



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays As Scheduled

Tuesday & Wednesday – 5:30 PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

As Announced

CONFESSIONS

One-Half Hour Before All Masses

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

Please contact the church office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Please contact the church office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

Please contact the church office.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

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

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Father Jim.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. James M. Fanrak

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Buildings, Maintenance:

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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

2022 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday,	April 30
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Martha Fry
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Sunday,	May 1 – 3rd Sunday of Easter
	First Holy Communion & May Crowning
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	YOUTH MASS: +Ann Bailey
Monday,	May 2 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	May 3
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – Hostetler Family
Wednesday,	May 4
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – In Honor of St. Joseph's Fatherhood
Thursday,	May 5 – National Day of Prayer
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Billie Wilcox
First Friday,	May 6
8:00 AM	Patriotic Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Newt Foster
9-10 AM	Holy Hour: Fatima Rosary
First Saturday,	May 7
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Terry Wilcox
9-10 AM	First Saturday Devotion
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Walt Israel
Sunday,	May 8 – 4th Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Mel Pollock



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.

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 the Maintenance Fund.



PLEASE REMEMBER our First 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 on Sunday, May 1.



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

Knights of Columbus will meet **Monday, May 2** at 6:30 PM for Fellowship Meal and 7:30 PM Meeting.

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

5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions

5:30 PM MASS

6:00 PM End-Of-The-Year PREP Potluck Party

A – G: Side Dish or Salad

H – Z: Dessert



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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION – SATURDAY, MAY 7 – 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, Michelle Barnard, Carl Bell, Donnie Billups, Carol Bomboy, Sue Brain, Jami Broscovak, Ray Brysch, Betty Burge, Ken Clouse, Brian Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Noah Cuevas, Bruce Durand, Maureen Fancher, 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 next 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 through May 1 to reserve your dinner choice of DeVito's Charbroiled Trout, Chicken Almondine, Spaghetti w/Meatballs, or Fettuccine Alfredo.**

BIBLE STUDY – “Matthew: The King and His Kingdom” - The next 8-week session will begin Sunday, May 15, Tuesday, May 17 and Wed., May 18. If you're interested in joining one of these groups, contact Tom Hoberock at 688-1202.



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

May 1: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 / Rv 5:11-14 / Jn 21:1-19
 May 2: Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29
 May 3: 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14
 May 4: Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40
 May 5: Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51
 May 6: Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59
 May 7: Acts 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69
 May 8: Acts 13:14, 43-52 / Rv 7:9, 14b-17 / Jn 10:27-30

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, 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



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.

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ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK – (Previously called “Last Rites”)

This Sacrament is the way that Jesus through the Church cares for the person who is dying, but there is so much more to it. **Please call** (or have someone call for you) the church at 741-5234 when you are admitted to the hospital, or to hospice care for serious illness, or for surgery. (Medical personnel will not do this for you unless you direct them.)

THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was instituted by Christ and is attested by Saint James. *“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call the Presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”* James 5:14-15

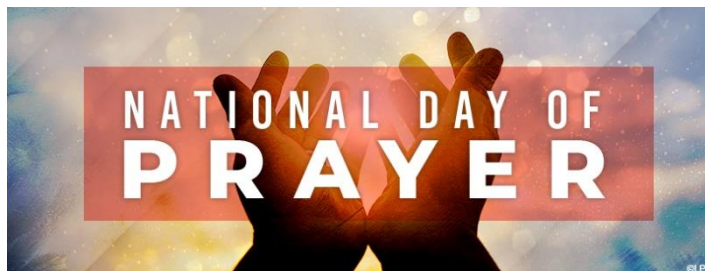
This Sacrament confers special grace which unites the sick person more intimately to the Passion of Christ for his good and for the good of all the Church. It gives comfort, peace, courage, and even the forgiveness of sins if the sick person is not able to make a confession. Sometimes, if it is the will of God, this Sacrament even brings about the restoration of physical health. (From: COMPENDIUM, Catechism of the Catholic Church: USCCB, 2006, pages 90-92.)






COLLECTION: April 1-30, 2022

General Collection	14,841.00
Maintenance Fund	940.00
Catholic Relief Services	75.00
Holy Thursday	3,229.00
Good Friday	712.00
Easter Sunday	6,402.00

2022 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given **\$11,085.00 or 52%** 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.



