



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays As Scheduled

Tuesday & Wednesday – 5:30 PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

As Announced

CONFESSIONS

One-Half Hour Before All Masses

Or By Appointment w/Father Jim at 870-741-5234

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mary Mother of God Catholic Church is to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, as members of His living body, the Church, to bring the Kingdom of God into the world through evangelization, worship, Religious education, and service in our families, in our parish, and in our community.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome new members to our Church through the process and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Please contact the church office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and Godparents are required to participate in a preparation process before the Baptism of children. Registration is required.

Please contact the church office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements for wedding must be made at least six months in advance.

Please contact the church office.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Extraordinary Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are not able to attend Mass. Call the church office about anyone who would like to receive the Eucharist at home.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Father Jim.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. James M. Fanrak

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Dc. Mark Scouten

Parish Manager:

Robin Markham

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Tom Hoberock

Buildings, Maintenance:

Craig Bailey

Catholic Christian Women:

Holly Coffman

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Terra Atkinson

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Custodian:

Holly Coffman

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Joe Koenig

Flocknote:

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Frank Handley

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Val Stechly

Legion of Mary:

Pat Knickerbocker

Libraries:

Jennifer Johnson

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Music Ministry:

Julie Jasper

Pro-Life:

Sandra Guidry

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Holly Coffman

Sacristans:

K. Jones, M. Stephens

Alternate Sacristans:

E. Scouten, C. 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.

2022 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday,	January 1 – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Not A Holy Day of Obligation This Year)
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Tom Clark, 2 nd Anniv.
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass: SI – Wes & Carol Bradford, Anniv.
Sunday,	January 2 – Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Monday,	January 3 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	January 4
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Alan Miller
Wednesday,	January 5
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: In Honor of St. Joseph's Fatherhood
Thursday,	January 6
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Paula Bellinghausen
First Friday,	January 7
8:00 AM	Patriotic Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Rebecca Chavez
11:00 AM	Memorial Mass: +Teri Tabor
First Saturday,	January 8
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Bob Davidson
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	YOUTH MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday,	January 9 – Baptism of the Lord
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Christopher Allen, 2 nd Anniv.



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

CONFESSIONS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE one-half hour before all Daily and Saturday/Sunday Masses or by appointment.

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

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



Parish communications, such as prayer requests, updates, Mass cancellations, etc., arrive as a Flocknote message. Individuals and/or families are subscribed so they will either receive messages as emails or texts per their preference. If you do not receive prayer request emails and would like to, sign up now! Registration is easy. There are two ways to connect (pick one): Visit our parish at: www.flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch or text flockmmg to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates. Need help to set up your flocknote? Contact the church office.

BISHOP TAYLOR ANNOUNCED EFFECTIVE MAY 15-16, 2021, MASK WEARING IS OPTIONAL. His letter of May 9 stated: I believe that due to the universal availability of the vaccine, we can now make mask-wearing optional, effective. 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 vulnerable.

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.



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Sagrario Calonder who died on December 16. Please remember Sagra and her family in your prayers. A Memorial Mass will be held at MMG in March 2022.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for Building Maintenance.

NO BINGO TODAY – See you on Sundays, January 9 & 23.

Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, January 3 at 6:30 PM for Fellowship Meal and 7:30 PM Meeting.



ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL will be Thursday at 6:30 PM. Any questions, contact Julie Jasper at 688-9369 or julesjasper93@gmail.com.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) – This Wednesday...

5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	Mass
6:00 PM	Dinner for Students/Teachers/Family
6:30-7:30 PM	K-7 Students Only



The Legion of Mary will now meet at 4:30 PM on Thursday in the Altar Server Sacristy (room behind the altar). It is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend and pray with us.

