



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 / Seven Sisters:

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

Saturday,	October 8
8:30 AM	NO MASS THIS MORNING
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI – Ed & Kathy Hart, 50 th Anniv.
Sunday,	October 9 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Bill Utaski
Monday,	October 10 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	October 11
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Jeff Neuroth
Wednesday,	October 12
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – Jimmie & Rita Wells, 67 th Anniv.
Thursday,	October 13
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Patty Harley, 2 nd Anniv.
9:00 AM	Rosary – Led by Catholic Christian Women
Friday,	October 14
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Rebecca Chavez, 1 st Anniv.
9:00 AM	Fatima Rosary
Saturday,	October 15
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Carol Bomboy
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +John Kessler
Sunday,	October 16 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Jim & Esther Virnig



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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY - The diocesan initiative One Church invests each year in a small mission church in our diocese that needs a leg up to become a thriving community. The 2022-2023 partner is Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Magnolia. All funds donated to One Church for the next 12 months will help the church expand its parish center to include offices, larger kitchen, classrooms, and conference room. Please pray for this project and give today. To give or for more info, visit dolr.org/one-church.



A NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN OCTOBER – Sign-Up Deadline is Today, Sunday, October 9 – Romans: The Gospel of Salvation from Ascension Press begins **Sunday, Oct. 23 at 10 AM, Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 3 PM, and Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 5:30 PM.** This is an 8-week study. Contact Tom Hoberock at 688-1202 for info.

PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC IS TODAY - The Knights of Columbus and Trail Life would like to invite all parishioners to come to the Parish Potluck Picnic at the pavilion at **1 PM on Sunday, October 9.** There will be bingo games and prizes, as well as the CCW raffle drawing. The Knights will provide fried chicken strips, potato salad, bread, and drinks. Fellow Parishioners – If your last name begins:

A – M: Bring Side Dishes N – Z: Bring Desserts



ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL will meet on **Tuesdays, 6:30-8 PM in October.** Any questions, contact Julie Jasper at 688-9369 or juliemgmusic@yahoo.com.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) continues.

This Wednesday's schedule is:

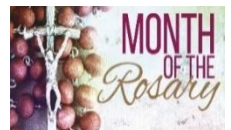
4:30 PM Rosary / Confessions / Benediction
5:30 PM MASS
6:00 PM Dinner for Students/Teachers/Family
6:30-7:30 PM All Classes – Circle of Grace



Catholic Christian Women (CCW) will pray the Rosary **this Thursday, October 13, 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.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY - All over the country, groups will gather to pray for our country on **Saturday, Oct. 15 at Noon.** As we did last year, our parish will host a rally in front of Nopalitos Restaurant.



TRAIL LIFE BREAKFAST in the Pavilion Next Sunday, **October 16 Following Mass.** This will include campfire, Dutch oven breakfast casserole, juice, and coffee. **TOTALLY FREE!** All are welcome!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Oct 9: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 / 2 Tm 2:8-13 / Lk 17:11-19
Oct 10: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31–5:1 / Lk 11:29-32
Oct 11: Gal 5:1-6 / Lk 11:37-41
Oct 12: Gal 5:18-25 / Lk 11:42-46
Oct 13: Eph 1:1-10 / Lk 11:47-54
Oct 14: Eph 1:11-14 / Lk 12:1-7
Oct 15: Eph 1:15-23 / Lk 12:8-12
Oct 16: Ex 17:8-13 / 2 Tm 3:14–4:2 / Lk 18:1-8

2022 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given **\$18,120 or 86%** 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.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!!

IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS! The Seven Sisters Apostolate has a mission to pray for individual priests in small groups of only seven. Each woman chooses a different day of the week and offers one Holy Hour. Thus, the priest receives a Holy Hour every day. It is a blessing for the priest and for the intercessor! Learn more by contacting Carmen at 305-815-1795.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, Charlotte Amrhein, Carl Bell, Donnie Billups, Carol Bomboy, Betty Burge, Dee Burr, Bishop Ferd Cheri, Brian Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Sally Conner, Gary Durand, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Neal/June Gibson, Lorraine Gokenbach, Ed/Mary Griggs, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Pete Hartman, Waylen/Preston Hetrick, Dianne Hoberock, Linda Hoyet, Chris Jasper, Mary Koenig, Bernie Kohl, Brian Long, Bill May, Michelle Miller, Eliska Pollock, Harlan Pollock, Jaque Radisch, Dan Roberts, Michelle Marsh Sawyer, Dc. Mark Scouten, Ed Servis, Loretta Tarochione, Linda Utaski, Jean Williams. **Our Nursing Home Residents:** David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Patsy Hahn, Jackie Jaworski, Lylia Laffoon, Bonnie Lundblad, Ann May, Bob/Diane Patterson, Mary Ralston, Mark Rowe, Giovanna Sandri, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley. **Please keep our list current by notifying the office to add or delete names.**



**HELP SAVE LIVES BY PRAYING FOR AN END TO ABORTION
SEPTEMBER 28 THROUGH NOVEMBER 6.**

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 2. Each October, Catholics in the United States consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops assists parishes, schools and other Catholic ministries by creating resources to help people "understand, value and become engaged with supporting the God-given dignity of every person – which naturally leads to protecting the gift of every person's life" through its Respect Life Program. It kicks off every year on Respect Life Sunday. Read this month's issue of the Respect Life Office newsletter to see how this month will be observed in Arkansas. For more info, contact Catherine Phillips, director of the diocesan Respect Life Office, at 501-664-0340, ext. 326.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – COME & VISIT YOUR SAVIOR!

Our Lord has insisted on remaining with us, to give us a share in Heaven, through his presence in the Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament is in a most special sense Christ's Real Presence. It is no less than Heaven on earth. "Lord Jesus, thank you for bringing Heaven to earth in the Holy Sacrament. Draw me to yourself that I may be loosed from the fetters that weigh me down."

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 & 1 PM

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

Wednesday @ 7 AM, 8 AM & 1 PM

Thursday @ 10 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM

Friday @ 10 AM, 1 PM & 4 PM

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



COLLECTION: September 1-30, 2022

General Collection	20,398.00
Maintenance Fund	1,144.00
Catechetical Sunday	863.50

Diocese Featured in New Show - The story of our diocese is featured in an episode of "The Chair: The Diocese of Little Rock." "The Chair" is a new 85-episode series celebrating the best of Catholicism in the United States, from the physical beauty of our cathedral to the holy beauty of the bishops. In the Little Rock episode of "The Chair," you'll hear from Bishop Anthony B. Taylor about his role as bishop and learn more about our diocese and the Cathedral of St. Andrew. This intimate portrait of our diocese is an opportunity to see our history and the journey of Bishop Taylor from his youth to our shepherd of today. **Watch "The Chair" for free at thechair.com/LittleRock.**

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.



→ Check out FORMED.org ←

It's EASY and FREE to Register! Visit FORMED.org with your favorite web browser. Click Sign Up. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization". Find your parish by name. Enter your email and that's all there is to it! There are movies about saints (both adult and children), numerous Bible studies, Catholic Answers, audio books, apologetics and much more! **Now you can deepen your faith life even more!** Sign up for FORMED Daily to receive a short clip by email from the platform's best content each day. Visit <https://FORMED.org/promo/daily-reflections-signup>

Pilgrimage to Portugal & Spain in 2023 – *Arkansas Catholic* is hosting a pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain **October 4-15, 2023**, to experience the candlelight procession and rosary on the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and the ancient Camino de Santiago. Fr. Tony Robbins, pastor of St. Joseph's in Conway, will be the spiritual director. The cost for the land portion is \$3,898/person, which includes 10 nights' accommodations, breakfast, and dinner daily, deluxe motorcoach transportation, a professional tour escort and entrance fees to scheduled sites. A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration. **A \$100 discount will be offered to those who register by November 1.** To learn more, an informational meeting will be held **Sunday, October 16** at 2:30 PM at St. John Center in Little Rock. RSVP at 2023pilgrimage.eventbrite.com. For more info, contact Kathy Primm of Sue Smith Vacations at 501-771-0987 or kathy@suesmithvacations.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - End your summer with the best experience of your married life. Worldwide Marriage Encounter gives you all the tools you need to have the best marriage ever! Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: **October 28-30** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center Stanton, TN near Memphis. Early registration is highly recommended. To register or for more info visit our website at: WWME.org or call 501-733-1235.

