |                                |
| 8 AM Rosary                                | NO MASS                               | 5 PM Rosary                 | 5 PM Rosary  | 8 AM Rosary                       | 8 AM Rosary                  | 8:10 AM Rosary                 |
| 8:30 AM Mass                               |                                       | 5:30 PM Mass                | 5:30 PM Mass                                       | 8:30 AM Mass                      | 8:30 AM Mass                 | 8:30 AM Mass<br>++             |
|  |                                       |                             |  |                                   |                              | 4:30 PM Rosary                 |
|  |                                       |                             |  |                                   |                              | 5 PM Mass                      |
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|  | PLEASE CH                             | HECK YOUR WEEKIN            | <br>  BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE                        | CHANGES TO THIS O                 | CALENDAR.                    |                                |
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### **HOLY WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S IN YELLVILLE:**

Holy Thursday, April 1: 5:30 PM Mass w/Fr. Stan Swiderski Good Friday, April 2: 5:30 PM Service w/Fr. Stan Swiderski Easter Sunday, April 4: 11 AM Mass w/ Fr. John Lewandowski

### 2021 APRIL MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

5 PM Saturday Mass

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

# MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR WILL BE BACK ON ROTATION IN MAY. IF YOU NO LONGER WISH TO CONTINUE YOUR MINISTRY OR ARE NOT READY TO RESUME, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

|       |                     | HAPP   | Y BIRTHDAY TO YOU   | !      |                     |
|-------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Apr 1 | Debbie Berry        | Apr 10 | Cambree Hodges      | Apr 23 | Laurel Eddings      |
| Apr 1 | Tristen Smith       | Apr 11 | Betty Meuleman      | Apr 23 | Meredith Huddleston |
| Apr 2 | Scarlett Everts     | Apr 11 | Kathy Pinson        | Apr 23 | Bobby Lowery Jr.    |
| Apr 2 | Teri Tabor          | Apr 11 | Mark Williams       | Apr 25 | Chris Rose          |
| Apr 3 | Shela Aldape        | Apr 12 | Patricia Castellano | Apr 26 | Carl Bell           |
| Apr 4 | Mary Billups        | Apr 13 | Craig Bailey        | Apr 27 | Terry Bodson        |
| Apr 4 | Avery Pratt         | Apr 14 | Blaise Bonds        | Apr 27 | Bonnie Tauer        |
| Apr 5 | Briar Bellinghausen | Apr 16 | Zachary Caputo      | Apr 28 | Steve Gutting       |
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March 25, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

Thanks to your cooperation with the protocols we have had in place to mitigate the danger of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasing number of people who have been vaccinated, we are now in a position to make a few modifications in the protocols to be observed effective April 1, 2021. We expect to be able to return to pre-pandemic conditions once everyone who wants to get a vaccination is able to get one.

Physical distancing—It is no longer necessary skip every other pew throughout the Church, but people should maintain 6' lateral distancing between family groups.

Mask wearing—Even though mask wearing requirements have been loosened by public authorities in other settings, gatherings for Catholic worship have their own dynamics and so mask wearing will continue to be obligatory for everyone at least until May 12, when we will reassess this requirement in the light of the situation then current. Masks can be removed by lectors when reading and priests at the altar but it is preferred that masks stay on even then.

Music—Continues to be restricted to a cantor and musician at least 12' from the congregation. Choirs can be permitted only when all members have been vaccinated and preferably wearing masks. Congregational singing should be masked and kept to a minimum. The parts of the Mass which are normally sung should be recited when possible.

Holy Water—Can be restored to the Holy Water fonts, possibly beginning with the Easter Vigil if this has not been done so earlier.

Communion on the hand continues to be mandatory during Mass and only in the form of the consecrated host, even when celebrating First Communion. In this extraordinary time of pandemic, communion on the tongue will remain available only after Mass, administered from the tabernacle with hand sanitizing whenever the minister's finger touches the tongue of a recipient. We will reassess the need for this restriction on or before May 12.

Entrance and Exit processions—Parishes can resume processions from the entrance of the Church, including altar servers, instead of entering from the sacristy in places where this has been done but should maintain physical distancing before and after Mass if greeting people.

Offertory procession—Can resume and collection baskets can once again be used.

Altar Servers—Can resume, but they must be masked and maintain physical distancing.

Cry Rooms—Can be used only if 6' distancing between family groups can be maintained.

Adoration Chapels—Can be used if 6' physical distancing can be maintained between adorers.

Communion to the Sick in their homes—unless the minister is a family member or caretaker, the Communion Minister must be fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 corona virus.

I would like to thank you, the Catholics of Arkansas, for how cooperative you have been with the protocols we have had to adopt in order to respond appropriately to the threat posed by the corona virus. We will continue to monitor the prevailing conditions in the community and in our Churches and will continue to make common sense adjustments to our protocols—loosening them or reinforcing them—as changing circumstances seem to require.

Sincerely in Christ,

### Office of Vocations

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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 <u>your</u> 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 <u>your</u> 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

### 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 abortionderived 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 abortionderived 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.

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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.

Sincerely in Christ,



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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

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# **Arkansas Catholic Schools**

# Scholarship Appeal



desire a Catholic education for their child. Parish subsidies, school fundraising, and foundations 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 provide funds for financial assistance, but not enough.

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

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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 inperson 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,



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

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  - "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

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  - 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
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# Do you love to sing? Do you love to make music for the Lord? IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MUSIC MINISTRY?

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

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

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

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

### What does Music Ministry mean to me?

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

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

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

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

If you are interested in sharing your musical talents, contact Julie Jasper, Director of Music Ministry at (870)688-9369 or julesjasper93@gmail.com



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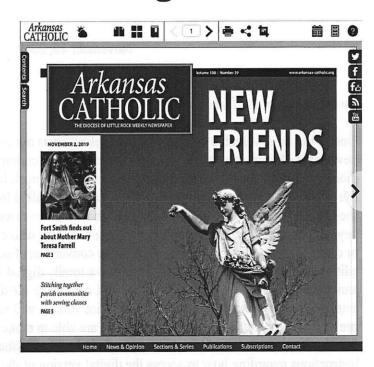
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## MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



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

**WHO** must do safe environment training and background checks:

- 1) Employees
- 2) Volunteers with Routine Contact w/ Minors
  - a. This includes only volunteers who have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their volunteer duties.
  - b. Volunteers who do <u>not</u> have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their duties do <u>not</u> have to do safe environment training or background checks.

### **WHAT** training programs:

"CMG Connect" → online training for adults

(<a href="http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment">http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment</a>)

(or directly at: <a href="https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org">https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org</a>)

"Circle of Grace" → in-classroom training for children/youth

We will <u>no longer use VIRTUS's</u> "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.