



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Father Ben.

Pastor/Administrator:

Deacon:

Secretary:

Rev. Benjamin Riley

Dc. Mark Scouten

Robin Markham

Adult Scripture Study:

Tom Hoberock

Buildings, Maintenance:

Craig Bailey

Catholic Christian Women:

Holly Coffman

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

Custodian:

Holly Coffman

Eucharistic Adoration:

Carmen Andrade

Finance Council:

Joe Koenig

Flocknote:

Robin Markham

Knights of Columbus:

Jerry Hogue

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Everett Burr

Legion of Mary:

Pat Knickerbocker

Libraries:

Jennifer Johnson

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Music Ministry:

Julie Jasper

Prayer Group:

Carmen Andrade

Pro-Life:

Sandra Guidry

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Holly Coffman

Sacristans:

K. Jones, M. Stephens

Alternate Sacristans:

E. Scouten, C. Bailey

Safe Environment:

Holly Coffman

Social Justice/Charitable Outreach

Robin Markham

Trail Life USA:

Wes Bradford

Tribunal:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Wedding Coordinator:

Bonnie Tauer

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

Wayne & Judy Keith

NEW IN PARISH

To register in the parish, please fill out the form below.

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parish Moved From: _____

Parish City: _____

() New In Parish () Change of Address/Phone/Email

2022 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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| First Saturday, | September 3 |
| 8:10 AM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 8:30 AM | MASS: SI – Lora Krone, BD |
| 9:00 AM | Holy Hour: First Saturday Devotions |
| 4:30 PM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 5:00 PM | MASS: +John Kessler |
| Sunday, | September 4 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 8:30 AM | MASS: SI – Dan Roberts, 99 th BD! |
| Monday, | September 5 – Labor Day – NO MASS |
| Tuesday, | September 6 |
| 5:00 PM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 5:30 PM | MASS: +Teresa & Larry Hoberock |
| Wednesday, | September 7 – PLEASE NOTE CHANGES |
| 4:30 PM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 5:15 PM | Adoration & Benediction |
| 5:30 PM | MASS: SI – In Honor of St. Joseph's Fatherhood |
| Thursday, | September 8 – Nativity of Mary |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 8:30 AM | MASS: +Ruth Hughes |
| 9:00 AM | Rosary w/Catholic Christian Women |
| Friday, | September 9 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 8:30 AM | MASS: +Mary Ann Crabtree |
| 9:00 AM | Fatima Rosary |
| Saturday, | September 10 |
| 8:10 AM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 8:30 AM | MASS: SI – Mirriam Jamelli, Health |
| 4:30 PM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 5:00 PM | MASS: SI – All Parishioners |
| Sunday, | September 11 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 8:30 AM | MASS: +George Kester, 5 th Anniv. |



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 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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION – SEPT. 3RD – 9 AM ADORATION HOUR – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 8:30 AM MASS

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for Building Maintenance.

BIBLE STUDY – “Matthew: The King and His Kingdom” – The third 8-week session began **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.

NO BINGO TODAY, Sunday, Sept 4. See you Sunday, Sept. 18!

Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, September 6** at 6:30 PM for Fellowship Meal and 7:30 PM Meeting.

Wednesday Mass Changes - In accordance with the 3-year Eucharistic Revival in Arkansas, Mary Mother of God will offer Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction before the Wednesday 5:30 PM Mass. **Confessions and Rosary will begin at 4:30 PM followed by Adoration & Benediction at 5:15 PM.**

Catholic Christian Women (CCW) will pray the Rosary **this Thursday, September 8**, at 9 AM. Coffee and sweets will follow in the Hall after the Rosary. Everyone is welcome!