The “New Pentecost” Prayer Group will resume next Sunday, January 9, in the Parish Hall following the 8:30 AM Mass. Everyone is welcome. Come Holy Spirit!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19 & Terrorism, Vocations, Carl Bell, Cindy Benner, Donnie Billups, Carol Bomboy, Sue Brain, William Bray, Ray Brysch, Betty Burge, Caven James Clark, Loretta Clements, Brian Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, John Copeland, Mary Decker Family, Glen Feldman, John Forrest, Matthew Gerth, Casey Gibbs, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Chris Haley, Pete Hartman, Leon/Russell Heard, Lorita Henry, Molly Hetrick & Family, Dianne Hoberock, Linda Hoyet, Chris Jasper, Lavonne Keehn, Darby Kester, Emory Keys, LaDonna King, Dr. Charles Klepper, Mary Koenig, Pat Kohl, Dennis Kyler, Louene Lipsmeyer, Patti Long, Val Lopez, Michael/Peggy Lowery, Hailey Luckette, Tyler Mason, Bill May, Janice Munzner, Mollie Norman, Deb O'Connor, Nikki Patten, Eliska Pollock, Kathy Robinson, Margaret Mary Schlacter, Dc. Mark Scouten, Paul Scouten Family, Seán/Christine, Ed/Yvonne Servis, Charlene Sheets, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Bob Stephens, Kathleen Stimson, Pennie Sutton-Veach Family, Ting Tuazon, Sharon Wall, River Wygle. **Our Nursing Home Residents:** Dan Allen, David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Lylia Laffoon, Alan Lasecki, Bonnie Lundblad, Ann May, Bob/Diane Patterson, Mary Ralston, Giovanna Sandri, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley. **Please keep our list current by contacting the office to add/delete names. Thank you.**



Welcome to Our New Catholic! Charles McCulloh celebrated the Rite of Full Communion on Saturday, December 18. May Chuck and his family continue to receive God's many blessings!



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU! Parishioners Alvin & Regina Hanson and the Jeff & Wendy Fry Family have gifted to your family the latest Matthew Kelly publication, "Life is Messy". There are still copies in the vestibule. In this book, the author brings you through the dilemma of life's messiness. God does not cause the messes of life to happen, He allows them to happen in order that we learn to rely on Him and His love for each and every one of us. He encourages us to accept our messes as opportunities to grow in faith and hope in Him. For His promise is eternal love, life, and joy to His creation who will accept and trust in Him. He asks only that you not turn to yourselves or false gods seeking the gifts that He has already promised to you.

2022 CATHOLIC CALENDARS are available in the vestibule. Please, only one per family. If you would like a calendar and are unable to come to church, please call or email the office and a calendar will be mailed to you. Many thanks to Holt Memorial Chapel for providing these calendars to our parishioners.

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, 3 PM & 6 PM

Thursday @ Noon, 3 PM & 4 PM

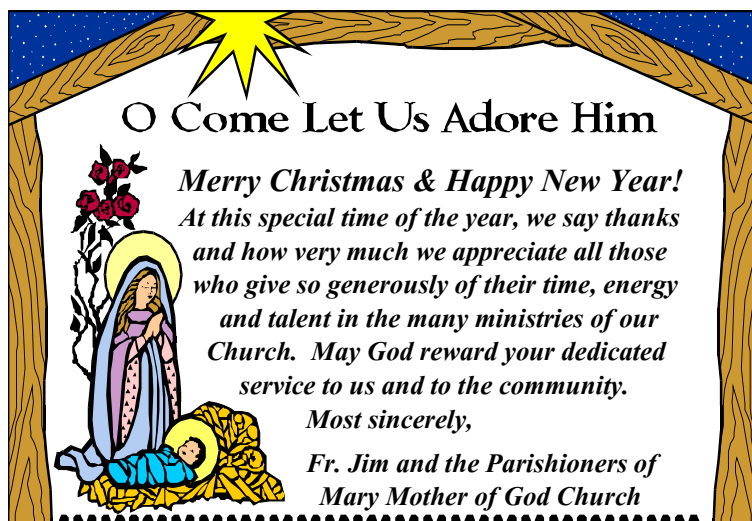
Friday @ Noon, 1 PM, 4 PM & 6 PM

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 2: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12
 Jan 3: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Jan 4: 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44
 Jan 5: 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52
 Jan 6: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22
 Jan 7: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16
 Jan 8: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30
 Jan 9: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Chuck McCulloh

