

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 www.harrisoncatholic.org

Pastor:

Deacon:

Parish Manager:

Rev. James M. Fanrak

Dc. Mark Scouten

Robin Markham

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Adult Scripture Study: Buildings, Maintenance: Catholic Christian Women: Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Cemetery Committee:

Custodian:

Eucharistic Adoration: Finance Council:

Flocknote:

Knights of Columbus:

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Legion of Mary:

Libraries:

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Music Ministry:

Pro-Life:

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Sacristans:

Alternate Sacristans: Safe Environment:

Social Justice/Charitable Outreach

Trail Life USA: Tribunal:

Cell Phone: _

Wedding Coordinator:

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

Tom Hoberock Craig Bailey Holly Coffman Terra Atkinson Marlene Rowe **Brian Doherty** Carmen Andrade Joe Koenig Robin Markham Frank Handley Val Stechly **Ruth Haley** Jennifer Johnson Dc. Mark Scouten Julie Jasper Sandra Guidry Holly Coffman K. Jones, M. Stephens E. Scouten, C. Bailey Holly Coffman

Robin Markham

Dc. Mark Scouten

Wayne & Judy Keith

Wes Bradford

Bonnie Tauer

NEW IN PARISHTo register in the parish, please fill out the form below.

Name:	
Spouse's Name:	
Address:	
City/Zip:	
Home 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

Caturday	Luk. 40
Saturday,	July 10
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Thomas Bodden, 1st Anniv.
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Norm Rowe
Sunday,	July 11 – 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Edith Roberts, 8th Anniv.
Monday,	July 12 - NO MASS
Tuesday,	July 13
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Robert Friedl
Wednesday,	July 14
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Dennis Greenwood, 1st Anniv.
Thursday,	July 15
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Jack Buschbom, 10 th Anniv.
Friday,	July 16
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Mack Krone, BD (7-15)
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Saturday,	July 17
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Melitta Hollfelder, 95 th BD
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI - The Dix Family
Sunday,	July 18 – 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI - All Parishioners



VIGIL CANDLES - If you wish to light a 6-day vigil candle, a suggested \$3 donation is requested.

ONLINE BULLETINS for Mary Mother of God Church and St. Andrew's Church may be found at **harrisoncatholic.org**.

CONFESSIONS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE one-half hour <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, etc., arrive as a Flocknote message. Mass cancellations, 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 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.

Personal Listening Devices are Available for Mass. Please see an usher in the vestibule to sign one out.

MASKS ARE NOW OPTIONAL IN CHURCH!

BISHOP TAYLOR ANNOUNCED EFFECTIVE MAY 15-16, 2021 MASK WEARING IS OPTIONAL. His letter of May 9, 2021 stated: I believe that due to the universal availability of the vaccine, we can now make mask-wearing optional, effective May 15-16. In addition, Communion on the tongue during Mass is now allowed. I do recommend, but do not require, continued mask-wearing for those who are not yet fully vaccinated or who are otherwise especially vulnerable.

People who have questions about obligation to attend Mass, please see Father Jim or Deacon Mark.

MMG livestreams the Saturday 5 PM & Sunday 8:30 AM Masses. You may go online to the Mary Mother of God Catholic Church Facebook account or visit the church website at harrisoncatholic.org. Click Resources; then click livestream. For daily Masses, visit the MMG Facebook account.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. Visit http://www.peterspence.va/en.html.

The "New Pentecost" Prayer Group continues to meet in the Parish Hall after Sunday's 8:30 AM Mass. Everyone is welcome. Come Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful!

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY! 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Light Supper 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM - Activities Any questions, contact Holly or Terra.





BINGO IS BACK!!! - Next Sunday, July 18th at 2 PM. Spread the word! Invite a friend! Doors will open at 1 PM. Proceeds benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

Knights of Columbus Installation of Officers Ceremony & Banquet. The Knights of Columbus Council and Assembly will hold their Annual Installation of Officers Ceremony & Banquet on Saturday, July 24, following the 5 PM Mass. The installation ceremony will follow the dinner. Please RSVP to Val or Betty Stechly at 870-577-8284 or 870-416-9378.

