



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

Deacon:

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):

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

Custodian:

Holly Coffman

Eucharistic Adoration:

Carmen Andrade

Finance Council:

Joe Koenig

Flocknote:

Robin Markham

Knights of Columbus:

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,	March 19
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Sandy Brain
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Ron Schoborg
Sunday,	March 20 – Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Monday,	March 21 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	March 22
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – Andy Tuazon
Wednesday,	March 23
5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
5:30 PM	MASS: +Richard Braun
Thursday,	March 24
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Dick Brummel
Friday,	March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord
8:00 AM	Fatima Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Robert Friedl, 1 st Anniv.
9-10 AM	Holy Hour w/Stations of the Cross
Saturday,	March 26
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Harold & Gladys Wood
Noon	Memorial Mass: +Sagrario Calonder
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday,	March 27 – Fourth (Laetare) Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Julie Maguire, 4 th Anniv. (3-27)



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. 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.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES – “Matthew: The King and His Kingdom” continues Sundays following the 8:30 AM Mass, Tuesdays at 3 PM, and Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.



BINGO TODAY – Sunday, March 20 at 2 PM. Invite a friend! Doors will open at 1 PM. Proceeds benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

NO PREP THIS WEEK – SPRING BREAK!

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.



NO HANDBELLS REHEARSAL THIS WEEK.

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

Fridays Only During Lent BEFORE the 8:30 AM Mass, you are invited 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 8 AM to pray the Fatima Rosary.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 20:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9
Mar 21:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Lk 4:24-30
Mar 22:	Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35
Mar 23:	Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19
Mar 24:	Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23
Mar 25:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38
Mar 26:	Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14
Mar 27:	Jos 5:9-a, 10-12 / 2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age. The Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by law.

LENTEN SERVICES – Throughout Lent, the Stations of the Cross are said on Wednesdays at 5 PM and Fridays at 9 AM. Rosary is prayed before other daily, Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please choose one or more of these Lenten practices for your sacrifice of prayer.

There is a plenary indulgence available for anyone who prays the Stations of the Cross. We will pray the Stations every Wednesday of Lent starting at 5 PM before the 5:30 PM Mass and every Friday of Lent starting after the 8:30 AM Mass.

Second Collection Next Sunday is for Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's Love to those most in need. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, Noah Applegate, Carl Bell, Cindy Benner, Donnie Billups, Carol Bomboy, Sue Brain, William Bray, Ray Brysch, Betty Burge, Blanche Carter, Caven James Clark, Shawna Clemens, Ken Clouse, Brian Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, +John Copeland, Telisa Crabtree, Noah Cuevas, Daisy, Mary Decker Family, David/Billie Jo Dix, Bruce Durand, Glen Feldman, John Forrest, Matthew Gerth, Casey Gibbs, Neal Gibson, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Chris Haley, Pete Hartman, Leon/Russell Heard, Lorita Henry, Molly Hetrick & Family, Dianne Hoberock, Linda Hoyet, Chris Jasper, Leah Jordan, Lavonne Keehn, Larry/Sherry Keeter, Daniel Kester, Emory Keys, LaDonna King, Dr. Charles Klepper, Mary Koenig, Pat Kohl, Dennis Kyler, Louene Lipsmeyer, Brian Long, Patti Long, Joseph & Adeline Long, Val Lopez, Bobbie Lowery Family, Michael Lowery, Hailey Luckette, Tyler Mason, Alma Mathis, Bill May, Mike Mooneyham, Cheryl Morris, Janice Munzner, Mollie Norman, Deb O'Connor, Olivia, John Parr, +Megan Quick, Eliska Pollock, Shari Ragland, +Leon Reding III, Kathy Robinson, Margaret Mary Schlacter, Dc. Mark Scouten, Seán/Christine, Ed/Yvonne Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Bob Stephens, Kathleen Stimson, Bonnie Tauer, Kim Tennyson, Pennie Sutton-Veach Family, Ting Tuazon, Sharon Wall, Jean Williams, Ashley/River Wygle. **Our Nursing Home Residents:** Dan Allen, David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Patricia Hahn, 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.***

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – COME & VISIT YOUR SAVIOR!

