



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.

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Dc. Mark Scouten

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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: _____

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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 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)
Monday,	March 28 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	March 29
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Charles Sturm
Wednesday,	March 30
5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – Rorie Tuazon
6:45 PM	LENTEN YOUTH MASS: +Robert Fry
Thursday,	March 31
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Ruth Fitton, 2 nd Anniv.
First Friday,	April 1
8:00 AM	Fatima Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Connie Neuroth
9-10 AM	Holy Hour w/Stations of the Cross
First Saturday,	April 2
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Ferdinand Gregory Mainolfi
9:00 AM	First Saturday Devotion Holy Hour
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Sunday,	April 3 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Harry Knickerbocker



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.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for Catholic Relief Services. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

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.

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

5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Confessions
5:30 PM	Mass
6:00 PM	Dinner for Students/Teachers/Family
6:45 PM	Lenten Youth Mass – For All Students (attendance taken), Parents & Catechists
Following Mass: Confessions & Holy Hour for Confirmation Class	



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.



HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL is Monday at 6:15 PM. **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.

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. A 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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION – SATURDAY, APRIL 2 – 9 AM
ADORATION HOUR – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 8:30 AM MASS

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, 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 Lockette, Tyler Mason, Alma Mathis, Bill May, Mike Mooneyham, Cheryl Morris, Janice Munzner, Mollie Norman, Deb O'Connor, Olivia, John Parr, Eliska Pollock, Shari Ragland, Kathy Robinson, Tim Rynders, 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. Names will be deleted the end of March.**

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 27: Jos 5:9-a, 10-12 / 2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Mar 28: Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Mar 29: Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

Mar 30: Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

Mar 31: Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

Apr 1: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Apr 2: Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

Apr 3: Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11



EASTER MEMORIALS OR HONORARIUMS – Memorials (for a deceased loved one) or Honorariums (for a living loved one) are available for a \$10 donation. Easter flowers will remain throughout the Easter Season on the Altar. No names will be placed on the individual flowers, but an acknowledgment will be placed in the church bulletin. An acknowledgment card will also be sent to the person you wish to honor or remember. If you wish to make a memorial or honorarium, please use the envelopes available in the vestibule. Fill in the appropriate addresses on the envelope. Return the envelope via the church office or in the collection basket by Palm Sunday, April 10. **Thank you for beautifying our church!**

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Jesus shows us God's love

WEEK OF MARCH 27: Read the Gospel for today (John 9:1-41)

REFLECTION: In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a man who was blind. Some people didn't like that because they thought the man deserved to be blind, but Jesus showed them that was wrong. In so doing, he also teaches us that the worst "blindness" of all is to not love and help others.

PRAYER: Jesus, we know that you became one of us to teach us how to live a good life, to show us the importance of loving and helping others, and to ultimately give your life for us. As we continue our Lenten journey, help us to better understand your sacrifice and what it means for us. Amen.

ACTIVITY: Jesus used the images of vision, blindness, light and darkness to describe the difference between making good choices and making bad ones. When our bad choices lead to sin, in a way we have less light in our lives, and that isn't what God wants for us. Now, when families are spending more time together at home, is a good time to pay more attention to the little moments of "light" we can offer around the house — things like putting toys away, offering to help with household chores and making an extra effort not to bicker with siblings. These are the kinds of things that, bit by bit, can make a home happier and more loving.

-- Unbound.org

2022 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given **\$9,975.00 or 47.5%** 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.

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!

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.

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HARRISON, ARKANSAS

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2022 APRIL MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: ***Volunteer Needed***
 Lector: Jane Krone

E/M: Wes Bradford
 Elisabeth Scouten

Servers: Jacob Bradford
 Matthew Bradford

Ushers: Everett Burr
 Chuck Draper
 Terry Draper

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper
 Lector: Mary Bausch

E/M: Greg Jasper
 Mike Galligan
 Mary Billups

Servers: Keeley Culpepper
 Jacob Simon

Ushers: Alvin Hanson
 Regina Hanson
 Gerry Gokenbach
 James Virnig

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Apr 1 Debbie Berry	Apr 10 Cambree Hodges	Apr 23 Laurel Eddings
Apr 1 Tristen Smith	Apr 11 Kathy Pinson	Apr 23 Meredith Huddleston
Apr 2 Scarlett Everts	Apr 12 Patricia Castellano	Apr 23 Bobby Lowery Jr.
Apr 3 Shela Aldape	Apr 13 Craig Bailey	Apr 25 Chris Rose
Apr 4 Mary Billups	Apr 14 Blaise Bonds	Apr 26 Carl Bell
Apr 4 Avery Pratt	Apr 15 Maria Padilla Flores	Apr 27 Terry Bodson
Apr 5 Briar Bellinghausen	Apr 16 Robert Carrera	Apr 27 Bonnie Tauer
Apr 6 Darlene Coffman	Apr 16 Zachary Caputo	Apr 28 Steve Gutting
Apr 6 Glen Feldman	Apr 16 David Durand	Apr 28 Rai Lamb
Apr 5 Regina Hanson	Apr 17 Wyatt Mahoney	Apr 28 Julia McFadden
Apr 8 Nick Paradiso	Apr 18 Jane Krone	Apr 29 Traci DiCarlo
Apr 8 Bill Van Leeuwen	Apr 19 Martha Sandoval	Apr 30 Mary Bray
Apr 9 Jimmie Wells	Apr 23 Crystal Applegate	Apr 30 Tim Huddleston
		Apr 30 Venice Rubio