214 Eclipse Rd., St. Joe, AR 72675

Anthony Pekowski

2345 Hwy 43, Ponca, AR 72670

A NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN FEBRUARY - *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* from Ascension Press will begin Sunday, Feb. 6 at 10 AM, Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 3 PM, and Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 5:30 PM. This is a 24-week study that will be held in 8-week blocks. Sign-up sheets are included in this bulletin for you to fill out and return to the office. Or you can sign-up by calling or emailing the church office with your name, phone number, email address, and which class day you will attend. **Sign-up ends on Sunday, January 16**, so books may be ordered and shipped in time. Any questions, contact Tom Hoberock at 688-1202.

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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.)

2021 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given **\$23,036.80** or **109%** 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.

COLLECTION: December 1-31, 2021

General Collection	\$20,272.00
Maintenance Fund	270.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	1,421.00
Immaculate Conception	667.00
Clergy Welfare Fund	5,016.00
World Mission Sunday	30.00



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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.

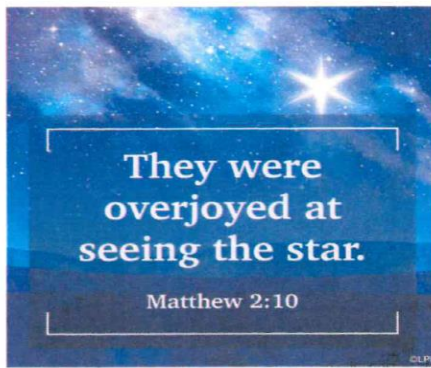
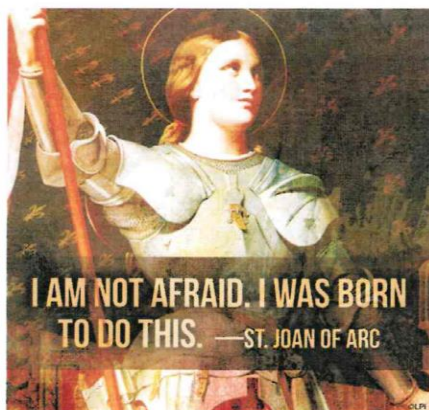
Usher: Greet people, guide them to empty seats, hand out bulletins after Mass, check pews after Mass for debris or loose hymnals/missalettes.

Other: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

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• Sunday Lunch •
11:30 AM—2 PM



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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

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The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805. After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

Merry Christmas!

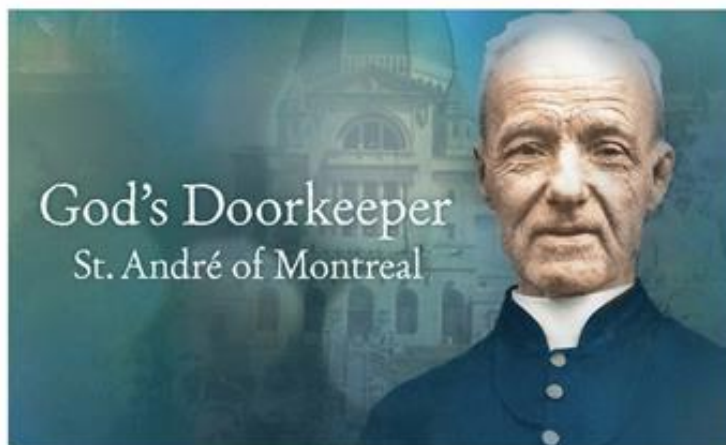
In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster

