



### **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**

**Mailing Address: PO Box 2150**

**Physical Address (No Mail): 1614 Maplewood Rd.**

**Harrison, Arkansas 72602**

**Church Office & Rectory – 870-741-5234**

**Church Fax – 870-741-4234**

Emails & Prayer-Line Connection: [mmgchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:mmgchurch@yahoo.com)  
[www.harrisoncatholic.org](http://www.harrisoncatholic.org)

**Pastor:**

**Rev. James M. Fanrak**

**Deacon:**

**Dc. Mark Scouten**

Parish Manager:

Robin Markham

Adult Scripture Study:

Tom Hoberock

Buildings, Maintenance:

Craig Bailey

Catholic Christian Women:

Darlene Coffman

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Terra Atkinson

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

Custodian:

Doherty Family

Eucharistic Adoration:

Carmen Andrade

Finance Council:

Joe Koenig

Flocknote:

Robin Markham

Knights of Columbus:

Craig Bailey

Knights of Columbus, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree:

Val Stechly

Legion of Mary:

Ruth Haley

Libraries:

Jennifer Johnson

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Music Ministry:

Julie Jasper

Pro-Life:

Sandra Guidry

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Holly Coffman

Sacristans:

Jones, Stephens, Sandri

Alternate Sacristans:

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

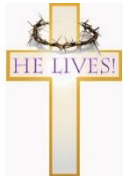
( ) New In Parish ( ) Change of Address/Phone/Email

*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

**Holy Saturday, April 3**  
 8:30 AM NO MASS  
 5:00 PM NO MASS  
 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass: SI – The Haley Family

**Easter Sunday, April 4 – The Lord's Resurrection!**  
 8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions  
 8:30 AM MASS: +Tim Krone



**Monday, April 5 – NO MASS**

**Tuesday, April 6**  
 5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions  
 5:30 PM MASS: +Eulalia Hess, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.

**Wednesday, April 7**  
 5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions  
 5:30 PM MASS: SI – Kathryn Jones

**Thursday, April 8**  
 8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions  
 8:30 AM MASS: +Shirley Lueck

**Friday, April 9**  
 8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions  
 8:30 AM MASS: +Richard Dix, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

**Saturday, April 10**  
 8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions  
 8:30 AM MASS: +Mel Pollock  
 4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions  
 5:00 PM MASS: SI – All Parishioners

**Sunday, April 11 – Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions  
 8:30 AM MASS: +Norm Rowe  
 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour w/Exposition & Benediction



**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.**



**REST IN PEACE** – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Robert Friedl, who died on March 25. Please remember Bob and his family in your prayers.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet this Monday, April 5 at 6:30 PM. No meal will be served.

**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](http://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.

## **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**

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

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



**Annual Divine Mercy Novena** – This Novena was promulgated by Saint Faustina Kowalska and is prayed each day from Good Friday until the Second Sunday of Easter, known as Divine Mercy Sunday. There are pamphlets about the Devotion to The Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Novena available in the church vestibule.



**SECOND COLLECTION** next Sunday is for Building Maintenance.





Dear Church Family - We have made the decision to err on the side of caution and cancel this year's Easter egg hunt as there are still cases and concerns surrounding Covid-19. However, the Easter Bunny has left bags of Easter eggs filled with individually wrapped candy in the church vestibule! **Please feel free to take a baggie for EACH of your children!!** We are hopeful that we will be able to resume our annual Easter egg hunt next year!

In Christ, Terra Atkinson, MMG CYM Director

**A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story** - "Is there a happy ending?" When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 4: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9  
 Apr 5: Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15  
 Apr 6: Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18  
 Apr 7: Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35  
 Apr 8: Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48  
 Apr 9: Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14  
 Apr 10: Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15  
 Apr 11: Acts 4:32-35 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31

**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 Haley, Chris Haley, Lorita Henry, Dianne Hoberock, Tommy Hudson, Chris Jasper, Anthony Joel Jones, Mary Koenig, Dennis Kyler, Sylvia LaFrancis, Jim Luyet, 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. Our Nursing Home Residents: David Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Alan Lasecki, Bonnie Lundblad, Mary Ralston, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley, Patricia Smith. **Please contact the office to add/delete names.**