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 24 <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Graduation Mass & Breakfast ++ 3 PM Divine Mercy Hour with Exposition & Benediction	April 25 NO MASS ++ 6:15 PM Handbells	April 26 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	April 27 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PREP Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM: K-7 Only 1st Communion Practice	April 28 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Handbells 6:30 PM Adult Choir	April 29 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	April 30 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
May 1, 2022 <i>First Holy Communion & May Crowning</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Youth Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ 2 PM BINGO TODAY	May 2 NO MASS ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting ++ 6:15 PM Handbells	May 3 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	May 4 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PREP Potluck A-G: Side or Salad H-Z: Dessert	May 5 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	May 6 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	May 7 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
May 8 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 	May 9 NO MASS ++ 6:15 PM Handbells	May 10 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Installation of CCW Officers - Dinner Follows at DeVito's	May 11 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	May 12 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	May 13 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	May 14 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
May 15 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Cath. Communications Campaign ++ 10 AM Bible Study Returns in Parish Hall ++ 2 PM BINGO TODAY	May 16 NO MASS ++ 6:15 PM Handbells	May 17 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study Returns	May 18 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study Returns	May 19 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	May 20 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	May 21 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
May 22 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study	May 23 NO MASS ++ 6:15 PM Handbells	May 24 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study	May 25 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study	May 26 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	May 27 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	May 28 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
May 29 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study 	May 30 NO MASS 	May 31 <i>Visitation of BVM</i> 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study	June 1, 2022 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study	June 2 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	June 3 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	June 4 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass

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

MAY 2022 MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Carrie Culhane
Lector: Carrie Culhane

E/M: Val Stechly
Betty Stechly

Servers: Keeley Culpepper

Ushers: Frank Handley
Jerry Hogue
Tim Reeves

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper
Lector: Greg Jasper

E/M: Stacy Burge
Judy Keith
Bob Lowery

Servers: Isaac Jasper

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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	



Mary Mother of God 2022 First Communicants

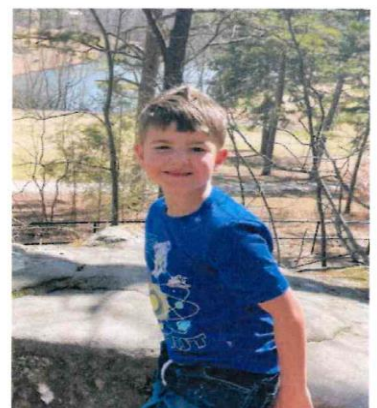
Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers!



Adam Coffman
Son of
Tiffany Coffman



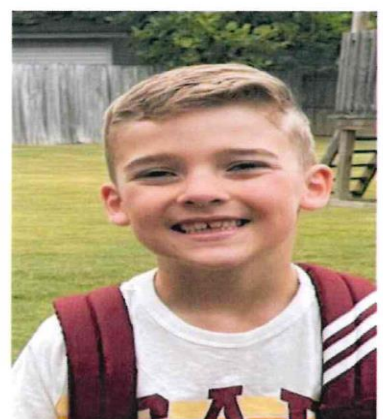
Josselyn Huddleston
Daughter of
Tim & Stephanie
Huddleston



Elijah Humphreys
Son of
Casey Humphreys



Daniel McFadden
Son of
Joe & Audrey McFadden



Bryce Pratt
Son of
Chris & Angie Pratt

Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

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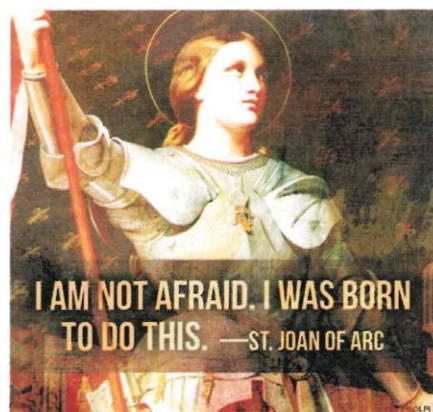
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Are You Interested?

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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See Bulletin For Meeting
Dates & Times

Confession & First Communion

Question: Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer: For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

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



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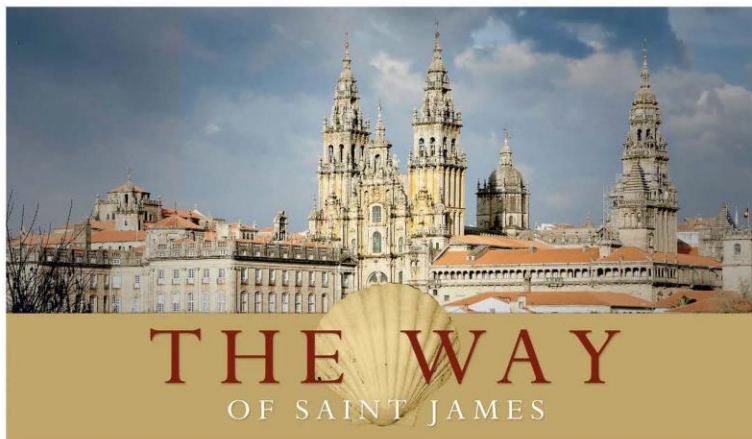
In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster

May 1, 2022

WATCH

THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



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The feast day of Saints Philip and James reminds us of the impact that the Apostles made on the whole world. With Philip, James, and all the Apostles in mind, join Mark Hart in this refresher on the Book of Acts.

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REACHING OUT TO TODAY'S CULTURE BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Saints Philip and James each lived extraordinary lives of missionary zeal. In this insightful talk, Bishop Barron shares his advice on how to live similar lives of mission within a culture dominated by media and misconceptions about faith.



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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

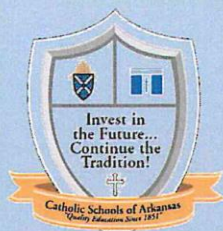
3) About what parishioners want more of and what they want begun at MMG:

- 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

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



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ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

November 13, 2021

Dear Parishioner,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely In Christ,

Most Reverend Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock



Arkansas Catholic Schools

Scholarship Appeal



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

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

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

Pope Francis

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St. Joseph

Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

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

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

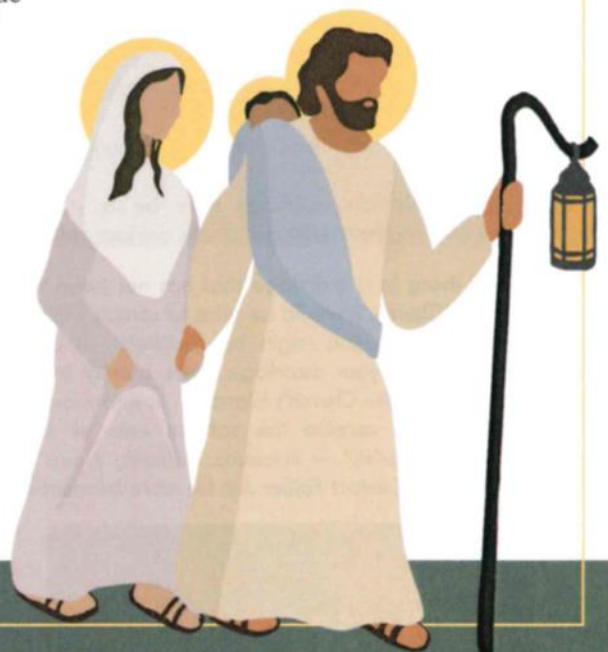
Dear St. Joseph,
help us to
imitate your
faithful trust and
courage.

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

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

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

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DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

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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 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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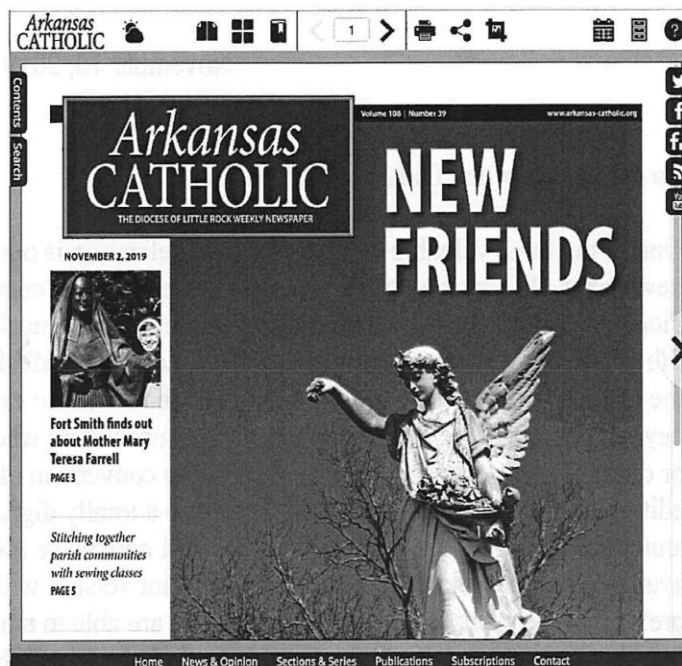
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MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



**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.