Autumn Retreat 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. **October 28-30.** For more info, contact 877-504-9865. or visit <https://www.inner-room-school.org/holy-is-his-name-sample>.

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.

Consider giving yourself the GIFT of a Centering Prayer Retreat at Subiaco Monastery, November 7- 11. The retreat will have ample periods of SILENCE, three Prayer/Meditation periods per day, and some teaching on the TRANSFORMATION of the false (or lower) self. A recommended book to read before the retreat is *The Untethered Soul* by Michael Singer. This is not a requirement, but I will be sharing ideas from Michael's material. The Monastery/Retreat Center location is in a peaceful, pastoral setting in the Arkansas River Valley.

COST: private room- \$350.00; shared room- \$250.00; a \$50.00 NON-refundable deposit is required at time of registration.

REGISTRATION: call Susan or Donna at the Courty House Retreat Center- (479) 934-1290 to reserve your place.

LEADER: Nicholas Cole M.D., who has staffed retreats in Colorado and Arkansas since 1993. He has been mentored by Thomas Keating, Cynthia Bourgeault, Richard Rohr, and ALL the retreatants he has served during these almost thirty years. If you have questions for Nick, he may be reached at 970- 275-1170 and/or: ngcole42@gmail.com

A retreat is a wonderful way to strengthen a meditation practice and thus bring more of the spiritual practice into our lives. Retreatants will be best served by having a daily practice of Centering Prayer/meditation prior to attending (please discuss with Nick if you have questions in this regard. Retreatants will be asked to commit to attending the entire retreat. You've thought about giving yourself this kind of GIFT.... if not NOW....when?

ARRIVAL: Between 3–5pm on November 7, 2022. Supper at 6pm. Opening Circle at 7pm.

DEPARTURE: After lunch on November 11, 2022.

New Informed Choices for Women Center Needs Volunteers - The new Informed Choices for Women Center, located at 714 West Sherman Ave. in Harrison, needs volunteers during the week to help man their pro-life Christian outreach to women in crisis pregnancies. The non-profit Center provides a variety of options and services to women (and men) during and after their pregnancy, including free ultrasounds to bring their babies to full term and birth. This center is a blessing to our area and is an opportunity for us as Christians to get involved in the Respect Life ministry locally. If you can spare an hour or two a week to help in this effort, please call the Center at 870-280-3169 for more information. God will richly bless you.

Position Opening in Jonesboro - Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry - Qualified candidates must be a practicing Catholic; must be a self-starter, well organized, have good communication skills and understand the nature of Blessed Sacrament Parish; must have office, administrative, and organizational skills to manage multiple tasks; possess excellent interpersonal skills; must have proficiency in Microsoft Office. Duties include, but not limited to: direct religious education for PreK - 12th; oversee youth ministry activities for all grades; coordinate Confirmation, 1st Communion, and 1st Reconciliation; manage volunteer staff, program budget, and long-range program planning; verify volunteers are CMG certified. Full Time with benefits. Interested and qualified candidates should email resume and references to pastor@catholicjonesboro.com or office@catholicjonesboro.com.

St Andrew's CCW is excited to announce the return of the **All-You-Can-Eat Soup, Salad & Chili Supper** along with dessert on **Friday, October 21**, from 4-7 PM. Adults \$7, Kids 6-12 \$3, and FREE for kids under the age of 6. All are invited!!!!

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.)



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.

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 (*Halleluia!*) 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.

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - As we begin this new year we thank the Lord for His many blessings, some of which have come in disguise. I am personally very grateful for your friendship and your prayers that have carried us through a challenging year. You are in my daily prayers.



We will be updating our Adoration schedule, which I have not done in a while and I appeal to your kindness and patience.

If you are already registered as an "Adorer", please write back to me at g.carmen.8786@gmail.com letting me know your day and hour, and if you intend to keep that schedule this year (of course emergencies will be respected).

