



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

Communion to Sick/Legion of Mary:

Pat Knickerbocker

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

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

2023 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday,	January 21
1:00 PM	Funeral Mass: +Jerome Tauer
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Kenneth Wernimont, 1 st Anniv.
Sunday,	January 22 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Dan Allen
Monday,	January 23 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	January 24
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – Dee Burr, Health
Wednesday,	January 25
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: +Lucia Placencia
Thursday,	January 26
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Ting Tuazon, Health
Friday,	January 27
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +John Zemlik, 1 st Anniv.
9:00 AM	Fatima Rosary
Saturday,	January 28
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI – Tuazon Family
Sunday,	January 29 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All 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 before all Daily and Saturday/Sunday Masses or by appointment.*

ONLINE BULLETINS for Mary Mother of God Church and St. Andrew's Church may be found at harrisoncatholic.org.

Personal Listening Devices are Available for Mass. Please see an usher in the vestibule to sign one out.

"HOLY MOMENTS" – A book by Matthew Kelly from Dynamic Catholic, is still available in the vestibule as your free Christmas gift from generous parishioners. Merry Christmas!

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.

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 the Gift Bearer binder in the vestibule.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES – If you do not receive envelopes for the weekly collections, please contact the church office by email, phone, or drop a note in the collection. Thanks!



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Jerome Tauer (husband of Bonnie) who died on January 17. Please remember Jerome and his family in your prayers. **Jerome's Funeral Mass will be Saturday, January 21 at 1 PM. The Rosary will begin at 12:30 PM.**

The MMG Town Hall Meeting will be THIS Saturday, January 21 at 10 AM in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to discuss upcoming projects.



BINGO TODAY – Sunday, January 22 at 2 PM. Invite a friend! Doors will open at 1 PM. Proceeds benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

YOUTH CHOIR is Wednesday, January 25, 7:30-8 PM, In Julie's office in the Parish Hall.

ADULT CHOIR is Thursday, January 26 at 6 PM.



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) -

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	Class for All Students
6:30 PM	Reconciliation – First Communicants



The Legion of Mary will meet on Thursdays at 3:30 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, Veterans, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, Charlotte Amrhein, Carl Bell, Donnie Billups, Shari Broscovak, Betty Burge, Bishop Ferd Cheri, Brian Coffman, Donald Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Sally Conner, David Decker, Billie Jo Dix, Randy/Desiree Flowers, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Neal/June Gibson, Lorraine Gokenbach, Sarah Grattan, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Pete Hartman, Helena, Waylen/Preston Hetrick, Dianne Hoberock, Ruthie Holman, Chris Jasper, Mary Koenig, Jeff Lamboy, Brian Long, Courtney Martin, Eliska Pollock, Duane Prochaska, Jaque Radisch, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Mike Stephen, Loretta Tarochione, Linda Utaski, Jean Williams, Ashley Wygel, Bonnie Yakowicz. **Our Nursing Home Residents:** David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Jackie Jaworski, Lylia Laffoon, Bonnie Lundblad, Bill May, Bob/Diane Patterson, Mary Ralston, Dan Roberts, Giovanna Sandri, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley. **Please keep our list current by notifying the office to add/delete names.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 22:	Is 8:23-9:3 / 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 / Mt 4:12-23
Jan 23:	Heb 9:15, 24-28 / Mk 3:22-30
Jan 24:	Heb 10:1-10 / Mk 3:31-35
Jan 25:	Acts 22:3-16 / Mk 16:15-18
Jan 26:	2 Tim 1:1-8 / Mk 4:21-25
Jan 27:	Heb 10:32-39 / Mk 4:26-34
Jan 28:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 / Mk 4:35-41
Jan 29:	Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 5:1-12a

The Second Collection Next Sunday is the 138th Annual National Black & Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Our diocese also received \$31,000 in grant funding from this collection last year.