"The sacred host exposed to our view speaks of the infinite power of Love manifested on the glorious Cross. The sacred host speaks to us of the incredible abasement of the one who made himself poor so as to make us rich in him, the one who accepted the loss of everything so as to win us for his Father. The sacred host is the living, efficacious and real sacrament of the eternal presence of the Savior of mankind to his Church." Pope Benedict XVI

Call Carmen at 305-815-1795 to schedule a time.

Sunday @ 7 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, Noon, 3 PM & 5 PM

Monday @ 7 AM, 10 AM, 1 PM & 5 PM

Tuesday @ 7 AM, 8 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM & 2 PM

Wednesday @ 7 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 4 PM & 6 PM

Thursday @ 11 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM & 6 PM

Friday @ 1 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM & 5 PM

Saturday @ Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE 40 CANS OR 40 BUCKS

Council 8410 is asking each family of the parish to consider contributing to our local food pantries during this Lenten season. One can of food or one dollar for each day of Lent. Food donations may be brought to the designated area in the church vestibule before Holy Thursday. Checks may be written to "Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive" and given to any Knight or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Your assistance to the less fortunate is deeply appreciated. May God Bless You!



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Helene "Nikki" Patten, who died on March 11. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please remember Nikki and her family in your prayers.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Marsha Simmons

214 Eclipse Rd., St. Joe, AR 72675

Moved From: Independence, MO

Shirley Ormond

220 Lakeshore Dr., Harrison, AR 72601

Mary Mother of God College Scholarship Applications

for high school seniors are due in the church office no later than **April 15**. If you need an application, contact the church office or Holly Coffman.



The Knights of Columbus will award a college scholarship this spring for the 2022-2023 academic year. Applications may be found at harrisoncatholic.org. Select Groups and click Knights of Columbus. Please submit your application to the church office no later than **April 15**. Questions? Call Nick Simon at 688-7700.

THE JOURNEY FROM Ash Wednesday to Easter Activities Your Family Can Do Together - Lent 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - God's love is for everyone

WEEK OF MARCH 20: Read the Gospel for today (John 4:5-42).

REFLECTION: Jesus helped people in many ways. In today's Gospel, he helped a woman move past the many mistakes she'd made before. He helped her see how much God loves her. Once she understood that, she wanted to share the good news with everyone in her community.

PRAYER: Jesus, you taught us that God loves everyone and that nothing should get in the way of knowing God. Help us to follow your example of loving and helping others, so that they will see your love in us and be reminded of how much you love them. Amen.

ACTIVITY: Jesus never let anything get in the way of showing God's love for others. He wanted all people to be able to hear the Good News about God's love and forgiveness. Some people have a hard time getting to church, and many can't go these days because of COVID-19. Is there someone you know who you could reach out to, cheer up and maybe pray with? Until it's safe to visit in person again, you can call them or visit with them using a smart phone or computer. Or do it the old-fashioned way and write a letter or make a card! Together as a family, think of someone whose life you can brighten and make a plan to do it.– Unbound.org

2022 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given **\$9,930.00 or 47%** 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.

Retreats at Little Portion Hermitage & Monastery with John Michael Talbot – These retreats are not about a holy program, but about a way of life that Jesus wants us to live fully in His Kingdom. John Michael will share with you the way our saints lived as examples of the way of life and how to live it today! Upcoming Retreats: **March 25-27** Hermitage of the Heart; **June 3-5** Exploring the Gifts of the Spirit; and **June 24-26** Simple Living. For more info, visit troubadourfortheLord.net or call 877-504-9865.



PRAY

FAST

GIVE



40 Days for Life Devotional Guides - Parishioners Sandra Guidry (Pro-Life Coordinator) and Alvin Hanson have offered these booklets for fellow parishioners to use. You will find them in the church vestibule.

Since the Supreme Court's decision to declare abortions constitutionally protected, the debate on this decision has been passionately debated for 49 years as millions of "legal" abortions have taken the innocent lives of unborn babies.

It's time to look at a new perspective for resolving this situation. Abortion is only one symptom of the growing power that Satan has gained in today's world. Society is turning away from God in almost every facet of our lives. Sex education, gender identity, "critical race theory", etc. are being taught to our children as early as preschool, while angry minorities (racial, LGBTQ, gay marriage proponents, etc.) are bullying God-fearing Christians into silence to pursue their agendas. "Divide and conquer" has been recognized as the most effective way to win a battle and Satan is using this strategy to perfection.