If you would like to register, either for the first time or to return, please write to the same email as above letting me know what day would be best for you. Our weekly bulletin shows the hours that are currently available, although there may be some variants, for which I apologize.

Looking forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please call me at 305-815-1795. – Carmen Andrade



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A STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK OPPOSING THE LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

When in 2016 the issue of medical marijuana was before the voters, I noted as part of my Faithful Citizenship letter that medical marijuana and recreational marijuana should be treated differently in matters of public policy. From a theological standpoint the Church has no moral objection to the medical use of marijuana, just like any other drug, when used for a genuine medical purpose. But I also warned that as a practical matter it would be very important—and difficult—to put safeguards in place to prevent it from falling into non-medical hands—especially the youth whose brains are still developing. So I noted that voters had a prudential decision to make regarding the legalization of the use of marijuana for a genuine medical purpose.

Legalization of the recreational use of marijuana, on the other hand, would be a disaster for our state. Scientific evidence has linked marijuana to long-term damaging effects on brain development.¹ *“When marijuana users begin using as teenagers, the drug may reduce thinking, memory and learning functions and affect how the brain builds connections between the areas necessary for these functions. Marijuana’s effects on these abilities may last a long time or even be permanent.”*²

One need only examine the impact of recreational marijuana in Colorado since 2013 to fully grasp what would be in store in Arkansas. A 2021 comprehensive report³ issued by the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program states that since recreational marijuana was legalized, traffic deaths in which drivers tested positive for marijuana increased 138%, while all traffic deaths increased 29%. And the percentage of marijuana-related traffic deaths increased from 11% in 2013 to 20% in 2020. Moreover, marijuana use by Colorado youth increased 20% in the first 3 years of its legalization there, and their youth marijuana use remains much higher than the national average. Marijuana use negatively affects youths’ family life, social life, and school performance. Do we really want to bring these all these social impacts to Arkansas?

Legalizing a drug for recreational use that causes these effects on the human body, particularly our youth, is not a path civil society should choose to take. The Catholic Church teaches *“the use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense.”*⁴ Therefore, the Catholic Diocese of Little Rock opposes the legalization of recreational marijuana in Arkansas.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock

September 29, 2022

¹ National Institute on Drug Abuse, *Drug facts: Marijuana*, Revised December 2019.

² Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ). *Behavioral Health Trends in the United States: Results from the 2014 Survey on Drug Use and Health*. Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; 2015. HHS Publication No. SMA 15-4927, NSDUH Series H-50, p. 3.



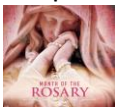
³ Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, *The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado, The Impact*, Volume 8, September 2021.

⁴ Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2291



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 25 <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ Altar Servers to Silver Dollar City Please Return Your Raffle Tickets!	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 ++ NO Legion of Mary Mtg This Week ++ 6-8 PM Adult Choir	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 Sign-Up for "Seven Sisters" Apostolate ++ Trail Life Campfire Following 5 PM Mass
October 2 <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary</i> <i>Respect Life Sunday</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ Sign-Up for "Seven Sisters" Apostolate & Info Mtg with Coffee/Donuts in the Hall for ALL Ladies ++ 2 PM BINGO ++ Return Your Raffle Tix!	October 3 NO MASS	October 4 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	October 5 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass Blessing of Pets After Mass in Front of Hall ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes Circle of Grace Opt-Out Forms Due Today 	October 6 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6-8 PM Adult Choir	October 7 <i>First Friday</i> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary 	October 8 NO 8:30 AM MASS ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
October 9 <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 1 PM Parish Potluck Picnic & Trail Life Presentation, CCW Raffle Drawing & Bingo Games w/Prizes ++ Please Return Your Raffle Tix in the Collection or Bring Them to the Picnic!	October 10 NO MASS	October 11 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Noon Christian Women's Connection Luncheon in Parish Hall ++ Informed Choices Banquet at Signature Tower 6 PM Fellowship 6:30-8:30 Meal/Program	October 12 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 -7:30 PM Circle of Grace	October 13 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 ++ 6-8 PM Adult Choir	October 14 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	October 15 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass Noon - Rosary Rally at Nopalitos 
October 16 <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Trail Life Breakfast See Bulletin for Details ++ 2 PM BINGO	October 17 NO MASS	October 18 NO 5:30 PM MASS ++ 6 PM CCW Meeting Parish Hall Conf Rm All Ladies Are Invited! (Moved from Oct 11)	October 19 NO 5:30 PM MASS ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM Classes	October 20 NO 8:30 AM MASS ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6-8 PM Adult Choir	October 21 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary ++ St. Andrew's All-You-Can-Eat Soup/Salad Supper 4-7 PM	October 22 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
October 23 <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: World Mission Sunday	October 24 NO MASS	October 25 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	October 26 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM Classes	October 27 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6-8 PM Adult Choir	October 28 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	October 29 NO 8:30 AM MASS ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
October 30 <i>31st Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	October 31 5:30 PM Holy Day Vigil Mass	November 1, 2022 <i>All Saints Day</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> 5 PM Rosary 5:30 Holy Day Mass ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	November 2 <i>All Souls Day</i> 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM Youth Mass For Students & Families	November 3 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6-8 PM Adult Choir	November 4 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	November 5 <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.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: OCTOBER 2022

