

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday: 8:30 AM

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Mondays As Scheduled Tuesday & Wednesday — 5:30 PM Thursday, Friday & Saturday — 8:30 AM

### **HOLY DAY MASSES**

As Announced

### **CONFESSIONS**

One-Half Hour Before All Masses
Or By Appointment w/Father Jim at 870-741-5234

### **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

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

### **CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

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

Please contact the church office.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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

Please contact the church office.

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

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

Please contact the church office.

### COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

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

### **SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please contact Father Jim.

### MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mailing Address: PO Box 2150

Physical Address (No Mail): 1614 Maplewood Rd. Harrison, Arkansas 72602

Church Office & Rectory - 870-741-5234 Church Fax - 870-741-4234

Emails & Prayer-Line Connection: mmgchurch@yahoo.com www.harrisoncatholic.org

Pastor:Rev. James M. FanrakDeacon:Dc. Mark ScoutenParish Manager:Robin Markham

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

Cemetery Committee:

Custodian:

Eucharistic Adoration: Finance Council: Flocknote:

Knights of Columbus:

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Legion of Mary: Libraries:

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Music Ministry: Pro-Life:

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Sacristans:

Alternate Sacristans: Safe Environment:

Social Justice/Charitable Outreach

Trail Life USA: Tribunal:

Wedding Coordinator:

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

Tom Hoberock Craig Bailey Holly Coffman Marlene Rowe Holly Coffman

Carmen Andrade Joe Koenig Robin Markham Frank Handley Val Stechly Pat Knickerbocker Jennifer Johnson Dc. Mark Scouten Julie Jasper Sandra Guidry Holly Coffman K. Jones, M. Stephens E. Scouten, C. Bailey Holly Coffman Robin Markham Wes Bradford Dc. Mark Scouten **Bonnie Tauer** Wayne & Judy Keith

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To register in the parish, please fill out the form below.
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Home Phone:
Cell Phone:
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<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 AM 8:30 AM <b>3:00 PM</b>	April 24 - Divine Mercy Sunday Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Jim Rowe, 8th Anniv. Divine Mercy Holy Hour w/ Exposition & Benediction
Monday,	April 25 - NO MASS
<b>Tuesday,</b> 5:00 PM 5:30 PM	April 26 Rosary & Confessions MASS: +George Douglas Bodden
Wednesday, 5:00 PM 5:30 PM	April 27 Rosary & Confessions MASS: SI – Lucia McArthur
Thursday, 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	April 28 Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Tom Wilcox
Friday, 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9-10 AM	April 29 Rosary & Confessions MASS: SI – Madeline Krone, BD (5/2) Holy Hour: Fatima Rosary
Saturday, 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	April 30 Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Martha Fry Rosary & Confessions MASS: SI - All Parishioners
Sunday,	May 1 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter First Holy Communion & May Crowning



8:00 AM

8:30 AM

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.

Rosary & Confessions

YOUTH MASS: +Ann Bailey

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.

**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.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!**

Logan Alexander Chapman - Harrison High School Hayden Cole Dearing - Valley Springs High School Levi Rev Haley – Western Grove High School Gabriella Paradiso - Harrison High School Tina Alexis Perez - Harrison High School



Sabrina Cheri – University of Central Arkansas Jaycie Keylon - University of Mississippi Stella Krone - Hendrix College

Annual Divine Mercy Novena continues. You are invited to pray this Novena with us at church as follows:

Saturday, April 23: 9 AM

Sunday, April 24: 3 PM (Holy Hour w/Benediction)

In addition to the regular intentions, we will also pray the "Mantle of Mary" prayers asking our Blessed Mother to intercede for our country. Prayer booklets are available at church. A copy is available to download at DailyPrayerstoSaveAmerica.com.



### PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) - This Wednesday...

5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions

5:30 PM Mass

6:00 PM Dinner for Students/Teachers/Family

6:30-7:30 PM K-7 Classes Only

**First Communion Practice** 



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.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – Military & Emergency Personnel, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, Carl Bell, Donnie Billups, Carol Bomboy, Sue Brain, Ray Brysch, Betty Burge, Ken Clouse, Brian Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Noah Cuevas, Bruce Durand, Glen Feldman, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Chris Haley, Pete Hartman, Leon/Russell Heard, Lorita Henry, Molly Hetrick, Dianne Hoberock, Linda Hoyet, Chris Jasper, Leah Jordan, Lavonne Keehn, Daniel Kester, Emory Keys, Dr. Charles Klepper, Mary Koenig, Bernie Kohl, Brian Long, Bobbie Lowery Family, Bill May, Mike Mooneyham, Janice Munzner, Deb O'Connor, Gerri Parr, Eliska Pollock, Kathy Robinson, Tim Rynders, Margaret Mary Schlacter, Dc. Mark Scouten, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Bob Stephens, Kathleen Stimson, Bonnie Tauer, Ting Tuazon, Ashley/River Wygle. Our Nursing Home Residents: David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Patsy Hahn, Lylia Laffoon, Alan Lasecki, Bonnie Lundblad, Ann May, Bob/Diane Patterson, Mary Ralston, Giovanna Sandri, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley, Jean Williams. Please keep our list current by contacting the office to add/delete names.



The CCW Spring Banquet will be held at DeVito's on Tuesday, May 10, following the 5:30 PM Mass & Installation of Officers. Carpooling will be available from the church to DeVito's and back. Ladies of the parish attending will receive \$10 toward the cost of their meal. Please RSVP by contacting Holly Coffman or the church office ASAP or sign up on the sheets in the church vestibule from April 23 to May 1 to reserve your dinner choice.

**SECOND COLLECTION** next Sunday is for the Maintenance Fund.



PLEASE REMEMBER our First Holy Communion Class in your prayers. Adam Coffman, Josselyn Huddleston, Elijah Humphreys, Daniel McFadden, and Bryce Pratt will receive Jesus for the first time during the 8:30 AM Mass next Sunday, May 1.



It's time for Coed Church Softball! Anyone 15 or older who loves to play needs to sign up in the vestibule or contact Lori Curry for more info at 870-715-2928 or Lori@ozarkmoving.com.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Apr 24: Acts 5:12-16 / Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 / Jn 20:19-31

Apr 25: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Mk 16:15-20

Apr 26: Acts 4:32-27 / Jn 3:7b-15

Apr 27: Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

Apr 28: Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

Apr 29: Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15

Apr 30: Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21

May 1: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 / Rv 5:11-14 / Jn 21:1-19

### **EUCHARISTIC 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, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM & 2 PM

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

Thursday @ 1 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.

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.

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**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.

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.

Help Us Make History - CCM Conway's Spring Days of Giving April 27-28 - Have you dreamed of making history and being a part of something that will last for generations? Of course, we all have. And now we have that chance! CCM Conway is joining campus ministries from around the country for "Spring Days of Giving for Catholic Campus Ministry," an opportunity to unite around the mission of supporting Catholic college students. Proceeds from this event in Conway will go toward making the dream of a new campus ministry building a reality. Every donation given during this event will be matched up to \$50,000. YOUR GIFT WILL BE DOUBLED! How you can help:

- · Make a gift online
- · Make a gift over the phone by calling/texting Kasey Miller
- · Mail a check to CCM with "Spring days of giving" in the memo
- · Share via email, text, social media

Visit <a href="https://bit.ly/3va7x41">https://bit.ly/3va7x41</a> or <a href="conwaycatholic.com">conwaycatholic.com</a> to donate. All giving will end at 11:59 PM on April 28, so make sure to get your gift in on time! <a href="time">Questions? Rather pledge?</a>

Contact Kasey Miller, our campus minister, at 804-366-9467 or email kaseymillerccm@gmail.com.

**2022 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** - To date, our parishioners have given \$10,645.00 or 50% 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.