## 2021 EASTER MEMORIALS

For	From
Antida Archuleta	Renae Whiteside
John Cooper	Bob & Donna Terrell
Mike Dalton	Bob & Donna Terrell
Richard Dalton	Bob & Donna Terrell
Richard Neal Dix	Lorraine Dix
Martin & Mildred Dryden	Joe & Mary Koenig
Newt Foster	Laurie Dixon
Ruth Foster	Laurie Dixon
Carolyn Gokenbach	Gerry Gokenbach
Donald Gokenbach	Gerry Gokenbach
Lorraine Gokenbach	Gerry Gokenbach
Tom Jamison	Donna Jamison
Eugene & Carley Jane Jasper	Greg & Julie Jasper
Marin Jones	Gerry Gokenbach
Walter F. Keefe, Jr.	George & Kathleen Stimson
Lillian Ann Keefe	George & Kathleen Stimson
George Kester	Greg & Julie Jasper
Rose & Irene Koenig	Joe & Mary Koenig
Our Grandparents	Travis, Renae, Meadow & Kyle
Alejandro Placencia	Cecille Scott
Lucia Placencia	Cecille Scott
Rolando Placencia	Cecille Scott
Mel Pollock	Eliska Pollock
Jim Rowe	Marlene Rowe
Norm Rowe	Marlene Rowe
Ron Rudman	Bob & Donna Terrell
Robert K. Scott	Cecille Scott
Basilisa Sevilla	Cecille Scott
Shields Family	Val & Betty Stechly
Gordon Smith	Greg & Julie Jasper
Stechly Family	Val & Betty Stechly
Bill Utaski	Linda Utaski
Gary Webb	Greg & Julie Jasper
Flory Wengel	Pam & Ken Clouse

## 2021 EASTER HONORARIUMS

For	From
Pam Clouse	Eliska Pollock
Lorraine Dix	Eliska Pollock
Billie Hamm	Pam & Ken Clouse
Dianne Hoberock	Gerry Gokenbach
Chris & Cathy Jamison	Donna Jamison
Joe & Polly Jamison	Donna Jamison
Melissa LaRossa & Shelby	Donna Jamison
Sandra Luckenbill	Marlene Rowe
Deborah O'Connor	Marlene Rowe
Carol Quintlivan	Pam & Ken Clouse
Jerry Rowe	Marlene Rowe
Mark Rowe	Marlene Rowe
Bob & Donna Terrell	Travis, Renae, Meadow & Kyle



The family of Newt Foster thank everyone in our parish family for their loving prayers, greeting cards, and Masses. Dad loved to look at his cards over and over! We appreciate all of you in so many ways. We know that mom and dad are together again forever and ever!

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."**

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

**HOLY OILS** -- These are blessed by the bishop during a special Mass, the Chrism Mass, at the cathedral during Holy Week.

There are three kinds: Oil of Catechumens, Holy Chrism, and Oil of the Sick. The first and third are pure olive oil; chrism has in the oil a mixture of balm or balsam. (In 1970, the Sacred Congregation of Divine Worship declared that, if necessary, the holy oils may be from any plant.) The holy oils are symbols of spiritual nourishment and grace. They are used in the public administration of the sacraments as follows:

- ❖ The Oil of Catechumens – Baptism, the consecration of churches, the blessing of altars, the ordination of priests.
- ❖ The Holy Oil or Sacred Chrism – Confirmation, Baptism, the consecration of a bishop, the consecration of churches, chalices, patens, bells.
- ❖ The Oil of the Sick – Anointing of the Sick

The Holy Oils are kept locally in The Ambry. At Mary Mother of God Church, the ambry is the windowed box on the shelf next to the Blessed Mother statue.

### Two Timely Precepts of the Church From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

The Church lists specific duties of Catholics as precepts. These are basic objectives we have as Catholics.