Catholic Christian Women's (CCW) Annual Rummage & Bake Sale will be July 30-31. If you have any clothes, furniture, books, kitchen wares, etc. that you would like to donate, please contact Holly at 870-416-9928 or Terra at 870-754-4123 to arrange a drop off date and time. *PLEASE, NO ELECTRONICS!!*

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR – LET US ALL SHARE THE JOY OF SERVING THE LORD!! Please sign up as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you, you will remain on the rotation. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. 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!

Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign – Please return your baby bottle with or without a donation as soon as possible. Thank you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19 & Terrorism, Vocations, Dan/Mary Allen, Carmen Andrade, Carl Bell, Cindy Benner, Donnie Billups, Sue Brain, Shari Broscovak, Ray Brysch, Cheryl Bunch, Betty Burge, Loretta Clements, Brian Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Kathy Cuevas, Tootie Darms, Mary Decker Family, Dave/Bruce Durand, Glen Feldman, Kay Flenniken, John Forrest, Greg Foster, Casey Gibbs, Bill/Levi Haley, Chris Haley, Pete Hartman, Lorita Henry, Dianne Hoberock, Tommy Hudson, Connie Israel, Chris Jasper, Dr. Charles Klepper, Mary Koenig, Dennis Kyler, Bill/Ann May, Janice Munzner, Mollie Norman, Deb O'Connor, Nikki Patten, Eliska Pollock, Giovanna Sandri, Dc. Mark Scouten, Ed/Yvonne Servis, Phil Sides, Bob Stephens, Pennie Sutton-Veach Family. Our Nursing Home Residents: David Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Lylia Laffoon, Alan Lasecki, Bonnie Lundblud, Mary Ralston, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley, Patricia Smith. Please contact the office to add/delete names. Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

July 11: Am 7:12-15 / Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 / Mk 6:7-13

July 12: Ex 1:8-14, 22 / Mt 10:34-11:1

July 13: Ex 2:1-15a / Mt 11:20-24

July 14: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 / Mt 11:25-27

July 15: Ex 3:13-20 / Mt 11:28-30

July 16: Ex 11:10-12:14 / Mt 12:1-8

July 17: Ex 12:37-42 / Mt 12:14-21

July 18: Jer 23:1-6 / Eph 2:13-18 / Mk 6:30-34

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.

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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 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.

ADORE THE EUCHARIST - IT'S CHRIST WITH US!

"The Eucharist is our Lord, and I think that the Church can be restored once again only with the restoration of an awe-inspiring and reverent Eucharistic worship..." Bishop Athanasius Schneider, "Christus Vincit" Contact Carmen at 305-815-1795 or the church office to sign up for a Holy Hour.

Sunday @ 7 AM, 9 AM, Noon, 3 PM & 5 PM

Monday @ 10 AM & 1 PM

Tuesday @ 8 AM, 11 AM & 1 PM

Wednesday @ 10 AM, Noon & 6 PM

Thursday @ 11 AM, 3 PM & 4 PM

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

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



The 2021 Arkansas Catholic Charismatic Conference will be held July 23-25 at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock. You and your family are invited to attend "So Great a Cloud of Witnesses-Chosen and Called, Saints". Speakers will be Fr. Phillip Scott, Fr. Jose Maria Castillo, and Johnnette Benkovic Williams. There will be a children's ministry on Saturday for ages 5-12, and a youth/teen track with workshops, small groups, and lunch. To register or for more info visit www.arkcc.org or call Janie at 501-329-1640.

21st Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference in Wichita, KS – Aug 6-8 – "Go to Joseph" - Visit catholicfamilyconference.org for details of featured speakers, programs for adults and all ages. If you would like a copy of the program, call the church office.