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, Beth Bradford, Jami Broscovak, Betty Burge, Dee Burr, Bishop Ferd Cheri, Brian Coffman, Anna Claire Coker, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Ted Dix, Jeff Ellis, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Neal/June Gibson, Lorraine Gokenbach, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Pete Hartman, David Heard, Waylen/Preston Hetrick, Shannon Hilmes, Dianne Hoberock, Ruthie Holman, Linda Hoyet, Chris Jasper, Leah Jordan, Unborn Baby Ellie Keener & Family, Dr. Charles Klepper, Mary Koenig, Bernie Kohl, Jeff Lamboy, Brian Long, Michelle Miller, Steve Miller, Eliska Pollock, Harlan Pollock, Jaque Radisch, Mark Rowe, Michele Marsh Sawyer, Carol Schoborg, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Loretta Tarochione, Pat Thomas, Linda Utaski, Sharon Wengel, Jean Williams. **Our Nursing Home Residents:** David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Patsy Hahn, Jackie Jaworski, Lylia Laffoon, Bonnie Lundblad, Ann/Bill May, Bob/Diane Patterson, Mary Ralston, Giovanna Sandri, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley. **Please keep our list current by notifying the office to add or delete names.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sep 4: | Wis 9:13-18b / Phlm 9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33 |
| Sep 5: | 1 Cor 5:1-8 / Lk 6:6-11 |
| Sep 6: | 1 Cor 6:1-11 / Lk 6:12-19 |
| Sep 7: | 1 Cor 7:25-31 / Lk 6:20-26 |
| Sep 8: | Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 |
| Sep 9: | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22bg-27 / Lk 6:39-42 |
| Sep 10: | 1 Cor 10:14-22 / Lk 6:43-49 |
| Sep 11: | Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tm 1:12-17 / Lk 16:1-32 |

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.

COMING SOON! – PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) begins Wednesday, September 14. If you are new to the parish, please contact our DRE, Holly Coffman at 416-9928.

EUCCHARISTIC 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



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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FAMILY RETREAT - River Valley parishes of St. John in Russellville, St. Augustine in Dardanelle, and St. Andrew in Danville are collaborating to host a family retreat at St. John Church in Russellville **September 10th (Spanish) and 11th (English)**. The retreat will be led by Sr. Johanna and Sr. Jane Dominic, Dominican sisters of St. Cecilia of Nashville, TN. We are happy to host them and to offer this beautiful retreat to families in our area. Because we know the importance of bringing families together, River Valley parishes would like to extend this retreat invitation to families in your parish. Topics of discussion include How to have a conversation with God, Sacred Times and Sacred Spaces followed by activities and ending with Eucharistic Benediction. This retreat is based on the book “A Short Guide to Praying as a Family”. The cost is \$25 per family or \$15 for individuals. The donation includes a copy of the book and lunch. We hope you join us as we continue to strengthen families through the gift of prayer. To register or for more information, please contact Cynthia Solis at 479-967-3699.

2022 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given **\$17,010 or 81%** 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.

Be inspired by Alan Ames' Saul to Paul story and his testimony of God's merciful, compassionate love! All are welcome! Talk & Healing Services will be **Saturday, Sept 10** at St. John's Catholic Church in Hot Springs National Park from 1-3 PM and **Sunday, September 11** at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock from 1:30-3:30 PM. For more info, visit alanames.org.

Autumn Retreats at Little Portion with John Michael Talbot – Leave the desert of the world for the oasis of the Spirit with a retreat at Little Portion Hermitage & Monastery. **HOLY IS HIS NAME** - A Journey Through Mary's Magnificat. Based on John Michael's new book, this retreat will lead you in an extended meditation on Mary's Magnificat. **September 16-18 & October 28-30**. For more info, contact 877-504-9865.

DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING RETREAT: You are not alone. There is hope. Healing is possible. Project Rachel Ministry is offering a one-day, post abortion healing retreat for women on **Saturday September 17, near Fayetteville**. (The exact location is disclosed only to participants.) This retreat is confidential and provides a safe, non-judgmental place to begin or continue your journey to hope and healing after an abortion. **Call or text our confidential phone line 501-663-0996** for more info or to register. **Please contact Project Rachel. We care. We understand.**

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.