One precept is that we shall confess our sins at least once a year (CCC 2042). This is a reminder to receive the Sacrament of Penance on a regular basis. But **if no grave (mortal) sin has been committed in that time, confession is not necessary** (CCC 1493). However, frequent confession is of great value, it helps us to be better Christians and to hear and follow the voice of the Holy Spirit better (CCC 2042).

Another precept is that we shall receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter season, "the Easter Duty" (CCC 2042). The Easter Season goes from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.



This Easter Season Father Jim has again allowed Dynamic Catholic to be a part of our celebration by offering an inspirational book to our parishioners from the pen of Matthew Kelly.

The title **I Heard God Laugh** was a little confusing, but I assumed since laughter has all but ceased to exist for the last twelve + months, it might be worth the read to see if

the gift of joy and laughter could be restored.

After reading the book a second time it dawned on me, the problem is as much internal as external. With constant attacks on our Christianity and way of life we find ourselves trying to defend ourselves from vicious attacks for our beliefs. Trying not to be confrontational, we ask ourselves "what would Jesus do". This is not really a practical question since we do not know another man's heart. A better question would be "what **did** Jesus do when he walked the earth". The answer is simple, he prayed constantly and taught us to do the same. Unfortunately, over time prayer has become more or less a litany of requests to God. Matthew 7:7-8 in the New Testament has become the center of the Bible for many.

In his new book, Matthew points out that prayer is actually a conversation with God. To be productive, conversations need to be a two-way affair. This book gives practical methods for achieving this goal.

You're invited to pick up your very own copy on your way out of church and start a journey that will change your life. Many more books teaching you how and why to pray are available at Dynamic Catholic. Feel free to contact Alvin Hanson at 870-436-5379 or the church office for more info.



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

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



**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 [Lori@ozarkmoving.com](mailto:Lori@ozarkmoving.com).

**PROJECT RACHEL** – Has abortion left you with a broken heart? You are not alone. Peace starts here. Non-judgmental. There is hope. Healing is possible. Experience the love and mercy of God. Please call/text 501-663-0996 or email [rpuello@dolr.org](mailto:rpuello@dolr.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**New Informed Choices for Women Center Needs Volunteers** - The new Informed Choices for Women Center, located at 714 West Sherman Ave. in Harrison, needs volunteers during the week to help man their pro-life Christian outreach to women in crisis pregnancies. The non-profit Center provides a variety of options and services to women (and men) during and after their pregnancy, including free ultrasounds in an effort to bring their babies to full term and birth. This center is a blessing to our area and is an opportunity for us as Christians to get involved in the Respect Life ministry locally. If you can spare an hour or two a week to help in this effort, please call the Center at 870-280-3169 for more information. God will richly bless you.

#### **COLLECTION: March 1-31, 2021**

General Collection	\$18,323.00
Maintenance Fund	1,064.00
Catholic Relief Services	750.00
Holy Thursday – Seminarians	350.00
Easter Sunday	10.00

**2021 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** - To date, our parishioners have given **\$8,276.80 or 39%** 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.

**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.



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Deacon Matthew A. Glover, 501-664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance, please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinators for the Diocese of Little Rock: Dr. George or Dr. Sherry Simon at 501-664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

#### **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.)



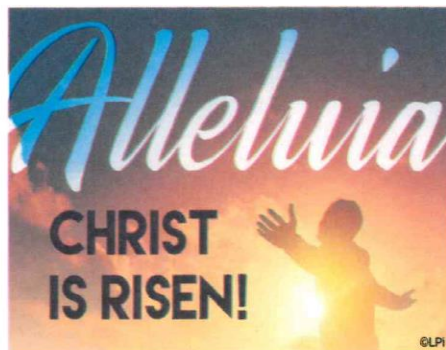


## Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

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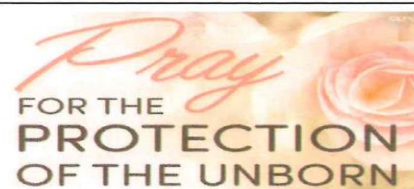
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**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—April 4, 2021—**Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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# He Is Risen! Happy Easter!

