



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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Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

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Legion of Mary:

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Safe Environment:

Holly Coffman

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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 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.
Monday,	January 10 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	January 11
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Virginia Reed, 1 st Anniv.
Wednesday,	January 12
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Bernadine Bebensee
Thursday,	January 13
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Patty Harley
9:00 AM	Rosary w/Catholic Christian Women (CCW)
Friday,	January 14
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Liesl Krone, BD (1-13)
9-10 AM	Holy Hour: Fatima Rosary to Stop the Global Spread of Communism
Saturday,	January 15
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Bethany Stephens, 1 st Anniv (1-14)
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Sunday,	January 16 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Bob & Joan Lowery



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.

The "New Pentecost" Prayer Group invites you to learn more about the Third Person of the Holy Trinity during our January sessions. GOD LOVES YOU! We meet in the parish hall after the 8:30 AM Mass on Sundays. We will serve coffee and donuts.



BINGO TODAY – Sundays, January 9 & 23 at 2 PM. Invite a friend! Doors will open at 1 PM. Proceeds benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

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

5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	Mass
6:00 PM	Dinner for Students/Teachers/Family
6:00-8:00 PM	Confirmation Class
6:30-7:30 PM	K-7 & High School Classes



Catholic Christian Women (CCW) will pray the Rosary this Thursday, January 13, at 9 AM. Coffee and sweets will follow in the Hall after the Rosary. Everyone is welcome!

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.



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

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, Larry/Sherry Keeter, 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, Cheryl Morris, Janice Munzner, Mollie Norman, Deb O'Connor, Nikki Patten, Eliska Pollock, Kathy Robinson, Margaret Mary Schlacter, Dc. Mark Scouten, 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.**

NEW IN 2022! Every Friday following the 8:30 AM Mass, you are invited to the holy hour to pray a Rosary with the specific intention to stop the global spread of modern-day communism under its many guises. Our Lady of Fatima warned of these "errors" spreading throughout the world and provided us with very clear instructions. Please join us at 9 AM to pray the Fatima Rosary.

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 NEXT Sunday, January 16**, so books may be ordered and shipped in time. Any questions, contact Tom Hoberock at 688-1202.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - As we begin this new year we thank the Lord for His many blessings, some of which have come in disguise. I am personally very grateful for your friendship and your prayers that have carried us through a challenging year. You are in my daily prayers.



We will be updating our Adoration schedule, which I have not done in a while and I appeal to your kindness and patience.

If you are already registered as an "Adorer", please write back to me at g.carmen.8786@gmail.com letting me know your day and hour, and if you intend to keep that schedule this year (of course emergencies will be respected).

If you would like to register, either for the first time or to return, please write to the same email as above letting me know what day would be best for you. Our weekly bulletin shows the hours that are currently available, although there may be some variants, for which I apologize.

Looking forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please call me at 305-815-1795.

With my best wishes for a happy, healthy, and peaceful 2022!
- Carmen Andrade

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

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



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.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU! Copies of the latest Matthew Kelly publication, "Life is Messy" are still available in the vestibule. Please one per family.



REST IN PEACE - Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of former parishioner, +Eileen Dargen who died on Dec. 15. Please keep Eileen and her family in your prayers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 9:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Jan 10:	1 Sm 1:1-8 / Mk 1:14-20
Jan 11:	1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28
Jan 12:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mk 1:29-39
Jan 13:	1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45
Jan 14:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a / Mk 2:1-12
Jan 15:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 / Mk 2:13-17
Jan 16:	Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

Northwest Arkansas 6th Annual March for Life! In making a public stand for life, **next Sunday, January 16** at 2 PM, pro-lifers will walk one mile from the Rogers City Hall at 301 W. Chestnut to St. Vincent de Paul at 13th & Poplar. Special Keynote speaker is Senior Pastor Wes George from First Baptist Church of Rogers. Pro-Life signs will be provided as well as refreshments and bus transportation to starting point. For more details, visit nwarespectlife.org.

Eucharistic Procession & Mass for Life: Next Sunday, January 16, Bishop Anthony Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life to be celebrated at the Wally Allen Ballroom of the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock at Noon. Bishop Taylor will lead the Eucharistic Procession for Life beginning at 10 AM on the plaza in front of the DoubleTree Hotel (Broadway & Markham Streets) through the Riverfront Park to the Statehouse Convention Center (approximately 3/4 mile) in downtown Little Rock. There will be Eucharistic Adoration before Mass. Join hundreds of Catholics at this event as we give public witness to our faith and hope in Jesus Christ! Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email cphillips@dolr.org for more information.

44TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE - On behalf of Arkansas Right to Life, the Respect Life Office invites everyone to participate. This rally against the grave evil of abortion will begin at 2 PM **next Sunday, March 16** at West Capitol & Wolfe Streets in Little Rock. For more info, call 501-663-4237 or visit artl.org.

