

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 Ben 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.

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Please contact Father Ben.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr. Ben's Email: pastor.mmg.church@gmail.com
www.harrisoncatholic.org

Pastor/Administrator: Deacon: Secretary: Adult Scripture Study: Buildings, Maintenance: Catholic Christian Women: Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM): Rev. Benjamin Riley Dc. Mark Scouten Robin Markham Tom Hoberock Craig Bailey Holly Coffman

Custodian:
Eucharistic Adoration:
Finance Council:
Flocknote:
Knights of Columbus:
Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Legion of Mary:

Libraries:

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Devotions:

Music Ministry: Prayer Group:

Cemetery Committee:

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):

Holly Coffman Carmen Andrade Joe Koenig Robin Markham Frank Handley **Everett Burr** Pat Knickerbocker Jennifer Johnson Dc. Mark Scouten Julie Jasper Carmen Andrade 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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2022 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 AM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	July 16 NO MASS Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Sue Brain
Sunday,	July 17 – 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Richard Dix
Monday,	July 18 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	July 19 - NO MASS
Wednesday,	July 20 – NO MASS
10:30 AM	Graveside Service: +Bob Stephens
Thursday,	July 21 – NO MASS
9:00 AM	Rosary w/Catholic Christian Women
Friday,	July 22 – NO MASS
9:00 AM	NO HOLY HOUR
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass: +Delphine Gladden Mulvihill
Saturday, 8:30 AM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	July 23 NO MASS Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Norm Rowe
Sunday,	July 24 – 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All Our Parishioners



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 <u>before</u> 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 JUNE 18-19, 2022, all diocesan level COVID mandates are hereby lifted. The Precious Blood will now be offered to parishioners during Mass. Mask wearing has long been optional. Attending Mass "virtually" over the internet no longer fulfills the Sunday obligation of those who are able to attend Mass in person.

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.

Trail Life Raffle Drawing & Dinner - Our Trail Life troop is hosting a BBQ dinner on <u>Saturday July 30</u> in the Parish Hall following the 5 PM Mass. There will be no cost to attend the dinner, but donations will be accepted and appreciated. During the dinner the winners for our raffle will be drawn. Please contact Greg Jasper, Wes Bradford, or Chad Coffman for raffle tickets. Winner need not be present to win. We hope to see you there!

PLEASE WELCOME FATHER JIM FANRAK who will celebrate the 5 PM Saturday and 8:30 AM Sunday Masses this weekend, July 16-17, while Father Ben is in the Holy Land.



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Lorita Henry (mother of Holly Coffman) who died on July 11. Please remember Lorita and her family in your prayers.



REST IN PEACE - +Bob Stephens Graveside Service with military honors will be this Wednesday, **July 20 at 10:30 AM** in our church cemetery.



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Delphine Gladden Mulvihill (mother of Anne Milburn). This Friday, July 22, the Rosary will begin at 8:30 AM, Fr. Jim Fanrak will celebrate her Memorial Mass at 9

AM, and Dee's interment will follow in Maplewood Cemetery. Please remember Dee and her family in your prayers.



BINGO TODAY, Sunday, July 17 at 2 PM. Invite a friend! Doors will open at 1 PM. Proceeds benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

The Legion of Mary will meet on Thursdays at 4:30 PM in the Altar Server Sacristy (room behind the altar). It is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend and pray with us.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, Charlotte Amrhein, Wanda Armstrong, Carl Bell, Donnie Billups, Carol Bomboy, Jami Broscovak, Betty Burge, Dee Burr, Bishop Ferd Cheri, Ken Clouse, Brian Coffman, Anna Claire Coker, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Sue DeStefano, Ted Dix, John Forrest, +Leslie Gagliardi, Casey Gibbs, Lorraine Gokenbach, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Pete Hartman, Shannon Hilmes, Dianne Hoberock, Linda Hoyet, Chris Jasper, Leah Jordan, Unborn Baby Ellie Keener & Family, Daniel Kester, Mary Koenig, Bernie Kohl, Brian Long, Bill May, Michelle Miller, Mike Mooneyham, Eliska Pollock, Harlan Pollock, Jaque Radisch, Fr. Ben Riley, Carol Schoborg, Dc. Mark Scouten, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Bonnie Tauer, Linda Utaski, Sharon Wengel. Our Nursing Home Residents: David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Patsy Hahn, Lylia Laffoon, 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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – COME & VISIT YOUR SAVIOR!

Our Eucharistic Lord waits for you. He waits alone in an empty church. Outside the world and all its noise appears attractive, or terrifying. But this world and everything in it is passing away. It is, as C.S. Lewis said, a "shadowland." Approach the Light. Pray before the Eucharist and be filled. For your heart will never be filled until you give it totally to Him Who has created and redeemed you. St. Augustine says, "Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until they rest in Thee." Call Carmen at 305-815-1795 to schedule a time.