January 2, 2022

WATCH

GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

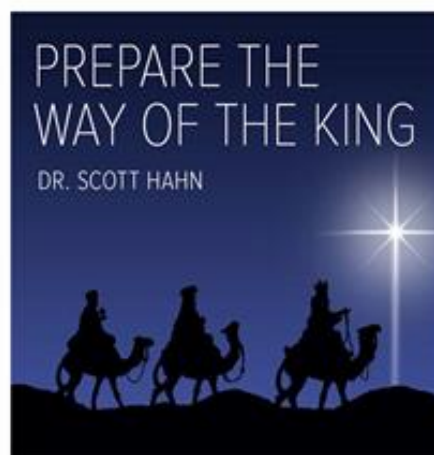
Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

LISTEN

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 26 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 	December 27 NO MASS 	December 28 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass 	December 29 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ NO PREP TONIGHT Classes Resume on January 5, 2022 	December 30 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ NO Legion of Mary Mtg Resumes Jan 6, 2022 At 4:30 PM 	December 31 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 	January 1, 2022 Solemnity of Mary Not A Holy Day This Year 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
January 2 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ NO BINGO TODAY 	January 3 NO MASS ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting 	January 4 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass 	January 5 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PREP Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM: K-7 Only 	January 6 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir 	January 7 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 	January 8 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Youth Mass
January 9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ New Pentecost Prayer Group Resumes In Parish Hall Following Mass ++ 2 PM BINGO TODAY 	January 10 NO MASS 	January 11 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ NO CCW Mtg In January 	January 12 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PREP Dinner 6-8 PM Confirmation 6:30-7:30 PM: K-7 & High School 	January 13 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow in Parish Hall ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir 	January 14 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 	January 15 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
January 16 <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ New Pentecost Prayer Group in Parish Hall Following Mass ++ NO BINGO TODAY 	January 17 NO MASS 	January 18 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass 	January 19 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PREP Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM: K-7 Only 	January 20 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir 	January 21 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 	January 22 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
January 23 <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ New Pentecost Prayer Group in Parish Hall Following Mass ++ 2 PM BINGO TODAY 	January 24 NO MASS 	January 25 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass 	January 26 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PREP Dinner 6-8 PM Confirmation 6:30-7:30 PM: K-7 & High School & First Reconciliation 	January 27 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir 	January 28 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 	January 29 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
January 30 <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions ++ New Pentecost Prayer Group in Parish Hall Following Mass 	January 31 NO MASS 	February 1, 2022 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass 	February 2 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PREP Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM: K-7 Only 	February 3 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir 	February 4 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 	February 5 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass

PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR.

JANUARY 2022 MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Roy Arnold
Lector: Wes Bradford

E/M: Betty Stechly
Val Stechly

Servers: Keeley Culpepper

Ushers: Frank Handley
Jerry Hogue
Chad Coffman

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Bob Lowery
Lector: John Duncan

E/M: Stacy Burge
Judy Keith
Bob Lowery

Servers: Isaac Jasper

Ushers: David Krueger
Steve O'Laughlin
Nick Rykert
Mike Stephen

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Jan 3	Deborah Martin	Jan 11	Steve DeVito	Jan 20	Donna Rodery
Jan 3	Judith Penquite	Jan 11	Roger Lizarda	Jan 23	Rita Paul
Jan 4	Cynthia Durand	Jan 11	Frances Thomas	Jan 25	Ana van Leeuwen
Jan 4	Liam Lampe	Jan 12	Ken Heuschmidt	Jan 26	Rickey Amerson
Jan 4	Seychelle Mahoney	Jan 13	Red Millis	Jan 26	Stacie Klott
Jan 5	Larry Benner	Jan 14	Johnny Nichols	Jan 26	Dolly Leach
Jan 5	Melba Bruton	Jan 14	Weston Rogers	Jan 26	Jorge Ramirez
Jan 5	Joe Faria	Jan 16	Amy Aldrete	Jan 27	Joy Lizarda
Jan 5	Joan Lipsmeyer	Jan 17	Jordan Reeves	Jan 28	John Mastrobuono
Jan 6	Cris Teague	Jan 18	Madelynne Barnard	Jan 29	Patti Mole
Jan 9	Pennie Veach	Jan 18	Rita Ward	Jan 29	Parker Nabors
Jan 10	Wes Bradford	Jan 19	Madyson Ray	Jan 31	John Hargett
Jan 10	George Stimson	Jan 20	Tina Bohannon		