5 PM Saturday Mass		8:30 AM Sunday Mass	
Rosary:	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Rosary:	Bob Lowery
Lector:	Wes Bradford	Lector:	Mary Bausch
E/M:	Renae Whiteside Holly Coffman	E/M:	Mary Billups Mike Galligan Bob Lowery
Ushers:	Everett Burr Chad Coffman Chuck Draper Terry Draper	Ushers:	Al Hanson Regina Hanson Gerry Gokenbach Nick Rykert

USHERS - ONCE AGAIN, THE DIOCESE REQUESTS A MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT FOR OCTOBER. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!

ALTAR SERVERS: SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 30, 2022

Sept 24:	Servers: Adam Coffman, Book/Cross Jacob Bradford, Candle Matthew Bradford, Candle	Sept 25:	Servers: Isaac Jasper, Thurifer Logan Eddings, Book/Cross Keeley Culpepper, Candle Kori Eddings, Candle
Oct 1:	Servers: Jacob Bradford, Book/Cross Adam Coffman, Candle Erin Culhane, Candle	Oct 2:	Servers: Keeley Culpepper, Thurifer Kayleigh Culpepper, Book/Cross Meredith Huddleston, Candle Josselyn Huddleston, Candle
Oct 8:	Servers: Matthew Bradford, Book/Cross Elijah Humphreys, Candle Zeke Humphreys, Candle	Oct 9:	Servers: Isaac Jasper, Thurifer Lily Pinson, Book/Cross Jacob Simon, Candle June Simon, Candle
Oct 15:	Servers: Jacob Bradford, Book/Cross Adam Coffman, Candle Erin Culhane, Candle	Oct 16:	Servers: Keeley Culpepper, Thurifer Abby Cuevas-Klepper, Book/Cross Meredith Huddleston, Candle Josselyn Huddleston, Candle
Oct 22:	Servers: Matthew Bradford, Book/Cross Elijah Humphreys, Candle Zeke Humphreys, Candle	Oct 23:	Servers: Isaac Jasper, Thurifer Lily Pinson, Book/Cross Daniel McFadden, Candle Julia McFadden, Candle
Oct 29:	Servers: Jacob Bradford, Book/Cross Adam Coffman, Candle Erin Culhane, Candle	Oct 30:	Servers: Keeley Culpepper, Thurifer Kayleigh Culpepper, Book/Cross Michael Adamos, Candle Liam Lampe, Candle

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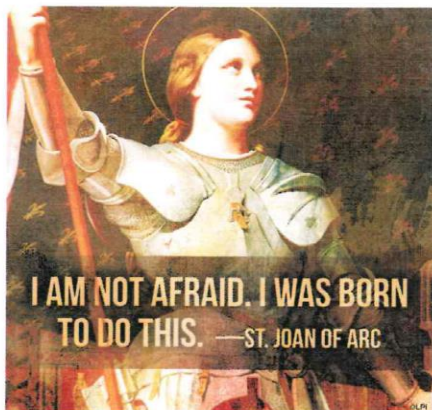


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YES!! We Need You!! YOU can be an active participant at Mary Mother of God Church! We want many people to volunteer so no one gets 'stuck' with certain ministries all the time!