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

Tuesday @ 7 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM & 2 PM

Wednesday @ 7 AM, 8 AM & 1 PM Thursday @ 1 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM

Friday @ 1 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM

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



To All Brother Knights – I would like to officially invite you and your family to join us **next Saturday**, **July 23**, for the Installation of Officers for Council #8410 and Assembly #3306. Below is the current itinerary:

- 5:00 PM Mass: Mary Mother of God Catholic Church, Harrison
- 6:00 6:20 PM: Gather in the Mary Mother of God Parish Hall
- 6:20 6:30 PM: Start Installation of Council Officers led by District Deputy Michael Gagne
- 7:00 PM: Installation of Assembly Officers led by State Secretary Tim Malloy
- 7:30 PM: Reception, Dinner & Presentations
- Attire: Sunday Dress

Please RSVP Chad Coffman as soon as possible at 416-9926.

Beginning next Wednesday, July 27, 2022, in accordance with the 3-year Eucharistic Revival in Arkansas, Mary Mother of God will begin to offer Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction before the Wednesday 5:30 PM Mass. Confessions and Rosary will begin at 4:30 PM followed by Benediction at 5:15 PM.

Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign – "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart." Jeremiah 1:5 - The Knights of Columbus will hand out baby bottles this weekend for you to fill with spare change, bills, or check. All monies collected will be given to Pro-Life Programs in Arkansas. Please return your bottle with or without a donation. Thank you!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jul 17: Gn 18:1-10a / Col 1:24-28 / Lk 10:38-42

Jul 18: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 / Mt 12:38-42

Jul 19: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Mt 12:46-50

Jul 20: Jer 1:1, 4-10 / Mt 13:1-9

Jul 21: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 / Mt 13:10-17

Jul 22: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Jul 23: Jer 7:1-11 / Mt 13:24-30

Jul 24: Gn 18:20-32 / Col 2:12-14 / Lk 11:1-13

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

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

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.

BIBLE STUDY – "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom" – The third 8-week session will begin Sunday, August 7, Tuesday, August 9, and Wednesday, August 10. A few study guides are still available if you wish to join. Please call Tom Hoberock at 870-741-7331 for more info.

SAVE THE DATE! The Arkansas Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service invites EVERYONE to the Catholic Charismatic Conference to be held July 22-24, at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock. Speakers will be Fr. Patrick Gonyeau of "Encounter Ministries" and Mrs. Barbara Heil, founder of "From His Heart" ministry. The conference will open on Friday evening with Mass. Closing will be with Sunday Mass at 11:30 AM. Other weekend activities will be a youth track, praise and worship, children's ministry, bookstore, and prayer teams. Registration/information can be found at www.arkcc.org. Call Marion at 479-692-1937 if you have questions.

"YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE" RETREAT - Muslim convert to Christianity, Nikki Kingsley, will be giving a retreat at St. Michael Catholic Church Van Buren, AR on Saturday, August 6 from 8 AM. to 3 PM. She will describe her life as a Muslim, her radical conversion to Christ, and the means God used to bring her to Him. Lunch provided to all participants. \$20 fee for non-registered parishioners. **Registration deadline is Saturday, July 23.** Any questions? Contact Jenn Cummins at 479-471-1211 or at secretary@stmichaelvanburen.com or register at

https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/30745d33-ffdb-4937-bb5a-fe87e195538d If you want to watch a link of her conversion story on EWTN, Journey Home visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiRZhQ-n3FY

COME AND SEE – Vocation Discernment Day – Saturday, August 6th, 9 AM–3 PM – Is God calling you to a deeper way of life? Little Portion Monastery, 350 CR 248, Berryville, AR. **Open to Catholic Young People Ages 14-30.** For more info call 877-504-9865 or visit www.LittlePortion.org.

PROJECT RACHEL – Has abortion left you with a broken heart? You are not alone. Peace starts here. Non-judgmental. There is hope. Healing is possible. Experience the love and mercy of God. Please call or text 501-663-0996 or email rpuello@dolr.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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2022 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given \$12,680.00 or 60% 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.

Diocesan Directory - It's time to order your 2023 Diocese of Little Rock Directory. It is an invaluable resource to keep in your house or car to find Mass times for another parish or to call or e-mail a parish, priest, deacon or religious in the diocese. It costs only \$15, which includes shipping. Send your check or money order to: Directory, Arkansas Catholic, PO Box 7417, Little Rock, AR 72217. Directories will be shipped in October.