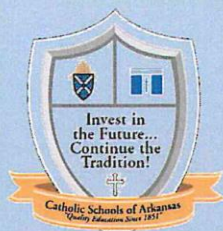
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan 1	Wes & Carol Bradford	Jan 13	Mike & Jaque Radisch
Jan 2	Ed & Mary Griggs	Jan 24	Tim & Robin Reeves
Jan 5	Steve & Rachel Gutting	Jan 27	David & Eva Krueger
Jan 9	Richard & Mary Crosley	Jan 29	Chuck & Terry Draper

**MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR
SIGN-UP SHEET**

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

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!



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ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

November 13, 2021

Dear Parishioner,

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, 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 79 students attending Arkansas Catholic schools with awards ranging from \$400 to \$1,500 per student.

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 \$526,505. 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. They provide a rigorous education, rooted in the Gospel, and rich in the cherished traditions and liturgical practices of our faith. Even in the midst of a pandemic, our schools are ensuring that students will have the foundation to live a moral and upright life to face the challenges brought by changes in the world today.

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

Sincerely In Christ,

Most Reverend Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock



Arkansas Catholic Schools

Scholarship Appeal



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

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

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

Pope Francis

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St. Joseph

Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph” (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

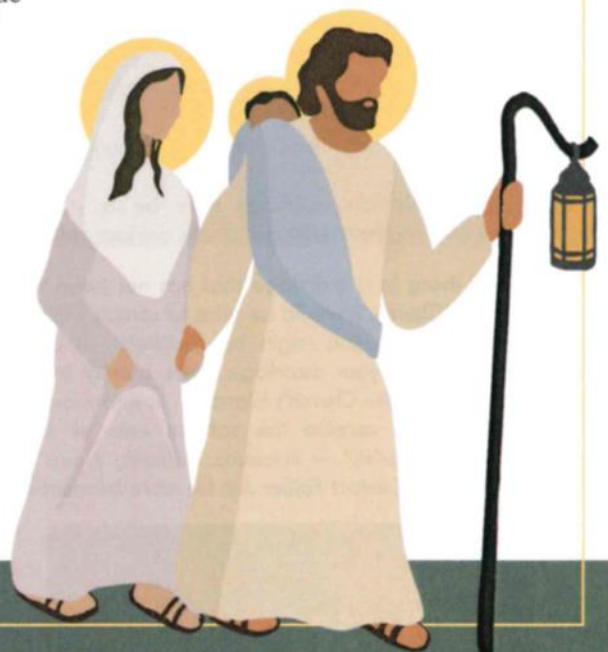
Dear St. Joseph,
help us to
imitate your
faithful trust and
courage.

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

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Office of the Bishop

July 26, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

I have recently been asked whether the Diocese of Little Rock should re-impose restrictions such as mandatory mask-wearing, physical distancing and disinfection of surfaces in response to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in Arkansas, 85% of which involve the highly infectious Delta variant. It has been suggested that since only 40% of Arkansans have been vaccinated, we need to do something to protect the other 60%, many of whom could be vaccinated but refuse.