Lector: Read the Scripture readings during Mass.
Rosary Leader: Lead before Mass.
Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.
Extraordinary Minister: Distribute 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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Dates & Times

Servant Songs

Question: What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

Answer: The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile.

Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others.

Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all.



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*The Trail Life Troop will have a
campfire,
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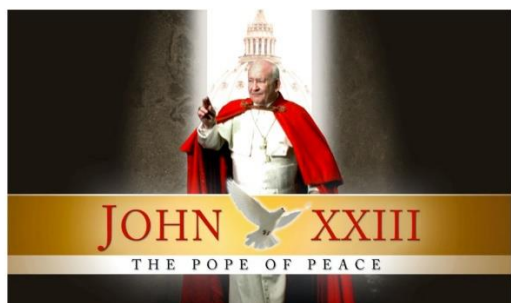
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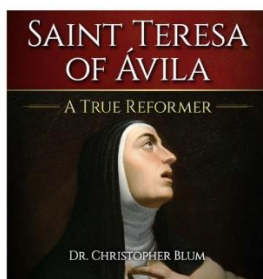
John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A True Reformer by Christopher Blum

Dr. Christopher Blum unfolds the inspiring life of St. Teresa and her important role in the Catholic Reformation. After having already been a nun for twenty years, she had a radical transformation in her own life and then became one of the most powerful forces for bringing about conversion and positive change in the history of the Church. Listen and learn about this Mystic, Doctor of the Church, and True Reformer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3: Top Three Revealing Discoveries:

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

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

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

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

1) Continued

- Personal scheduling,
- Very little talk about mortal sin, hell,
- Validity of sacraments,
- People's judgmental stance of others at Mass, Church

2) About what parishioners like and appreciate what's going at Mary Mother of God Parish:

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

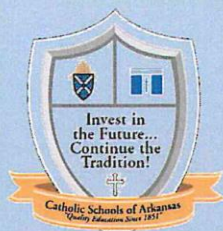
3) About what parishioners want more of and what they want begun at MMG:

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

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

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

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



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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.

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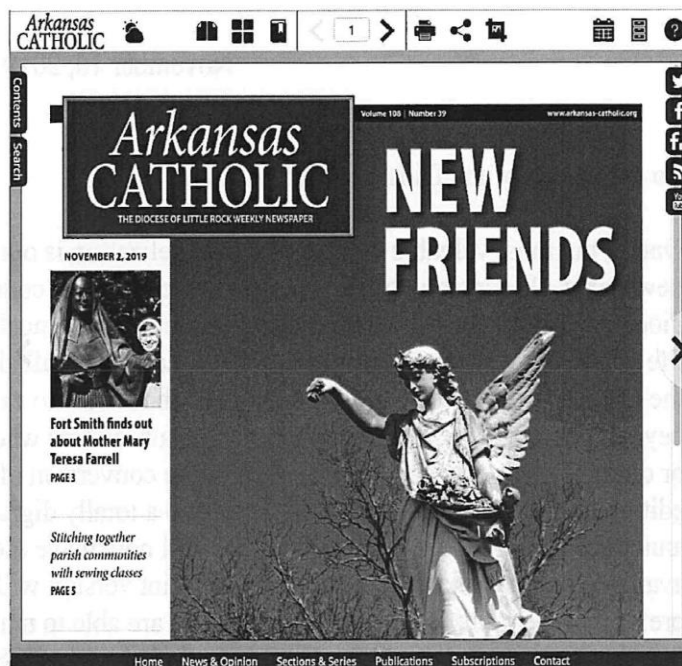
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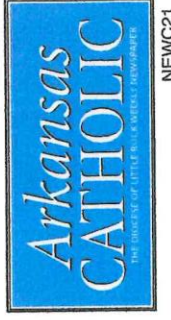
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MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



**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.