St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Pocahontas is seeking a devoted, faith filled Catholic to become the full time Youth Minister of our parish. Candidate will be responsible for facilitating the planning, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive plan for ministry with youth in grades 6 through 12 as directed by the pastor. Ability to communicate and connect well with youth and parents is essential. While working primarily at St. Paul Church, candidate will also serve the youth of St. John the Baptist Parish in Engelberg and St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Corning. Previous youth ministry experience and educational background that includes a two-year theology program, youth ministry class, and/or teaching experience preferred, but not required. To apply or inquire, contact Fr. Stephen Elser at frstephenelser@gmail.com. **Application Deadline is September 30, 2022**

Catholic Charities of Arkansas Golf Tournament October 8th This year's golf tournament benefiting Catholic Charities of Arkansas will be **Saturday, October 8** at the Granada Golf Course in Hot Springs Village. The cost of a four-person team is \$600 and food, refreshments and on course beverages are provided. Tee times are 8 AM and 1:30 PM for a shotgun start and scramble format. Team prizes will be flighted and there will be contests for closest to pin, hole in one, longest and straightest drives. If golf is not your game, consider being a \$175 donor for a priest to play or a hole sponsor for \$500. You can register your team or make a donation/sponsorship pledge online at bit.ly/cca-golf. For more info, contact Megan Moore at Catholic Charities of Arkansas at mmoore@dolr.org or at (501) 664-0340, ext. 379.

COLLECTION: August 1-31, 2022

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| General Collection | 17,858.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | 1,091.00 |
| Catholic Home Missions Appeal | 578.00 |

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
HARRISON, ARKANSAS

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| August 28 <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study | August 29 NO MASS | August 30 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study | August 31 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study | September 1, 2022 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar | September 2 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary | September 3 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass |
| September 4 <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ NO BINGO | September 5 <i>Labor Day</i> NO MASS ++ Knights of Columbus Meal & Meeting Moved to Tuesday -->  | September 6 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM Meal 7:30 PM Meeting | September 7 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study ++ 6:30 PM PRE Catechist Meal & Meeting | September 8 <i>Nativity of Mary</i> 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 | September 9 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary | September 10 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass |
| September 11 <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study | September 12 NO MASS | September 13 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study ++ 6 PM CCW Meeting in Parish Hall Conf Rm All Ladies Are Invited! | September 14 <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes Begin 6:30 PM Mtg w/Parents | September 15 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar | September 16 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary | September 17 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass |
| September 18 <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Catechetical Sunday ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ 2 PM BINGO | September 19 NO MASS | September 20 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study | September 21 <i>St. Matthew, Apostle</i> 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes | September 22 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar | September 23 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary | September 24 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass |
| September 25 <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study | September 26 NO MASS | September 27 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study | September 28 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes | September 29 <i>Feast of the Archangels</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar | September 30 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary | October 1, 2022 <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 YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR.

**PLEASE RETURN
YOUR BABY BOTTLES,
WITH OR WITHOUT
A DONATION.
THANKS!**



SEPTEMBER 2022 MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Carrie Culhane