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JULY 2022 MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

	5 PM Saturday Mass		8:30 AM Sunday Mass
Rosary:	Roy Arnold	Rosary:	Greg Jasper
Lector:	Wes Bradford	Lector:	John Duncan
E/M:	Roy Arnold Elisabeth Scouten	E/M:	Holly Coffman Kaitlyn Coffman Judy Keith
Servers:	Jacob Bradford Matthew Bradford	Servers:	Isaac Jasper
Ushers:	Jerry Hogue Tim Reeves Bill Markham	Ushers:	David Krueger Steve O'Laughlin Nick Rykert Mike Stephens

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

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July 3	Daniel McFadden	July 12	Kathlene McBride	July 23	Rachel Gutting
July 4	Mary Decker	July 12	Kaitlyn Pratt	July 23	Michael Hilmes
July 4	Patricia Virnig-Turner	July 13	Lucas Benner	July 23	Neal Hodges
July 6	Sally Chua	July 13	Erin Pratt	July 23	Kheilene McBride
July 6	Barbara Rutan	July 14	Jake Burge	July 24	Nell Bonds
July 6	Krysta Smith	July 15	Brynne Bonds	July 24	Patricia Dell
July 7	Steve Dardas	July 15	Rudy Sandoval	July 24	Andrew Jensen
July 8	Kenneth Yeckel	July 20	Ruth Haley	July 26	Richard Criger
July 9	Gabe Schneider	July 21	Karen Dezort	July 27	Joe Jamison
July 11	Bethany Amerson	July 22	Patrick Bray	July 27	David Leach
July 11	Tina Ford	July 22	Eileen Clark	July 27	Kelsey Nabors
July 12	Tootie Darms	July 23	Roy Arnold	July 28	Sandy Grisham
July 12	Chris Keylon	July 23	Everett Burr	July 31	Bill May

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July 2	Donald & Darlene Coffman	July 16	Bianca & Jason Chandler
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July 9	Frank Frenzel & Debra Montgomery	July 19	Arieh & Charity Hand
July 9	Amanda & Tyler Woods	July 24	Jim & Jackie Kelly
July 10	Jeff & Karen Dezort	July 27	Bill & Charlotte Bray
July 11	Gary & Janet Wilcox	July 29	Neal & Rachel Hodges
July 13	Wayne & Judy Keith	July 31	Matthew & Kristin Eddings

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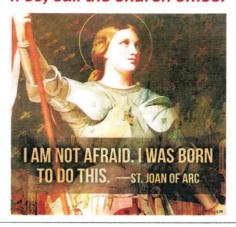
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Lector: Read the Scripture readings during Mass.

Rosary Leader: Lead before Mass. Musician: See or call Julie Jasper. Extraordinary Minister: Distribute Body & Blood 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.

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Answer: Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.



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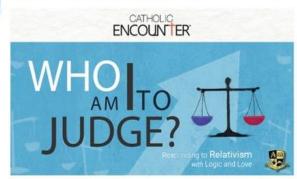
PICK OF THE WEEK

July 17, 2022

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WHO AM I TO JUDGE? WITH DR. EDWARD SRI - SESSION 1: DON'T IMPOSE YOUR MORALITY ON ME!

What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality, Äîthat there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. So, how do we talk about right and wrong in this world? In this series, Dr. Ted Sri explores the fragility of a relativist outlook and the importance of absolute truth.



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GIVEN FORUM TALKS: EDUCATING ON THE NATURE AND DIGNITY OF WOMEN BY KATHERINE MEEKS



This week we celebrate Mary Magdalene, the most well-known woman in the Gospel accounts besides Christ's holy mother. In honor of this great saint and disciple, enjoy this presentation on the nature and dignity of women by Katherine Meeks. In her talk, Katherine shares how she chose to pursue a mission-driven life for Christ.

LISTEN

WOMEN MADE NEW BY CRYSTALINA EVERT

In "Women Made New," Crystalina Evert, author of Pure Womanhood, explains that it doesn't matter what you've done or where you've been,Äîall that matters now is where you go from here. Moreover, she discusses topics like dating, healthy habits, and the importance of listening to the Lord. In honor of Mary Magdalene and her devout discipleship, enjoy this talk on authentic femininity.



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:

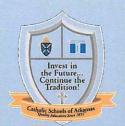
- 1) Continued
 - Personal scheduling,
 - Very little talk about mortal sin, hell,
 - Validity of sacraments,
 - People's judgmental stance of others at Mass, Church
- 2) About what parishioners like and appreciate what's going at Mary Mother of God Parish:
 - Welcoming feeling, "family" feeling,
 - 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

MINISTRIES	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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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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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)

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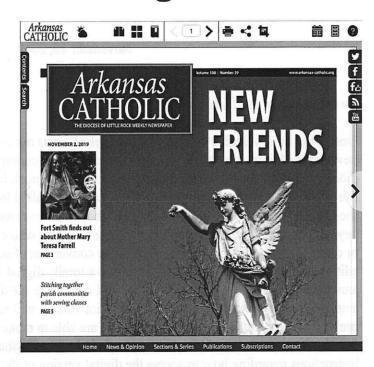
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- 2) Volunteers with Routine Contact w/ Minors
 - a. This includes only volunteers who have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their volunteer duties.
 - b. Volunteers who do <u>not</u> have routine contact with minors as an essential 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

(http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment)

(or directly at: https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org)

"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.