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**MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March 28</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>March 29</b>  <b>NO MASS</b> ++ Day of Recollection 5:30 PM Chism Mass in Little Rock	<b>March 30</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	<b>March 31</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ K-8 Online Classes 6:30-7:30 PM HS Class ++ <i>All Food Donations May Be Brought to the Church No Later than Today Thank You!</i>	<b>April 1, 2021</b> <i>Holy Thursday</i>  <b>NO 8:30 AM MASS</b> ++ 5 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Mass ++ Collection to Support Our Seminarians ++ Adoration Until 9 PM	<b>April 2</b> <i>Good Friday</i>  <b>NO 8:30 AM Mass</b> 3 PM Confessions & Stations of the Cross ++ 5:30 PM Service Holy Land Collection ++ <b>NO Adoration Today</b> ++ <b>FAST &amp; ABSTINENCE</b>	<b>April 3</b> <i>Holy Saturday</i>  <b>NO 8:30 AM Mass</b> <b>NO 4:30 Confessions</b> <b>NO 5 PM Mass</b> ++ 8 PM Easter Vigil Mass ++ <b>NO Adoration Today</b>
						
<b>DIVINE MERCY NOVENA APRIL 2-10</b>						
 <b>April 4</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 11 AM Mass - Yellville	<b>April 5</b>  <b>NO MASS</b> ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM Meeting	<b>April 6</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	<b>April 7</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ K-8 Online Classes <b>NO High School Class</b>	<b>April 8</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Donuts Follow	<b>April 9</b>  8 AM Healing Rosary w/Exposition 8:30 AM Mass	<b>April 10</b>  8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>DIVINE MERCY NOVENA CONTINUES THROUGH APRIL 10</b>						
<b>April 11</b> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Building Maintenance ++ <b>3 PM Divine Mercy Hour with Exposition &amp; Benediction</b>	<b>April 12</b>  <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>April 13</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	<b>April 14</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ K-8 Online Classes <b>Confirmation Class Will Meet w/HS Class 6:30-7:30 PM</b>	<b>April 15</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>April 16</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>April 17</b>  8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>April 18</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>April 19</b>  <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>April 20</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	<b>April 21</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ K-8 Online Classes <b>NO High School Class</b>	<b>April 22</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>April 23</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>April 24</b>  8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>April 25</b> <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>April 26</b>  <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>April 27</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	<b>April 28</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	<b>April 29</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>April 30</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>May 1, 2021</b>  8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR.</b>						

**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.**

### HAPPY 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
Apr 6	Darlene Coffman	Apr 16	David Durand	Apr 28	Rai Lamb
Apr 6	Glen Feldman	Apr 17	Wyatt Mahoney	Apr 28	Julia McFadden
Apr 5	Regina Hanson	Apr 18	Jane Krone	Apr 29	Traci DiCarlo
Apr 8	Nick Paradiso	Apr 19	Martha Sandoval	Apr 30	Mary Bray
Apr 8	Bill Van Leeuwen	Apr 22	Payton Goulet	Apr 30	Tim Huddleston
Apr 9	Jimmie Wells	Apr 23	Crystal Applegate	Apr 30	Venice Rubio

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Apr 4	Harry & Pat Knickerbocker	Apr 16	John & Debbie Berry
Apr 8	Kathy & Ubaldo Cuevas	Apr 21	Tina & Billy Duncan
Apr 10	Richard & Laurie Criger	Apr 24	Richard & Rita Paul
Apr 11	Ken & Pam Clouse	Apr 28	Travis & Renae Whiteside
Apr 13	Rickey & Brenda Amerson	Apr 30	David & Cynthia Durand





## DIocese OF LITTLE ROCK

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March 25, 2021

Office of the Bishop

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.

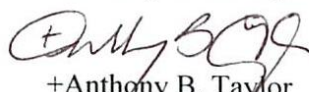
**Cry Rooms**—Can be used only if 6' distancing between family groups can be maintained.

**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,

  
+Anthony B. Taylor  
Bishop of Little Rock



## DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK 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 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.