Lector: Joan Lipsmeyer

E/M: Wes Bradford
Elisabeth Scouten

Servers: Jacob Bradford
Matthew Bradford

Ushers: Jerry Hogue
Tim Reeves
Bill Markham
Chuck Draper

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper

Lector: Nick Rykert

E/M: Stacy Burge
Holly Coffman
Judy Keith

Servers: Isaac Jasper

Ushers: David Krueger
Steve O'Laughlin
Mike Stephen
James Virnig

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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| <p>Sept 1 Shari Broscovak</p> <p>Sept 1 Pam Clouse</p> <p>Sept 1 Linda Utaski</p> <p>Sept 2 Emmily Ford</p> <p>Sept 2 Weston Hodges</p> <p>Sept 3 David Krueger</p> <p>Sept 4 Jim Conner</p> <p>Sept 5 Dan Roberts, 99th!</p> <p>Sept 5 Sheila Smith</p> <p>Sept 7 Barb Butler</p> <p>Sept 8 Toby Atkinson</p> <p>Sept 8 Laura Chapman</p> <p>Sept 8 Abby Cuevas</p> <p>Sept 9 David Decker</p> <p>Sept 9 Ann May</p> | <p>Sept 10 Tanner Curry</p> <p>Sept 12 Hunter Wallace</p> <p>Sept 13 Marilyn Ogier</p> <p>Sept 13 James Virnig</p> <p>Sept 14 Laura Brown</p> <p>Sept 14 Will Mahoney</p> <p>Sept 14 Mike Radisch</p> <p>Sept 16 Jacob Bradford</p> <p>Sept 17 Brian Bellinghausen</p> <p>Sept 18 Logan Faria</p> <p>Sept 18 Audrea Ray</p> <p>Sept 18 Scott Zemlik</p> <p>Sept 18 Wayne Keith</p> <p>Sept 21 Madeleine Hewitt</p> <p>Sept 21 Ellen Kelty</p> <p>Sept 21 Devany Lopez</p> | <p>Sept 22 Charlize Adamos</p> <p>Sept 23 Cole Keylon</p> <p>Sept 23 Lonnie McElroy</p> <p>Sept 24 Richard Cavin</p> <p>Sept 24 Norman Rottler</p> <p>Sept 24 Jeremy Webb</p> <p>Sept 25 Stacy Harding</p> <p>Sept 26 Bryce Bonds</p> <p>Sept 26 Jackie Kelly</p> <p>Sept 26 Wendy Watters</p> <p>Sept 27 Terry Caputo</p> <p>Sept 27 Jared Chua</p> <p>Sept 27 Heath Harding</p> <p>Sept 28 Emily Caputo</p> <p>Sept 28 Lori Curry</p> |
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| <p>Sept 3 Doyle & Celia DeWoody</p> <p>Sept 3 John & Teresa Hargett</p> <p>Sept 4 Jackie & Valerie Wallace</p> <p>Sept 8 Darren & Lori Goulet</p> <p>Sept 12 Scott & Frances Zemlik</p> | <p>Sept 16 Bobby & Kathy Pinson</p> <p>Sept 17 Chuck & Helen Sippel</p> <p>Sept 18 Chris & Marisa Keylon</p> <p>Sept 21 Jay & Rai Lamb</p> |
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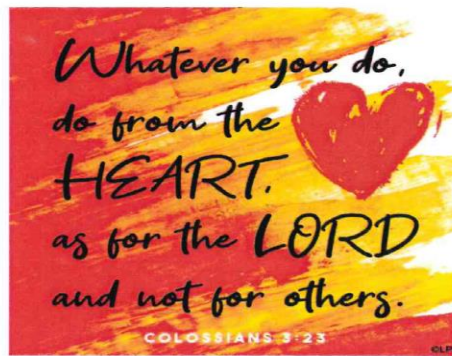
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Lector: Read the Scripture readings during Mass.

Rosary Leader: Lead before Mass.

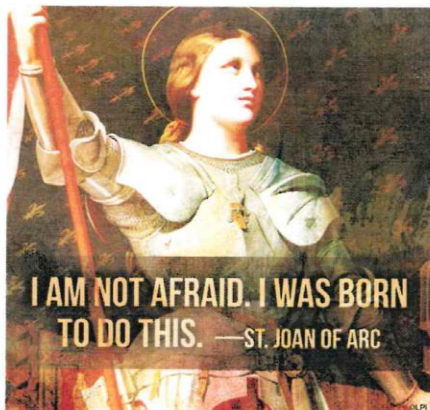
Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.

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.

If so, call the church office!



I AM NOT AFRAID. I WAS BORN TO DO THIS. —ST. JOAN OF ARC

Mary Mother of God Catholic Church
Catholic Christian Women (CCW)
107 Years of Serving Our Parish
See Bulletin For Meeting
Dates & Times

Lighting Candles in Church

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Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer: Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

Pray for Peace!

In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster

Sept 4, 2022

WATCH

NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



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FORMED NOW: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

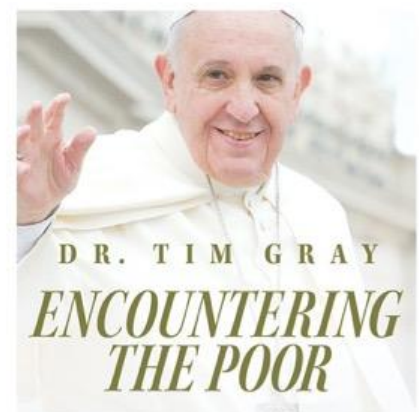


As we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week, listen as Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the traditions surrounding Mary's life and how her life is a model of humility for Christians.