Prayer is our "911" call to Jesus and God the Father. To help us all get back to this invaluable lifeline, MMG's Right to Life Ministry is offering a forty-day devotional guide to promote personal prayer and help us bring back clarity and direction in our lives to bring us back to God's Kingdom where we belong.

Arkansas Catholic Subscription Drive continues. You might have overheard this conversation in our parish. One person asks, "How did you know that?" The other person replies, "I read it in Arkansas Catholic." What are you missing by not subscribing and reading Arkansas Catholic? The award-winning weekly newspaper of the Diocese of Little Rock offers complete print and digital subscriptions.

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4. Log in, and you now have access to the digital edition, plus all issues back to 2002.

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



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

Calling All Future Arkansas State Students: We at St. John Newman University Parish in Jonesboro are here for you. We have Mass at 5 PM every Sunday followed by dinner, as well as Faith Night on Wednesdays beginning with pizza. Some of the things you might be interested: retreats, social events, service events, and more! Check us out on the website at astatecnc.com or on social media at [ASTATECNC](https://www.facebook.com/ASTATECNC). Questions? Call 870-972-1888.

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.)

The Diocesan Tribunal - It is the mission of the Diocesan Tribunal to hear the cases of those who are divorced and who are petitioning the Church to make judgment on the possible invalidity of their marriage, due to some impediment, inadequate consent, or the inability to fulfill the duties of the married state. The Tribunal makes every effort to carry out its pastoral ministry in this process.

Petitions for decrees of nullity may be obtained from recognized Diocesan Tribunal advocates. These persons are specially trained in this work. Please contact our local advocates, **Deacon Mark Scouten at 870-741-1579 or Lucia McArthur at 407-288-3103**, for more info and the paperwork to present a petition.

"If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist." – *Arkansas Catholic*, Nov. 14, 2015, Father Ken Doyle
Contact Father Jim for more information.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 20, 2022

3rd Sunday of Lent

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

The diocesan initiative One Church invests each year in a small mission church in our diocese that needs a leg up to become a thriving community. **The 2021-2022 partner is St. Andrew Church in Danville.** All funds donated to One Church for the next 12 months will help the parish renovate a former office building into a usable Parish Life Center, which they currently don't have. Please pray for this project and give today. To give or for more info visit: dolr.org/one-church. Checks should be made payable to Diocese of Little Rock-One Church with the notation "St. Andrew Church-Danville."



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

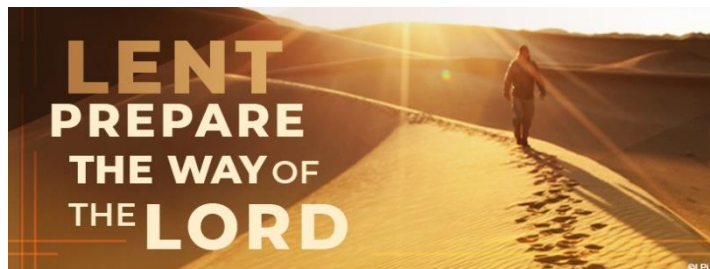
New Informed Choices for Women Center Needs Volunteers - The new Informed Choices for Women Center, located at 714 West Sherman Ave. in Harrison, needs volunteers during the week to help man their pro-life Christian outreach to women in crisis pregnancies. The non-profit Center provides a variety of 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.

SIGN UP TODAY!! The Offertory Gift Bearers have the privilege of bringing to the altar the bread, wine, and water that will be miraculously transformed into the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We encourage you, or you and your family, to participate in this ministry; consider a birthday or anniversary date. Sign-up sheets are in a Gift Bearer binder in the vestibule.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR - LET US ALL SHARE THE JOY OF SERVING THE LORD!! Please sign up as soon as possible. If you are new to serving (Halleluia!!) please contact the church office or fill in your chosen ministry on the back of the bulletin, drop it in the collection basket, and someone will contact you for a brief training session.



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.



PLENARY INDULGENCE

Pope Francis Extraordinary Blessing “urbi et orbi” at Rome on March 27, 2020.