Pilgrimage of a Lifetime: Arkansas Catholic is hosting an 11-day pilgrimage to see the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, June 22-July 2, 2022. This event only happens every 10 years so tickets are highly coveted. Pilgrims will also visit Austria, Switzerland, and Lichtenstein. Father William Burmester will be the spiritual adviser and will celebrate Mass for the group daily. Only 20 spots are left so sign up today. For details, contact Kathy Primm at Sue Smith Vacations at 501-771-0987 or kathy@suesmithvacations.com.



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.

The Ladies of Charity of Arkansas, a local chapter of a worldwide organization started 400 years ago by St. Vincent de Paul, the "Apostle of Charity", in 1617 in the Diocese of Lyons located in the mountainous region of eastern France. Today, the Ladies of Charity are in over 50 countries with over 260,000 lay volunteers. Our local chapter was founded in 2008 and is the only Ladies of Charity organization in the state of Arkansas. We are a non-profit 501c3 and are listed in the Official Catholic Directory for the Diocese of Little Rock, where we hold Masses and Quarterly Meetings. Our meetings are conducted in person as well as virtually via Go-To-Meeting. Sr. Mary Ann Azar, DC, is our Sister Moderator. She guides our membership in all our activities for the poor and vulnerable. If you would like to help but are already involved in so many organizations, membership requirements are minimal with our organization. Attending meetings are not a requirement of membership. Annual dues are \$25, which helps us fund our programs. For more info please contact us at LCArk@dolr.org



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July 9, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

With the spike in COVID infections and the presence of the Delta variant in Arkansas, a question has arisen whether we should re-impose restrictions to protect those who have not been vaccinated. The answer is generally NO, though the principle of subsidiarity would allow for this in isolated instances.

The reason not to re-impose restrictions is that the vaccine is universally available and highly effective against the disease. We have been very insistent in emphasizing that all who can receive the vaccine should do so, not only to protect themselves but also to protect the small number of people who due to a compromised immune system or other factors are not able to receive the vaccine. The failure to be vaccinated when one can is therefore a threat to the common good, which all Catholics have a duty to uphold. Since the vaccine is readily available and effective, there is no reason for the Church to re-impose restrictions, and those who could get vaccinated when they have the opportunity to do so, but don't and contract the disease as a consequence of their failure to get vaccinated have only themselves to blame. Moreover, those who are eligible but who fail to get vaccinated could also jeopardize the health and wellbeing of those who are currently ineligible or unable to be vaccinated—which is all the more reason to get vaccinated.

Of course, if the situation changes or evolves with respect to variants, vaccine efficacy or directives from the Governor of the State of Arkansas, the Diocese is certainly open to reassessing the approach we need to take.

Please remember that the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation ended last October 1 for those who are in good health and not especially vulnerable or caring for someone who is especially vulnerable. As was announced at that time, 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. If you are in doubt, feel free to consult with your pastor regarding your specific situation.

Sincerely in Christ,

Save THE Date!

Wednesday June 16, 2021 6:30pm-8:30pm

End of School/Summer Kick-off Skating Party at Skate Mania Address is 2204 Hwy 7 N Harrison, AR

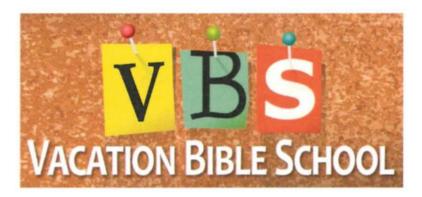
Pízza, drinks and snacks will be provided as well as skates!

Be sure to wear long socks & remember to bring a donation of acrylic paints,

canvases, brushes, adult coloring books or colors

for our mission to local nursing homes!

Don't forget to turn in your RSVP!!!



Rocky Railway VBS will be

Monday July 12th through Thursday July 15th!!!

Dinner will be served every night between 5:30pm and 6:pm and our program will start at 6:00pm and end by 8:30pm each night!!!

Don't forget to sign up if you haven't already!!!

VBS is for Preschool through kids entering the 7th Grade!!!

8th Grade and up is encouraged to volunteer as Crew Members!!!

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Are You Interested?

YES!! We Need You!! YOU can be an active participant at Mary Mother of God Church! We want many people to volunteer so no one gets 'stuck' with certain ministries all the time!