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.

Women of Hope Retreat - Fill your soul and prepare your heart for Lent with inspirational talks, praise and worship, and a small group experience! **Saturday, February 5**, 8:45 AM to 3 PM, at Christ the King Church in Little Rock. To register, visit WomenofHopeAR.org.

The 12th Annual Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference is just around the corner!! Mark your calendars for Saturday, **February 12**. This year's conference will be LIVE and IN PERSON at Christ the King Parish in Little Rock. The theme will be "Men of Mercy". The talks will focus on how to understand God's Great Mercy and how we can allow HIS Mercy to help us grow in our Faith and our Vocation at home, at work and in our community. We have two fantastic speakers. Our Msgr. Jack Harris from our Diocese and Matthew Leonard. **THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE THIS YEAR!** But we are asking for donations to offset the cost of meals, speakers, production, and promotion!

The Diocese of Little Rock Respect Life Office invites you to
join us for these Catholic Pro-life events



Mass for Life

**Sunday,
January 16, 2022
Noon**

Statehouse Convention Center
100 E. Markham St., Little Rock

Bishop Anthony Taylor, Presider
Concelebrated by priests of the
Diocese of Little Rock

Hearts *for* Life

ADULT PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE

FREE Event Saturday, Jan. 15, 5- 8 p.m., St. John Center
dinner included, Register by Jan. 7, 501-664-0340 or cphillips@dolr.org
Overnight room option + breakfast \$25/person

After the Mass, join the 44th annual March for Life

sponsored by Arkansas Right to Life

Sunday, January 16 • 2 p.m. • West Capitol & Wolfe Streets, Little Rock

Walk with Jesus **Eucharistic Procession for Life**

Sunday Jan. 16, 10 am

Starting at the plaza in front of the Doubletree
Hotel, processing through Riverfront Park to
the Statehouse Convention Center

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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.

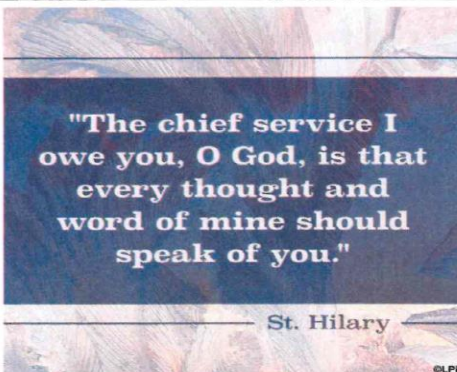
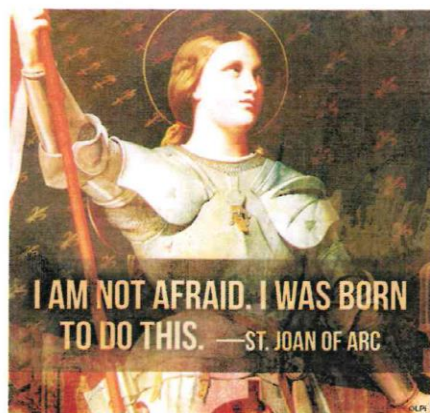
Usher: Greet people, guide them to
empty seats, hand out bulletins after
Mass, check pews after Mass for debris
or loose hymnals/missalettes.

Other: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

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Catholic Christian Women (CCW)
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See Bulletin For Meeting
Dates & Times

• Friday Lunch •
11 AM—1:30 PM
• Sunday Lunch •
11:30 AM—2 PM

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Baptismal Bib

Question: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

Happy New Year!

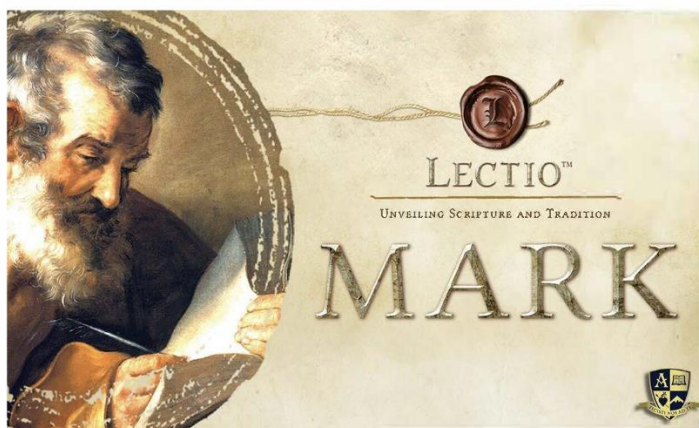
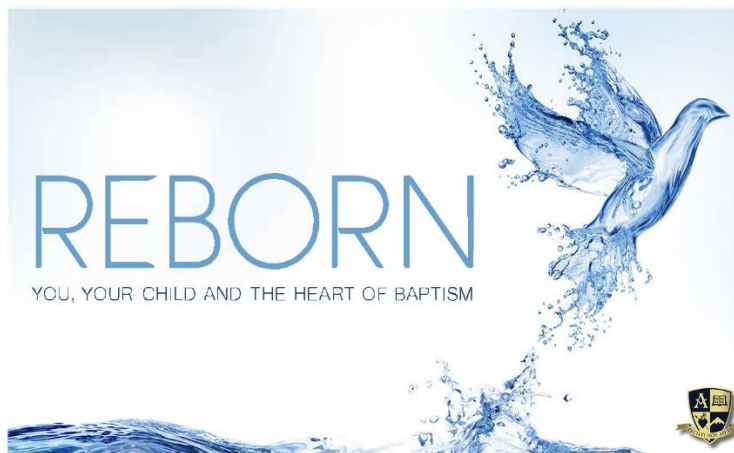
In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster

January 9, 2022

WATCH

REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist — the man who would baptize Jesus.

LEARN

LISTEN

CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



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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 <u>At 4:30 PM</u>	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 Epiphany of the Lord 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 Baptism of the Lord 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 2nd Sunday in Ordinary 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 3rd Sunday in Ordinary 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 4th Sunday in Ordinary 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 First Friday 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	February 5 First Saturday 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		

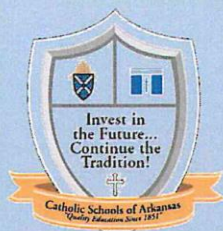
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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**

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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).

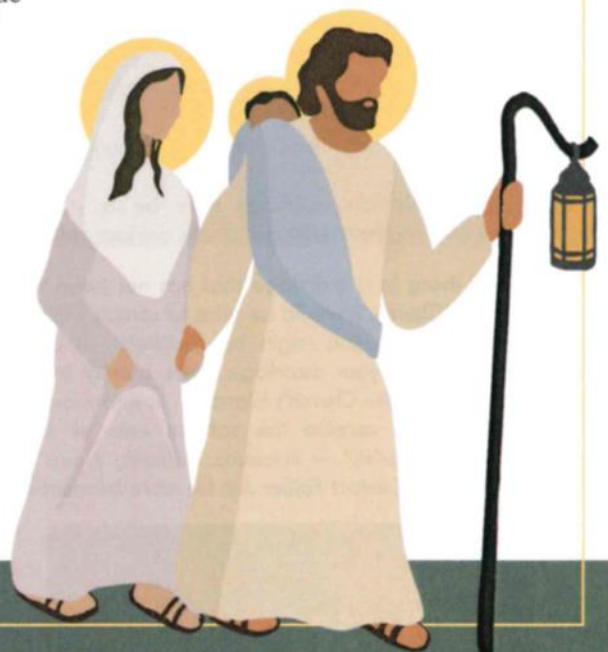
Dear St. Joseph,
help us to
imitate your
faithful trust and
courage.

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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DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

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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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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!

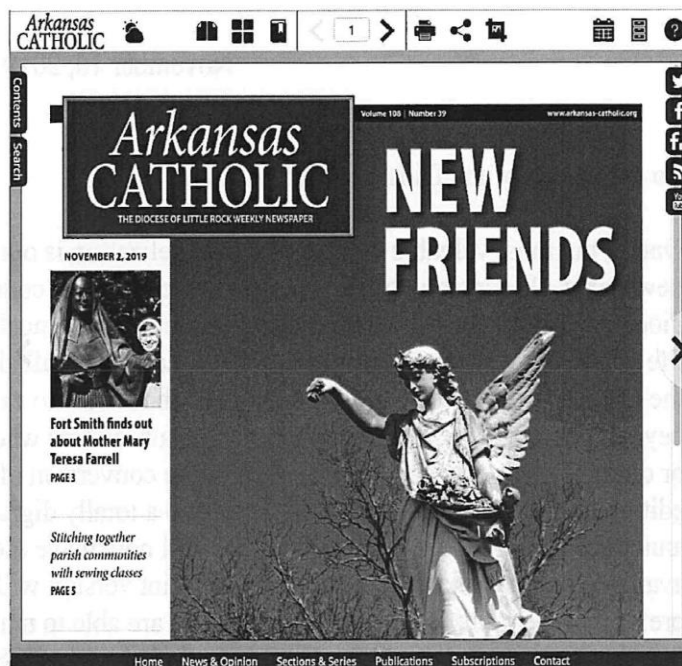
\$25	Provides religious education book for two people.
\$50	Provides a partial scholarship for a student to attend a Campus Ministry retreat.
\$135	Provides a scholarship for one youth to attend a Search weekend.
\$150	Provides utility bill assistance for a family through our Family Assistance Program.
\$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.
\$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.