Pope Francis granted a plenary indulgence to all the faithful who watched or listened to his blessing “to the city and the world” on March 27, 2020 at the Vatican. This plenary indulgence in effect eliminated all temporal punishment due to sin for those who watched or listened to his extraordinary blessing.

What is temporal punishment due to sin?

The temporal punishment due to sin is a consequence of sin that will have a definite end, that is when the soul is fully purified and totally ready to enter heaven.

The temporal punishment due to sin is usually associated with purgatory, that state after death in which God, in His mercy, will cleanse us of all imperfections so that we can enter into heaven. But this purification may also take place in this life by the practice of prayer, penance, and good works.

Pope Francis granted a plenary indulgence on the special occasion of his blessing “to the city and the world” on March 27, 2020. But there are plenary indulgences associated with many other spiritual works, too. Some are:


1. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least one half hour.
2. Devout reading of the Sacred Scriptures for at least one half hour.
3. The pious exercise of the Stations of the Cross.
4. The recitation of the Rosary in a church or public oratory or in the family, a religious community, or a pious association.

Pope St. John Paul II explained in a general audience in 1999 that plenary indulgences depend on “our turning away from sin and our conversion to God”. That is why there are conditions for receiving an indulgence:

1. Sacramental confession.
2. Eucharistic communion.
3. Prayer for the Pope, at least one Our Father and one Hail Mary.
4. All willful attachment to sin, even to venial sin, must be absent.
5. Only one plenary indulgence may be acquired each day.

When a priest is not readily available, the requirements of sacramental confession and communion are suspended until a priest is readily available.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 27 <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study	February 28 NO MASS	March 1, 2022 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study	March 2 ASH WEDNESDAY ✝ 8:30 AM Mass w/ Imposition of Ashes 5:30 PM Mass w/ Imposition of Ashes ++ NO PREP/NO CHOIR ++ Knights of Columbus Shrimp Fettuccine Dinner Doors Open at 4 PM FAST & ABSTINENCE	March 3 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	March 4 First Friday 8 AM Fatima Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	March 5 First Saturday 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Adoration Hour ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
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March 6 1st Sunday of Lent 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ 2 PM BINGO TODAY	March 7 NO MASS ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting ++ 6:15 PM Handbells	March 8 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study ++ 6 PM CCW Meeting in Parish Hall	March 9 5 PM Stations 5:30 PM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study ++ 6 PM PREP Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM: K-7 Only	March 10 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	March 11 8 AM Fatima Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	March 12 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
March 13 2nd Sunday of Lent 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study 	March 14 NO MASS ++ 6:15 PM Handbells	March 15 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study	March 16 5 PM Stations 5:30 PM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study 6 PM PREP Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM: K-7 & High School	March 17 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	March 18 8 AM Fatima Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	March 19 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
March 20 3rd Sunday of Lent 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ 2 PM BINGO TODAY	March 21 NO MASS ++ NO HANDBELLS Spring Break	March 22 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study	March 23 5 PM Stations 5:30 PM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study ++ NO PREP - Spring Break	March 24 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	March 25 Annunciation of the Lord 8 AM Fatima Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	March 26 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
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As the season of Lent approaches, it is helpful to recall the discipline of the Church with regard to fast, abstinence, and other forms of penance.
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age. All members of the Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by law.

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

MARCH 2022 MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: ***Volunteer Needed***
 Lector: Wes Bradford

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 Betty Stechly

Servers: Keeley Culpepper

Ushers: Frank Handley
 Jerry Hogue
 Chad Coffman

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Bob Lowery
 Lector: Dan Roberts