Happy Easter from Father Jim & Deacon Mark!
Mary Mother of God is the great parish it is
because of you! May God bless you and may
He continue to provide you with all you need
to go on caring and giving of yourself, your
time, energy, talent, and resources for Him
and for neighbor. "This is the day the Lord
has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

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

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Graduation Mass & Breakfast ++			6 PM PREP Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM: K-7 Only 1st Communion Practice	4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar		4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
3 PM Divine Mercy			1st communion Practice	6 PM Handbells		
Hour with Exposition & Benediction				6:30 PM Adult Choir		
May 1, 2022 First Holy Communion & May Crowning	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7
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Second Collection:	6:30 Fellowship Meal		6 PM PREP Potluck	4:30 PM Legion of Mary	,,	Devotions
Maintenance Fund	7:30 PM Meeting ++		A-G: Side or Salad H-Z: Dessert	Mtg Behind Altar		++ 4:30 PM Rosary
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### MAY 2022 MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

**5 PM Saturday Mass** 8:30 AM Sunday Mass Rosary: Carrie Culhane **Greg Jasper** Rosary: Lector: Carrie Culhane Lector: **Greg Jasper** E/M: E/M: Val Stechly Stacy Burge **Betty Stechly** Judy Keith **Bob Lowery** Servers: Keeley Culpepper Servers: Isaac Jasper Ushers: Frank Handley Ushers: David Krueger Steve O'Laughlin Jerry Hogue Nick Rykert **Tim Reeves** Mike Stephen

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

May 1	Henry Adamos	May 12	Tyler Burge	May 23	Kristen Styles
May 2	Vittoria Gratton	May 12	Father Jim Fanrak	May 24	Connor Atkinson
May 2	Lylia Laffoon	May 12	Caroline Huddleston	May 24	Anne Milburn
May 2	Mike Urlaub	May 15	Emy Adamos	May 25	John & Joseph Fry
May 3	Abigail Billups	May 16	Ubaldo Cuevas-Jimenez	May 26	Rose Ann Dirst
May 3	Charity Hand	May 16	Darren Goulet	May 26	Billie Signer
May 4	Greg Jasper	May 16	Levi Schneider	May 27	William Chapman
May 4	Diane Patterson	May 17	Richard Crosley	May 27	Josephine Faria
May 4	Valerie Wallace	May 17	Audrey McFadden	May 27	Serenity Hardaway
May 4	Kerry Yeckel	May 17	Amanda Porras	May 27	Ronnie Lackey
May 5	Tom Butler	May 18	Robert Gratton	May 27	Arely Ramirez
May 5	Bill Renshaw	May 18	Edmund Griggs	May 27	Hannah Smith
May 6	Elma Taylor	May 19	Nina Adamos	May 28	Chris DeVito
May 6	Patricia Villines	May 19	Karen Long-Conner	May 28	Summer Rykert
May 7	Cade Harding	May 19	Janice Rose	May 29	Chris Pratt
May 7	Matthew Thompson	May 22	Norma Calhoun	May 31	Mary Hatch
May 8	Shirlene Lackey	May 22	Rey Haley	May 31	Wynn Mahoney
May 12	Lily Bray	May 22	Helen Haley		

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

May 2	Skeet & Cris Teague	May 13	Bill & Ruth Haley - 50th!
May 4	Justin & Crystal Applegate	May 13	John & Lily Mastrobuono
May 5	Frank & Ruby Handley	May 15	Heath & Kristen Styles
May 7	Patrick & Sarah Bray	May 16	Adrian & Keyla Aldrete
May 7	Mike & Kathy Urlaub	May 21	Julie & Richard Cavin
May 11	Terry & Vanessa Caputo		



<u>Logan Alexander Chapman:</u> Logan is the son of Josh and Laura Chapman and the grandson of parishioners Dave and Eva Krueger. Logan will graduate from Harrison High School on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Logan plans to attend North Arkansas College in the Fall. From there, after earning his prerequisites, he'd like to attend a college and work towards earning a bachelor's degree in game designing. Logan is a member of the National Honor Society. At Mary Mother of God, Logan has volunteered as a helper and a teacher at VBS, has participated in youth Masses as a gift bearer and an usher, and has attended PRE classes. He has also participated with the Boy Scouts of America at the Mary Mother of God's Veterans Day programs.