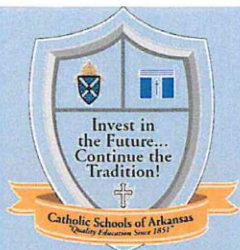
Pope Francis has called for a missionary transformation of the Church so last year we made a decision to make the digital version of *Arkansas Catholic* free for everyone in our diocese thanks in part to your support of the Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal. Hundreds of you have already signed up since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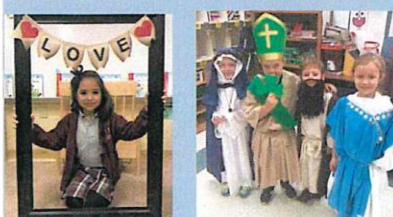
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## ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

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.

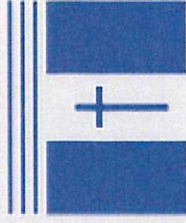
Sincerely In Christ,

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Bishop of Little Rock





# Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal



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

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

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

Pope Francis

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Mail check made payable to: **AR Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal, Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N Tyler St., Little Rock, AR 72207** or set up an online monthly pledge or one-time gift at [www.givecentral.org/arkansas/](http://www.givecentral.org/arkansas/).

Thank you so much for your gift. You are changing lives and impacting the future.

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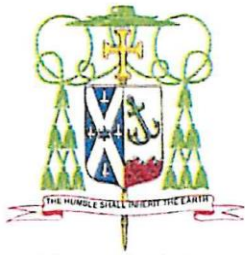
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## DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

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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,

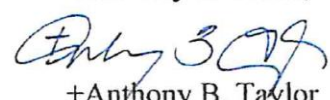
The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, and our Sunday communal celebration of the Eucharist is a central and non-negotiable part of who we are as Catholics. However, in view of the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, effective March 12, 2020 I dispensed everyone in the Diocese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





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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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 Monday – Thursday 10:00a – 6:00p  
 Closed Fridays

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 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
 Closed Wednesdays

[Informedchoiceswomenscenter.org](http://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](mailto:julesjasper93@gmail.com)**



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\$25	Provides religious education book for two people.
\$50	Provides a partial scholarship for a student to attend a Campus Ministry retreat.
\$135	Provides a scholarship for one youth to attend a Search weekend.
\$150	Provides utility bill assistance for a family through our Family Assistance Program.
\$250	Provides dental care for a patient of the Westside Free Medical Clinic.
\$500	Covers the cost of an application for a work permit for an eligible immigrant.
\$700	Provides assistance in updating equipment for religious education.
\$1,000	Provides a Project Rachel experience for a woman experiencing the pain of a past abortion.
\$1,500	Provides Bibles and rosaries for people incarcerated in the criminal justice system for six months.
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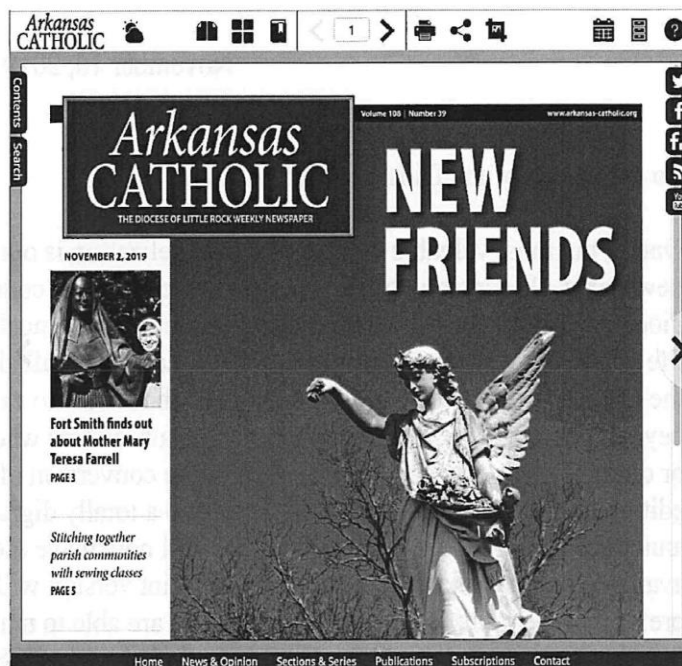


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# MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



**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.