E/M: Stacy Burge
 Judy Keith
 Bob Lowery

Servers: Isaac Jasper

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Mar 1 Jon Dezort	Mar 13 Brody Burge	Mar 25 Eamonn Clark
Mar 1 Meadow Whiteside	Mar 13 Jaidon Lamb	Mar 26 Mary Bausch
Mar 2 Pepe Ramirez	Mar 14 Lauren Dearing	Mar 26 Dick Hoyet
Mar 3 Val Stechly	Mar 14 Belin Juantos	Mar 26 June Simon
Mar 4 Bill Markham	Mar 14 Josephine Kershaw	Mar 26 Christine Teague
Mar 6 Lori Goulet	Mar 15 R.J. Atkinson	Mar 27 Laura Burge
Mar 7 Tiffany Coffman	Mar 15 Lily Hodges	Mar 27 Kayleigh Culpepper
Mar 8 Bob Patterson	Mar 15 Elisabeth Scouten	Mar 27 Emily Hargett
Mar 9 Justin Applegate	Mar 16 Ricky Crosley	Mar 27 Juliet Juantos
Mar 9 Paul Styles	Mar 16 Brooxie Rogers	Mar 27 Elyssa Weisman
Mar 10 Matthew Bradford	Mar 18 Michael Adamos	Mar 28 Aaliyhia Simpson
Mar 10 Elijah Leimberg	Mar 18 Chuck Draper	Mar 29 Parker Atkinson
Mar 11 Jada Bray	Mar 18 Merida Lampe	Mar 30 Michael Ford
Mar 12 Erin Culhane	Mar 23 David Fesenmyer	Mar 31 Jerome Tauer

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Mar 13 Daniel & Mary Christner	Mar 20 David & Lynn Hancock
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Mar 19 Antonio & Michelle Aldrete	Mar 23 George & Kathleen Stimson
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Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.

Extraordinary Minister: Distribute the
Body of Christ during Communion.

Altar Servers: All youth who have
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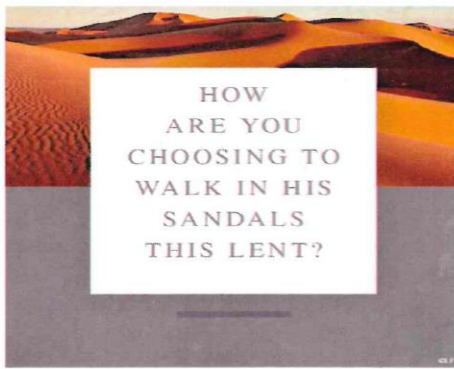
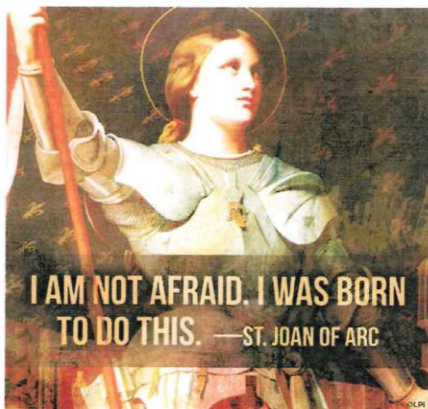
Usher: Greet people, guide them to
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Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

God Save America!

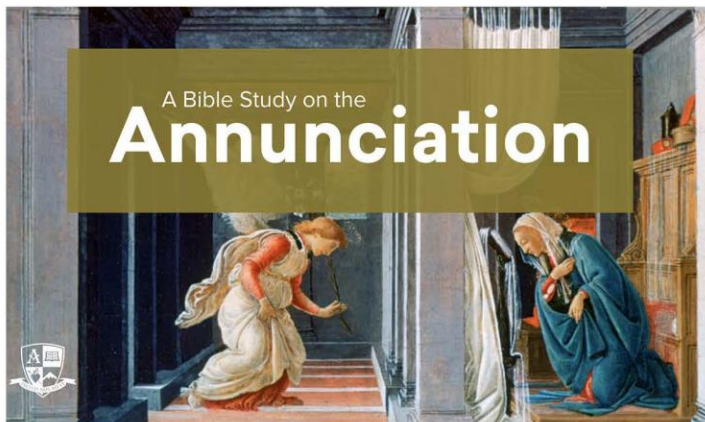
In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster

March 20, 2022

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THE SANCTUARY COURSE FOR CATHOLICS

Misconceptions surrounding mental illness can prevent us from responding well to those suffering. This eight-session course explores the realities of mental illness, as well as the need for faith-based conversations about this topic. Featuring stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.