Lector: Read the Scripture readings During Mass.

Rosary Leader: Lead before Mass.

Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.

Extraordinary Minister: Distribute the Body of Christ during Communion.

Altar Servers: All youth who have celebrated their First Holy Communion.

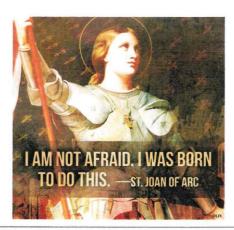
Usher: Greet people, guide them to empty seats, hand out bulletins after Mass, check pews after Mass for debris or loose hymnals/missalettes.

Other:

Name

Phone

Clip and drop in collection basket.







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





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Faith in Marriage

Question: What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

Answer: Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's

never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.



MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR SIGN-UP SHEET

MINISTRIES	Sat Mass	Sun Mass	Name & Phone #:
Rosary Leader:	Yes / No	Yes / No	
<u>Lectors:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	
Extraordinary (Communion) <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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 27 13th Sunday in Ordinary	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1, 2021	July 2 First Friday	July 3 First Saturday
8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	NO MASS	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++	8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++
				5:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar		4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
	DON'T FORGET TO TUR	 IN IN YOUR BABY BOTTLE.	I S WITH OR WITHOUT	A DONATION. THANKS!		
July 4 14th Sunday in Ordinary	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10
8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	NO MASS	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++
Second Collection: Maintenance Fund		Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 6:30 PM	6 PM VBS Work Night w/Light Dinner	9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow in Parish Hall		4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
				5:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar		
July 11 15th Sunday in Ordinary	July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17
8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	NO MASS	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++
Second Collection: Peter's Pence				5:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar		4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
	ROCKY	CATION BIBLE S C 5:30 PM to 6:0 6:00 PM to 8:30	00 PM Supper	rsday		
July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24
16th Sunday in Ordinary						
8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	NO MASS	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++
		6 PM CCW Meeting In Parish Hall Conf Rm All Ladies Are Invited!		5:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar		4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
July 25 17th Sunday in Ordinary	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31
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 ++ 5:30 PM Legion of Mary	8:30 AM Mass	8:30 AM Mass ++
				Mtg Behind Altar		4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
					Rummage Sale 9 AM - 1 PM Volunteers Needed	Rummage Sale 9 AM - Noon Volunteers Needed



JULY 2021 MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

5 PM Saturday Mass 8:30 AM Sunday Mass Volunteer Needed Rosary: Rosary: **Bob Lowery Betty Stechly** John Duncan Lector: Lector: Val Stechly E/M: Wes Bradford E/M: Stacy Burge Renae Whiteside Judy Keith **Bob Lowery** Jacob Bradford Servers: Caroline Huddleston Servers: Matthew Bradford Meredith Huddleston **David Krueger** Ushers: Tim Reeves Ushers: Steve O'Laughlin Jerry Hogue Frank Handley Mike Stephens **Chuck Draper** Nick Rykert

If you are unable to serve, please find your replacement. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! July 3 Daniel McFadden July 12 Kathlene McBride July 23 **Rachel Gutting** July 4 Mary Decker July 12 Kaitlyn Pratt July 23 Michael Hilmes July 4 Patricia Virnig-Turner July 13 Lucas Benner July 23 **Neal Hodges Nell Bonds** July 6 Sally Chua July 13 **Erin Pratt** July 24 July 6 Barbara Rutan July 14 Jake Burge July 24 Patricia Dell July 6 Krysta Smith July 15 Brynne Bonds July 24 Andrew Jensen July 7 **Steve Dardas Rudy Sandoval** July 26 Richard Criger July 15 July 8 Kenneth Yeckel July 21 Karen Dezort July 27 Joe Jamison July 9 Gabe Schneider July 22 Patrick Bray July 27 David Leach **Bethany Amerson** July 22 Eileen Clark **Kelsey Nabors** July 11 July 27 July 11 Tina Ford July 23 Roy Arnold July 28 Sandy Grisham July 12 **Tootie Darms** July 23 **Everett Burr** July 31 Bill May July 12 Chris Keylon