It is important to note that with the universal availability of effective vaccines, the present threat is much different from that which occasioned the restrictions when COVID-19 first became a threat. Now, other than people with a medical condition that disqualifies them, anyone above age 12 can readily be vaccinated at no cost to themselves. As for those below age 12, for whatever reason, there have been very few serious cases involving younger children who may have some degree of natural immunity. The vaccine is effective in preventing most infections, even of the Delta variant, and vaccinated people who do become ill generally experience a much milder case than otherwise. Moreover, the vaccines are the best way to minimize the degree to which the virus can keep mutating. The vaccine's connection with abortion-derived fetal cell lines is very remote and our cooperation with such acts via receiving the vaccine is passive (no active cooperation) and so the Vatican has declared their use "morally acceptable" given the grave danger of the pandemic. Therefore, everyone who can be vaccinated has been repeatedly and strongly encouraged to do so—not only by me, but also even by Pope Francis—and so in the end, those who fail to do so have to be willing to accept the consequences of their decision. Diocesan policy will not be dictated by those who despite strong and clear encouragement, refuse to take the necessary steps to protect themselves and others. So for now, the only restriction that remains in place diocesan-wide is that the Precious Blood will continue not to be distributed to the faithful at Mass.

Having said that, given the principle of subsidiarity, individual parishes are free to take steps to address the threat locally. This could include making mask-wearing mandatory at one of their Masses, or setting aside one section of the nave for physical distancing and the exclusive use of mask-wearing participants.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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

Informed Choices provides:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Pregnancy options education
- Healthy pregnancy education
- Limited ultrasounds
- Post abortion recovery
- Referrals for
 - Pre-natal care
 - Social services
 - Adoption
- Parenting Skills
 - Support mothers & fathers beyond pregnancy
 - "Earn While You Learn" program where clients earn items and resources to provide a healthy environment for their child

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

- PRAYER PARTNER
- FINANCIAL SUPPORTER
 - One Time Gifts
 - Monthly Gift
- DONATE ITEMS
- VOLUNTEER
 - Men/Women Volunteers
 - Youth Group Service Projects: yard work, sort baby items
- PROMOTE & PARTICIPATE
 - Baby Bottle Campaign
 - Annual Banquet(s)
 - 100-Hole Golf Marathon
 - Community Events

CURRENT NEEDS

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



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Informedchoiceswomenscenter.org



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

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

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

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

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

What does Music Ministry mean to me?

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

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

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

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

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



Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal

What your Donation Can Do!

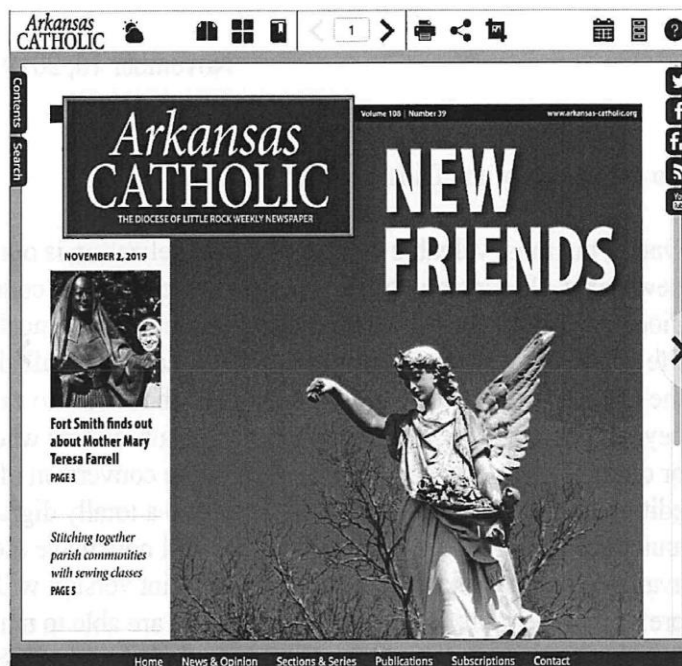
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\$50	Provides a partial scholarship for a student to attend a Campus Ministry retreat.
\$135	Provides a scholarship for one youth to attend a Search weekend.
\$150	Provides utility bill assistance for a family through our Family Assistance Program.
\$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.
\$2,000	Covers the legal fees for the adoption of a baby through Catholic Adoption Services.
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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.