Pastoral Advisory Council Nominations – Nomination forms are available in the vestibule. Please take one home to consider the best candidates to hold these positions. Nominations must be returned to the office or in the collection basket **by February 5**.

Mary, Mother of God Lenten Retreat - Saturday, February 25 - Setting the World Ablaze - Finding Your Path Through Women of the Old Testament Join the women of Mary, Mother of God Church and author and evangelist, Amy Schisler, for a day of retreat and reflection. Registration, with a light breakfast, will begin at 9:30 AM. The day will include Bible readings, teachable moments, reflection, and small-group discussion. The retreat will end in time for Confession and Mass. Lunch is included. The cost of the retreat is \$15 per person. For more Info, contact Holly Coffman at hollygram1329@gmail.com or 870-416-9928 **before February 15**.

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.



A NOTE FROM FATHER BEN:

I am very excited to participate in Father Mike Schmitz "Catechism in a Year Podcast." This is a FREE podcast that can be found on your smartphone. Apple users can click this link, <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-catechism-in-a-year-with-fr-mike-schmitz/id1648949780>.

The podcasts can also be found on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@TheCatechismInAYear>. The reading plan can be downloaded at <https://ascensionpress.com/>.

It is with great joy that I encourage you to participate, delving deeply into our faith; exploring not only what we as Catholics believe, but also why we believe. With great joy, Fr. Ben Riley

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – ADORERS NEEDED!!!

BY BLESSED CONCEPCION "CONCHITA" CABRERA DE ARMIDA: "O sacred host, I carry your image engraved in my memory, but far more in my heart, I always seek you in the ciborium, in the tabernacle, in the monstrance, as my eyes and my thoughts pierce brick walls, silk, precious metals, and even the appearance of bread that hides You, my Jesus." **Call Carmen at 305-815-1795 to schedule a time. The following hours are available:**

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 @ 1 PM

Thursday @ 1 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM

Friday @ Noon & 1 PM

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



If you couldn't make the trip to Little Rock on January 22, why not attend the NWA MARCH FOR LIFE in Rogers next Sunday, January 29? Christians from all over NWA will give a joyful witness to celebrate Life! Pro-Lifers will meet at 2 PM at the corner parking lot of St. Vincent de Paul Church at Poplar & 13th in Rogers. We will walk east on Poplar past Planned Parenthood and the new Loving Choices on to Walnut and then 8th Street to the First Baptist Church on Olive & 8th. (1.4 miles) Pro-Lifers will then gather inside the First Baptist Church for our annual Procession of Roses and view expo tables displaying the various pro-life activities in NWA.

PROCESSION OF ROSES - Upon the arrival at the First Baptist Church - Olive Street Campus - for the March for Life, on January 29 at 2 PM, we will have our annual Procession of Roses. This is a sobering yet beautiful ceremony to remember the 60+ million babies who have died from abortion. A person born in each year since 1973 carries a rose to remember and honor the babies aborted in that year. We are still looking for people born in the following years:

1974, 1975, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1989, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2009, 2011, 2014, 2019, and a very pregnant Mother due in 2023.

Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044ea5af22a6fc1-procession#/> or text Sheila Pursell at 469-231-1959.

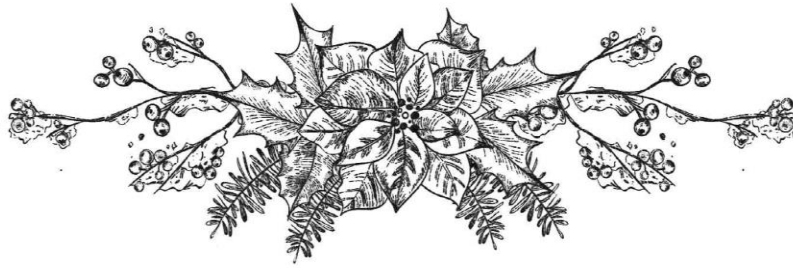
Magnificat (A Ministry to Catholic Women) Luncheon – St. Michael's Church in Cherokee Village – Saturday, February 11 – 11 AM to 2 PM – \$15/person; no tickets will be sold at the door. Mary Trevino is the featured speaker. For more info, call St. Michael's Church at 870-257-2850 or Lori Templet at 870-856-2261. Checks payable to Magnificat may be sent to St. Michael's Church, PO Box 970, Cherokee Village, AR 72525, no later than February 3.