	HAPPY	ANNIVERSARY!	
July 2	Donald & Darlene Coffman	July 13	Wayne & Judy Keith
July 6	Charles & Patricia Virnig-Turner	July 19	Joe & Shannon Faria
July 7	Frank & Marilyn Frenzel	July 19	Arieh & Charity Hand
July 9	Frank Frenzel & Debra Montgomery	July 24	Jim & Jackie Kelly
July 9	Amanda & Tyler Woods	July 27	Bill & Charlotte Bray
July 10	Jeff & Karen Dezort	July 29	Neal & Rachel Hodges
July 11	Gary & Janet Wilcox		



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May 9, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

Now that most Arkansans over the age of 16 have access to a coronavirus vaccination, I have sought the advice of the Presbyteral Council and the Diocesan Pastoral Council regarding next steps, and so today I am pleased to promulgate two things. First a further loosening of the anti-COVID 19 protocols that for over a year have prevented an outbreak of disease in any of our parishes and second, I would like to invite everyone to come to the Barton Coliseum for the ordination of 5 new priests for the Diocese of Little Rock at 10:00 am, Saturday May 29. This will be a special time to thank the Lord for bringing us through this pandemic so far and for providing us these new priests as we look to the future.

I believe that due to the universal availability of the vaccine, we can now make mask-wearing optional, effective next weekend, May 15-16. This gives vaccine-hesitant people one more week to at least get their first shot. In addition, Communion on the tongue during Mass is now allowed. I do recommend, but do not require, continued mask-wearing for those who are not yet fully vaccinated or who are otherwise especially vulnerable.

Also, I encourage all Arkansas Catholics to come to the ordinations at the Barton Coliseum on May 29. This will be an unforgettable experience! The Barton Coliseum holds 10,000 people, so there will be plenty of room for people to spread out.

Sincerely in Christ,



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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,

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 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.

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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.

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Clarification and Reminder 9/29/20 Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

As we prepare to lift the suspension of the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance for those who are in good health, not especially vulnerable and not caring for someone who is especially vulnerable, the following clarification and reminder is in order.

Clarification: if you are in a risk group identified by the CDC or—after serious prayer and deliberation—remain very fearful otherwise, you can consider yourself still dispensed. Older adults and persons with certain medical conditions, including asthma and diabetes, have been identified by the CDC as being at greater risk. When dealing with fear or otherwise in doubt, feel free to consult with your pastor regarding your specific situation.

Protocols: all of the measures we have taken for protecting our people at Mass not only remain in place, they should be more strictly observed due to the larger number of people who will be attending Mass. In addition to mask wearing the entire time you are inside the Church, 6' physical distancing and hand sanitizing upon entry into the Church, the following (about which questions have been asked) should also continue to be observed:

Communion on the hand. You receive on the hand with the mask still on, step aside, lower the mask, place the host in your mouth, raise the mask and return to your place. There is no Communion on the tongue except during the Latin Mass. Those desiring to receive on the tongue should wait until the congregation has left, and then receive communion from the tabernacle, the priest or deacon sanitizing his hands before and after.

Dismissal: People should be dismissed row by row from the back of the Church to the front and instructed to go directly to their cars. People should not be allowed to congregate in the vestibule or immediately outside the Church following Mass.

The Eucharist is the greatest treasure the Lord has left us and it is my hope that increased participation will draw us closer to the Lord at this difficult time and provide us the spiritual nourishment we need amid the challenges we face. May the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael protect us as we move forward in our journey of faith.

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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.

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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?

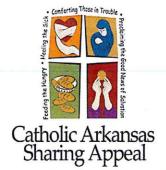
"Singing in church has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. It was such a natural routine for me that I would feel as if I had not participated in Mass if no singing was involved. Music ministry continues to be a meaningful part of my life even as a senior member of the parish. 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)

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"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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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

(http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment)

(or directly at: https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org)

"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.