Hayden Cole Dearing: Hayden is the son of Justin Dearing and Heather Dearing and grandson of the late parishioner Teri Tabor. Hayden will graduate from Valley Springs High School on May 13<sup>th</sup>. He plans to attend North Arkansas College to earn his prerequisites and then plans to transfer to the University of Arkansas to work towards a master's degree in architecture. Currently at Valley Springs, Hayden is a member of the band, the tennis team and the trap team. Previously he was on the archery team. Hayden has dedicated time to the restoration and cleanliness of Valley Springs Schools and in doing so has earned over 184 hours of community service. Hayden is still applying for scholarships at this time. He was awarded a certificate from Stanford online and Microsoft Office. At Mary Mother of God, Hayden has volunteered as a helper and a teacher at VBS, has been an altar server, has participated in youth Masses as an usher and gift bearer, has played bells for the choir, and has attended PRE classes.

Levi Rey Haley: Rey is the son of Levi and Helen Haley and the grandson of parishioners Bill and Ruth Haley. Rey will graduate from Western Grove High School on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Ray will be attending Henderson State College as an Art Major this Fall. Rey has been accepted to the Honor's College at Henderson State College, is being awarded the Centurion Scholarship from Henderson State College, and is a recipient of the Arkansas Challenge Scholarship. Rey is the president of Future Business Leaders of America at Western Grove. Rey has been named as Salutatorian for his graduating class. At Mary Mother of God, Rey has volunteered as a helper and teacher at VBS, has participated in youth Masses as a reader, usher and gift bearer, has participated in choir, and has attended PRE classes. He has also participated in various roles at the Mary Mother of God's Veterans Day programs. Rey is also a member of the Trail Life group that is sponsored by Mary Mother of God Church.

<u>Gabriella Paradiso:</u> Gabby is the daughter of Concettina Pietrabella. Gabby will graduate from Harrison High School on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Gabby plans to attend North Arkansas College in the Fall.

<u>Tina Alexis Perez:</u> Tina is the daughter of Ventura and Maria Perez. Tina will graduate from Harrison High School on May 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Mary Mother of God 2022 College Graduates

Sabrina Cheri: Sabrina is the daughter of Kevin Cheri and Laura Cheri. Sabrina is graduating from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas with a Bachelor's in Linguistics TESOL (tee-sawl) with a minor in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies. Sabrina was recognized by UCA as a member of the Purple Society, an honors program that awards outstanding students on campus. She also received the Gene Ward Outstanding Student Leader Award for her significant contributions to UCA's housing and residence hall living community. While at UCA, Sabrina served as President of UCA's Korean Club and President of UCA's Resident Housing Association, Treasurer of Circle K and Treasurer of Linguistics Society, and volunteered as a mentor in the Schedler Honors College. Sabrina plans to apply for a master's program in Korean Studies in the hope of becoming a professor of Korean language at a university or other academic institution. Sabrina wishes that she could have attended the Graduation Mass and misses singing with the choir. She sent a note regarding her graduation in place of her absence: "I have never felt so jubilant as when I'm with my fellow peers, pursuing a common goal of learning, teaching, and helping others."

Jaycie Keylon: Jaycie is the daughter of Chris and Marisa Keylon. Jaycie will be graduating from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor's in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Jaycie will be graduating from the Honors College at the University of Mississippi. She has attended college at the University of Mississippi on a full scholarship and has received a Distinguished Citation for Outstanding Contributions to the Research Mission of Biomolecular Sciences. While Jaycie has been out of state attending college, she has attended Mass while away at school and has been involved with the Newman Center which is a campus outreach for Catholics. Jaycie belongs to the Pi Beta Phi, Honors College, the Research Lab, and the Pharmacy Club. Jaycie plans to finish Pharmacy School at the University of Mississippi.

<u>Stella Krone</u>: Stella is the daughter of Ben and Lucia Krone and granddaughter of parishioner Jane Krone. Stella is graduating from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas with a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies. After graduation, Stella is moving to Jackson Hole, Wyoming where she will be working for the Teton County Weed and Pest District as an Invasive Species Crew Lead.

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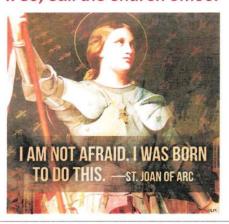
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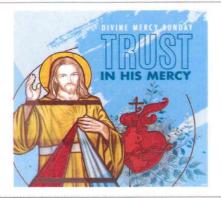
YES!! We Need You!! YOU can be an active participant at Mary Mother of God Church! We want many people to volunteer so no one gets 'stuck' with certain ministries all the time!