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Apr 8 Kathy & Ubaldo Cuevas	Apr 18 Dick & Linda Hoyet
Apr 10 Richard & Laurie Criger	Apr 28 Travis & Renae Whiteside
Apr 11 Ken & Pam Clouse	Apr 29 James & Patricia Bel
Apr 13 Rickey & Brenda Amerson	Apr 30 David & Cynthia Durand
Apr 16 John & Debbie Berry	

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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.

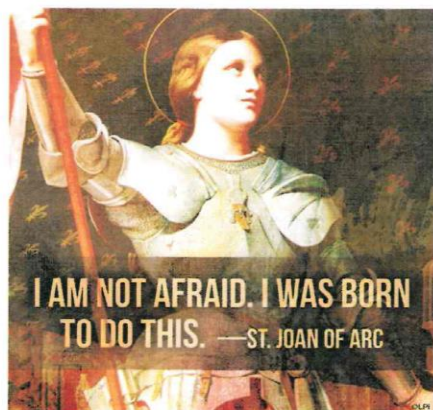
Usher: Greet people, guide them to
empty seats, hand out bulletins after
Mass, check pews after Mass for debris
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The Face on God's Brochure - When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that "the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, "Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?"

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

God Save America!

In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster

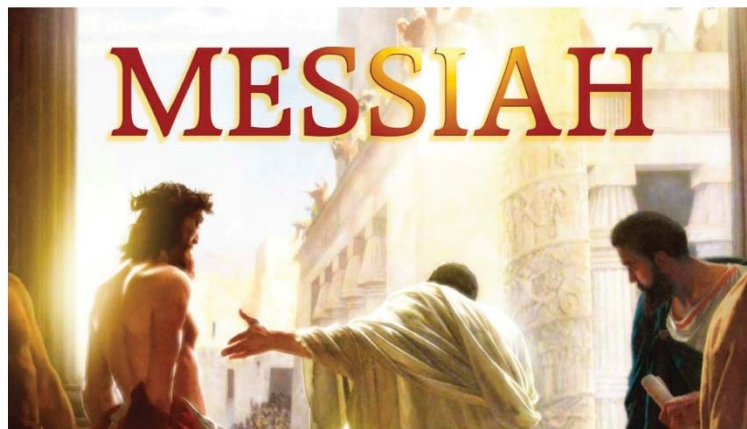
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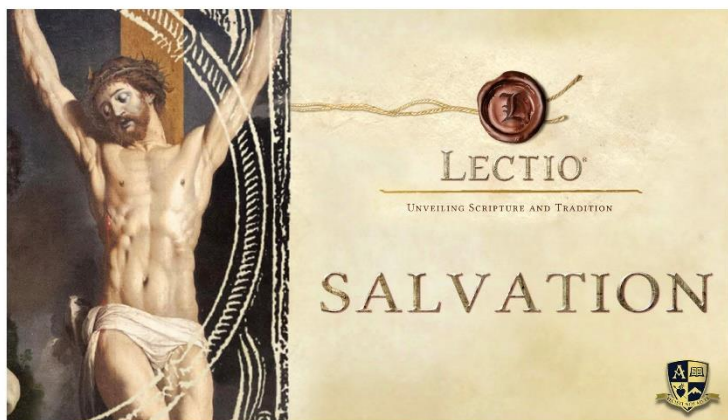
Messiah is an exploration of the messianic prophecies of the Bible and how they were fulfilled by Jesus – both during his earthly life, and after it.



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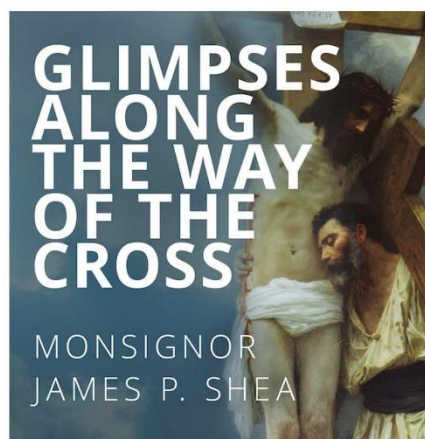
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JOURNEYING TOGETHER SYNODAL REPORT TO THE DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK
Mary Mother of God Church – Harrison, AR – Fr. James Fanrak, Pastor / Deacon Mark Scouten

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

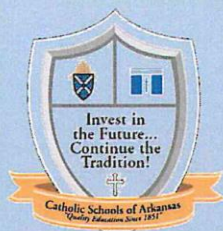
3) About what parishioners want more of and what they want begun at MMG:

- 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/>
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<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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Faith Academics Service



ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

November 13, 2021

Dear Parishioner,

Sadly, there are Catholic schools throughout the country closing due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help prevent this from happening in Arkansas through your gift to the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal. Our Catholic schools are facing a combination of financial challenges: decreased subsidy from parishes, cancelled fundraising events, and a greater need for financial assistance for families negatively affected by the pandemic.

The Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal is held annually to give tuition assistance to families with a demonstrated need. Catholic schools throughout the state submit applications on behalf of these families. Last year funds from the appeal provided tuition support to 79 students attending Arkansas Catholic schools with awards ranging from \$400 to \$1,500 per student.

Families who qualify are granted assistance through Parish subsidies, school fundraising, foundations, and individual donors. However, even with this financial support, a need still exists for more tuition aid. This year our calculated need is \$526,505. Please help us by donating to the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal. Every dollar received from donations will be used to aid those in need of financial assistance.

Catholic schools are an integral part of the teaching mission of the Church because they assist parents in the important obligation of educating and forming their children through faith development. They provide a rigorous education, rooted in the Gospel, and rich in the cherished traditions and liturgical practices of our faith. Even in the midst of a pandemic, our schools are ensuring that students will have the foundation to live a moral and upright life to face the challenges brought by changes in the world today.

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

Sincerely In Christ,

Most Reverend Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock



Arkansas Catholic Schools

Scholarship Appeal



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

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

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

Pope Francis

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St. Joseph

Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

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

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

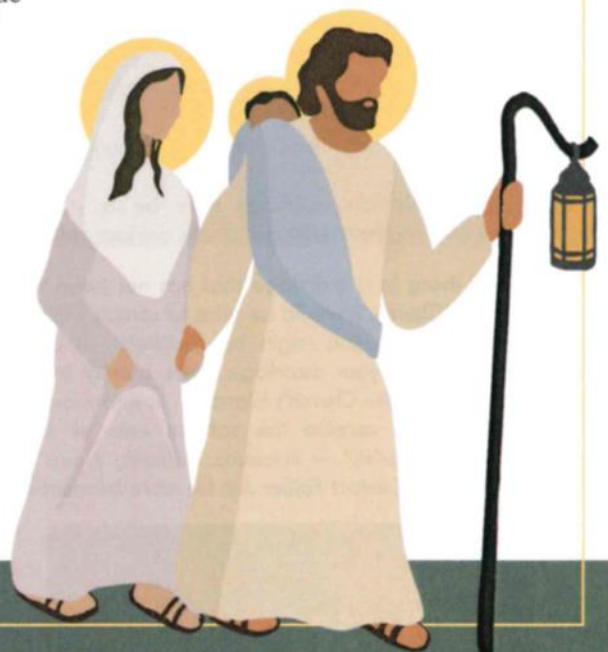
Dear St. Joseph,
help us to
imitate your
faithful trust and
courage.

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

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

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

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Office of the Bishop

July 26, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

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

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

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

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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

Informed Choices provides:

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

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

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

CURRENT NEEDS

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



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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

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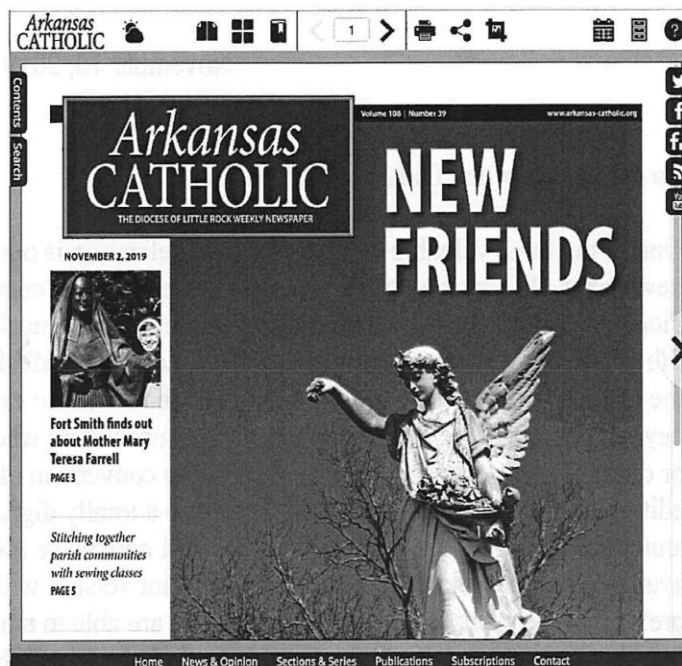
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\$50	Provides a partial scholarship for a student to attend a Campus Ministry retreat.
\$135	Provides a scholarship for one youth to attend a Search weekend.
\$150	Provides utility bill assistance for a family through our Family Assistance Program.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