A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUNCIATION

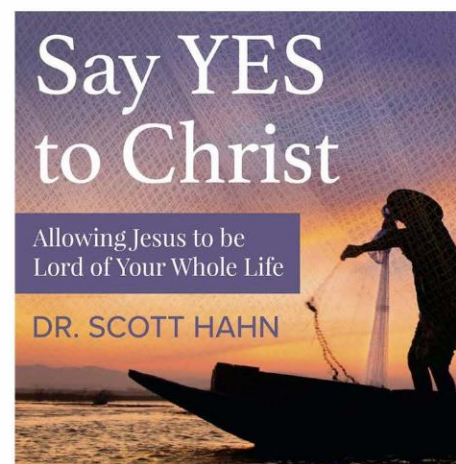
In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

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SAY YES TO CHRIST: ALLOWING JESUS TO BE THE LORD OF YOUR WHOLE LIFE BY SCOTT HAHN

Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.



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JOURNEYING TOGETHER SYNODAL REPORT TO THE DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK
Mary Mother of God Church – Harrison, AR – Fr. James Fanrak, Pastor / Deacon Mark Scouten

Section 2: Narrative – How MMG Parish organized the consultations:

Parish organization leaders as well as volunteers at large were sought out to be facilitators and note-takers during the consultations.

Manageable-sized small groups were made available and gathered; usually offered after Masses, and at the regular meetings of the various parish organizations. Individual consultations were also held as requested.

The facilitators and note-takers recorded and summarized the conversations held at these meetings.

In addition, consultation questionnaires were sent to all registered households in the parish. Returns were recorded and summarized.

All input was synthesized by the parish secretary and committee. This formed the basis of this report.

Section 3: Top Three Revealing Discoveries:

- 1) The people of the parish do feel a part of the Church, and they do their “journeying together” as they are present and participate in the Mass, the Sacraments. They also “journey together” as they become involved in the ministries, organizations, gatherings, and socials that are done as a parish family.
- 2) The people of God, our parishioners, have a very positive and warm experience of how the Church is journeying with them. They feel welcomed, acknowledged, and valued as individuals within the parish. They sense that leadership is trying to care about them, about their welfare and needs. They feel that fellow parishioners are one with them as a family-like group. Parishioners sense that they can reach out to other parishioners in their time of need.
- 3) The people of Mary Mother of God Parish are thirsting for better and more reaching out to those who seem no longer to come to church, as well as to welcoming those who are searching for a church and spiritual family. They would also like to strengthen their bonds with the Lord and with one another through additional spiritual and corporal works of prayer, service, and fellowship.

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

- 1) About why parishioners do not come to church and about why they do not participate in Mass and other parish activities and groups
 - Illness, company, disabilities,
 - Distance from church, no transportation,
 - Irreverence during Mass,
 - Too many requests for money,
 - Pedophilia, scandal,
 - Priests and hierarchy stray from the authentic, traditional teachings of the Church,
 - Dissatisfaction with political leaders,
 - Covid,

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

1) Continued

- Personal scheduling,
- Very little talk about mortal sin, hell,
- Validity of sacraments,
- People's judgmental stance of others at Mass, Church

2) About what parishioners like and appreciate what's going at Mary Mother of God Parish:

- Welcoming feeling, "family" feeling,
- Spiritual environment, friendliness,
- Rosary, extraordinary ministers,
- New Pentecost Prayer Group
- Scripture Study
- The structure, the rituals, the prayers
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Availability of Confession
- Knights of Columbus events
- Legion of Mary, prayer and visiting
- Corporal and Spiritual works
- Very accommodating Mass schedule
- Wonderful organization leaders
- Pastor, deacon, sacristans, homilies
- Livestreaming of Masses and events
- Music Ministry, Youth Choir and Musicians
- Trail Life Youth
- PRE, Youth Ministry
- Flocknotes, bulletins, prayer needs alert
- List of those needing prayer in bulletin
- Visits and Communion to homebound
- Gospel is taught
- Fellowship – sharing food
- CCW (Catholic Christian Women)
- Greeting card ministry
- Kitchen ministry that builds connections and friendships
- Simple, understandable teaching
- Appreciate the bishop and hierarchy for their asking parishioners' thoughts
- Church secretary
- Use of parish hall for dinners, get-togethers, family events
- Magnificat, Formed, EWTN
- Spiritual Director
- Caring and ministering when there's a death
- Beautiful, well-kept gardens, lawns

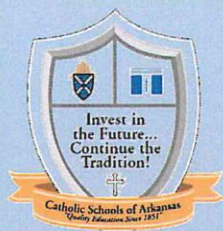
3) About what parishioners want more of and what they want begun at MMG:

- Speak more about the good the Church does
- Communal Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Local theology study programs
- Pilgrimages to Holy Places
- Motivational speakers' resources
- Novenas, Missions, Cursillos
- Benedictions, Eucharistic Processions
- Communal Anointing of the Sick, Healing services
- Encourage Religious Orders (nuns, priests and brothers) to go back to religious habits, etc.
- That the Bishop visit more
- That the hierarchy speak more clearly about how to deal with public figures, political figures who vocally disagree with the authentic teaching of the Church
- Stronger evangelization committee
- More visible and active welcoming committee
- Get-togethers, coffees after Mass
- Socials for all the parish, meals
- Penance Services, Tridentine Rites, Tridentine Priests
- Restore lost Church traditions and rituals, separation of church and state
- Catholic issues study programs
- Empty-nester ministry
- More emphasis on Respect Life
- 6:30 or 7 PM Mass on Days of Obligation
- 4 PM Saturday Mass in Winter
- PRE, Sunday School after Sunday Mass; more emphasis on Youth Ministry
- That the Bishop and hierarchy be fully open, honest, and accountable about abuses, scandals
- More attention to homeless; saving the environment
- Make annulment process smoother
- Latin Mass once in a while
- Church teaching to be more appealing and inclusive, more definite and fixed rather than negotiable
- Young people to become more invited in, active in church
- Catholic parochial school
- Clearer, more definite, authentic Catholic teaching from bishops, pope, magisterium
- Against China government appointing bishops
- More frequent updated parish directory and pictures
- More about Centering prayer
- Laudato Si, Fratelli Tutti groups
- Life in the Spirit seminars
- Clearer teaching on homosexual, trans-sexual issues
- More publicity about the charitable works which the church does

**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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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



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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



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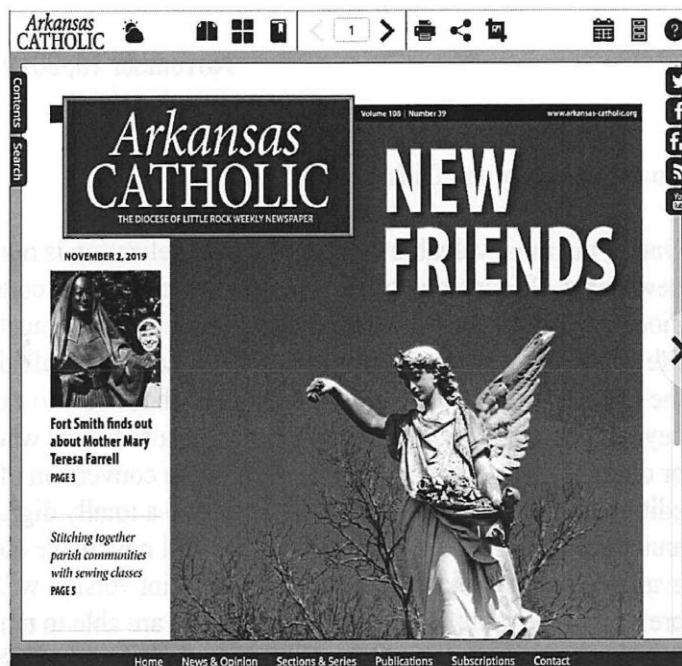
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MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



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

WHO must do safe environment training and background checks:

1) Employees

2) Volunteers with Routine Contact w/ Minors

- a. This includes only volunteers who have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their volunteer duties.
- b. Volunteers who do not have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their duties do not have to do safe environment training or background checks.

WHAT training programs:

“CMG Connect” → online training for **adults**
(<http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment>)
(or directly at: <https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org>)

“Circle of Grace” → in-classroom training for **children/youth**

We will no longer use VIRTUS’s “Protecting God’s Children” or “Touching Safety.”
Instead, we will use products supported by **Catholic Mutual Group (CMG)**.

All data from VIRTUS will be moved over to CMG Connect. No one who has already done safe environment training and a background check will have to re-do anything at this time. Users who are due for a 5-year recertification will be notified how to do that by their parish/school safe environment coordinator, who will also have info on both new programs.