LISTEN

ENCOUNTERING THE POOR: BIBLICAL ROOTS FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING BY TIM GRAY

Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of Sacred Scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle, but instead frames the entire mosaic of Scripture.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3: Top Three Revealing Discoveries:

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

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

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

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

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

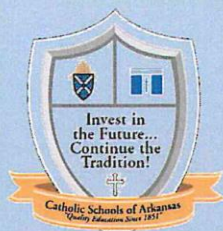
3) About what parishioners want more of and what they want begun at MMG:

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

**MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR
SIGN-UP SHEET**

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

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



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ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

November 13, 2021

Dear Parishioner,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely In Christ,

Most Reverend Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock



Arkansas Catholic Schools

Scholarship Appeal



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

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

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

Pope Francis

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

Adult Choir—The Adult Choir meets every Thursday at 6:30pm and sings at the Sunday 8:30am Mass and other Holy Days of Obligation.

Youth Choir—The Youth Choir consists of students in grades K-12. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm immediately following PREP class. They sing at the scheduled Youth Masses throughout the academic year. Hand chimes and other instruments are used, as well.

Hand Bell Choir—The Hand Bell Choir meets on Tuesday evenings at 6PM and plays at approximately 7 Masses throughout the year.

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

What does Music Ministry mean to me?

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

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

"I have been a part of this amazing handbell group since it started three years ago. Even though I do have a music background, I find playing handbells challenging. Instead of playing all the notes in a song, each bell is a part of the whole that makes the music. I am thankful that I have been able to use my talents to bring more to our Mass celebration. Being a part of our music ministry has been a blessing to me."—Bonnie Tauer (Hand Bell Choir member)

"These bells make our old souls sing!"—Silver Bells members

**If you are interested in sharing your musical talents, contact
Julie Jasper, Director of Music Ministry at (870)688-9369 or julesjasper93@gmail.com**



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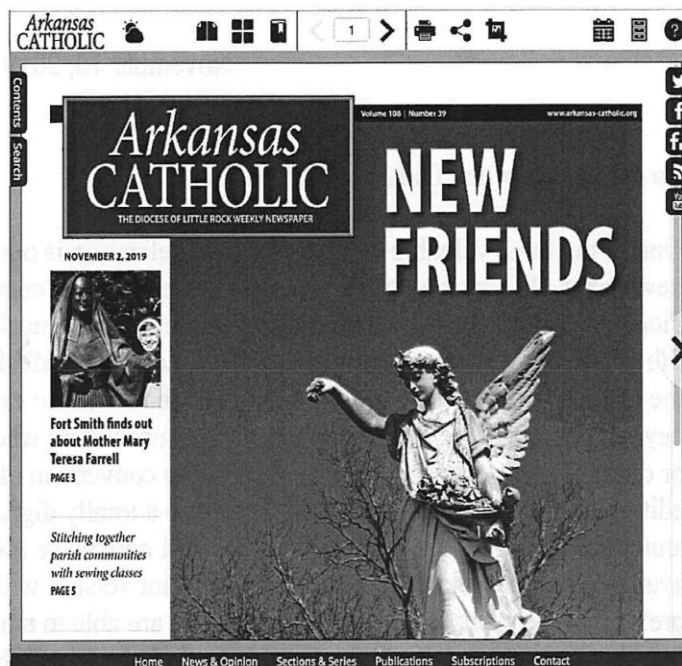
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| \$50 | Provides a partial scholarship for a student to attend a Campus Ministry retreat. |
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| \$150 | Provides utility bill assistance for a family through our Family Assistance Program. |
| \$250 | Provides dental care for a patient of the Westside Free Medical Clinic. |
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| \$700 | Provides assistance in updating equipment for religious education. |
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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.