Lector: Read the Scripture readings during Mass.

Rosary Leader: Lead before Mass. Musician: See or call Julie Jasper. Extraordinary Minister: Distribute the Body of Christ during Communion. Altar Servers: All youth who have celebrated their First Holy Communion. Usher: Greet people, guide them to empty seats, hand out bulletins after Mass, check pews after Mass for debris or loose hymnals/missalettes.

### If so, call the church office!







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Answer: If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus ap-

peared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the

midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first -ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

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### PRAYER: A SURGE OF THE HEART

Now that Lent is over, finding time to pray can be difficult. Modern life is very busy with so many distractions at every turn, and there's always another job to be done. This inspiring presentation challenges us to make more time for God in our lives and highlights the importance of an ever-deepening life of prayer.



A Surge of the Heart

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Who is St. Catherine



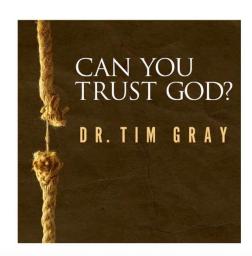
### **FORMED NOW!** WHO IS ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.

### LISTEN

### **CAN YOU TRUST GOD?** BY DR. TIM GRAY

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.



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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

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

Please complete and return to the church office or in next weekend's collection basket. **If you are new** to serving in any of these ministries, someone will contact you for a brief training meeting. Thank you!



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### ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

November 13, 2021

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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

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## **Arkansas Catholic Schools**

### Scholarship Appeal



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

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### St. Joseph

### Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

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

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

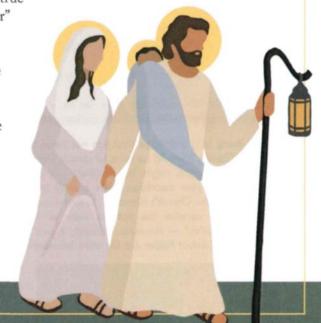
Dear St. Joseph, help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage. Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, "in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat'" (PC 3). His "yes" to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal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

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble" (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say "yes" to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was "chosen by God to guide the

beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true 'miracle' by which God saves the child and his mother" (PC 5).

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

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### DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

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July 26, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

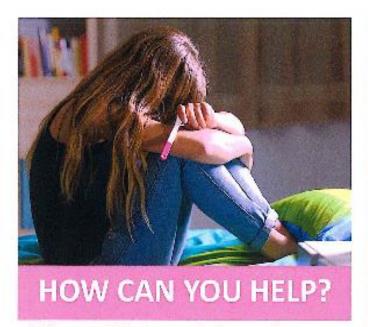
I have recently been asked whether the Diocese of Little Rock should re-impose restrictions such as mandatory mask-wearing, physical distancing and disinfection of surfaces in response to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in Arkansas, 85% of which involve the highly infectious Delta variant. It has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

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

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

Sincerely in Christ.

+Anthony B. Taylor Bishop of Little Rock



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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715 W Sherman, Harrison 870-280-3169 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Closed Wednesdays

Informedchoiceswamenscenter.org



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

**<u>Adult Choir</u>**—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.

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

### What does Music Ministry mean to me?

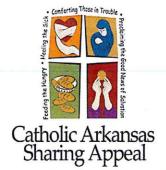
"Singing in church has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. It was such a natural routine for me that I would feel as if I had not participated in Mass if no singing was involved. Music ministry continues to be a meaningful part of my life even as a senior member of the parish.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

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

"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



### What your Donation Can Do:

\$25	Provides religious education book for two people.
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### MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



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

**WHO** must do safe environment training and background checks:

- 1) Employees
- 2) Volunteers with Routine Contact w/ Minors
  - a. This includes only volunteers who have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their volunteer duties.
  - b. Volunteers who do <u>not</u> have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their duties do <u>not</u> have to do safe environment training or background checks.

### **WHAT** training programs:

"CMG Connect" → online training for adults

(<a href="http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment">http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment</a>)

(or directly at: <a href="https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org">https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org</a>)

"Circle of Grace" → in-classroom training for children/youth

We will <u>no longer use VIRTUS's</u> "Protecting God's Children" or "Touching Safety." Instead, we will use products supported by **Catholic Mutual Group (CMG)**.

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