A DAY OF RETREAT – Saturday, February 4 – 8:45 AM to 3 PM – Christ the King Church in Little Rock -

This retreat will provide an opportunity to step away from the demands and distractions of the outside world while filling every woman's heart with the immense love of God. This year's event also includes a BONUS Evening of Preparation for all registrants. For more info, visit WomenofHopeAR.org.



Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference – FREE - Super Bowl Saturday, February 11 – 7:30 AM to 2:45 PM at Christ the King Church in Little Rock – Our theme this year is "Getting to Know Jesus through Prayer and Scripture". Dr. Sri will present two separate talks. Speakers include Dr. Edward Sri and Father Ruben Quinteros (Director of Spiritual Formation at the Diocese's House of Formation). Since its inception, the Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference has featured speakers who impact men's lives with their passion for Christ and His Church. This year is no different! Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. Each year he speaks to tens of thousands of people from around the world, including clergy, parish leaders, catechists, and laity. He has written several best-selling books, including *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion*, *Walking with Mary*, *Who Am I to Judge? – Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love*, and *Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple*. Come be a part of this extraordinary event, with over 500 other men who long to renew their faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus. Visit arcatholicmen.com for more info or to register.



Dear Parishioners,

May the peace of the Christ child and the Holy Family of Bethlehem be with you, and all your loved ones throughout the new year of 2023!

The parish has a Christmas gift for each of you available for pick up after the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. I hope you will find *Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life* by Matthew Kelly to be a source of spiritual growth and inspiration.

As of December, I have been serving as pastor of Mary Mother of God and Saint Andrew's parishes for seven months. It is amazing how quickly the time has gone, and I want to thank all of you, from the bottom of my heart, for being so kind and welcoming as I transition into this new role. Our community experienced a great loss with the death of Father Jim Fanrak. I pray that you will continue to be patient with me as I continue to try to fill his very large shoes. Please continue to support and care for each other through prayer as we anticipate the coming of our Lord at Christmas.

Covid has been a significant hindrance to ministry at the parish. It has caused many people, including myself, to become a bit reclusive and introverted, preferring to stay in the comfort of our homes instead of getting out and socializing. Thankfully, it has also helped us to recognize the necessity for community and has caused many to desire more social interactions at the Church. It is with joy, now that all the Covid restrictions in the church have been lifted, that we can return to active ministry and build up our community. There has already been some progress in this area. In commemoration of the Eucharistic Revival happening over the next three years, both Saint Andrew's and MMG have begun Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction before the Wednesday Masses. Saint Andrew's parish has begun an in-person Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Class, "O.C.I.A.", and has had great success. It is my desire to start a similar program at MMG in the Fall. Mary Mother of God parish also organized a fun and well-attended parish picnic.

To continue this progress, and so that I may ask your help in building up the kingdom of God, I have scheduled a parish "Town Hall Meeting" both at Saint Andrew's and Mary Mother of God. The purpose of this meeting is to continue the conversation concerning the Synod on Synodality, look for new social and ministry opportunities in the parish, and discuss upcoming projects. If you have any suggestions for topics, please submit them to Robin at MMG or Denise at Saint Andrew's. All parishioners are invited to join the town hall meeting which will be held on January 21st at Mary Mother of God and January 28th at Saint Andrew's, both at 10 AM.

Please make plans to join me and the whole parish community as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift to the world. Invite and welcome to Christmas Mass a friend or neighbor who has no church family with which to celebrate this holiest of days. Encourage them to come to Jesus, the Prince of Peace, that they may know, as we know, how much God loves them and all of us.

With great joy,
Father Ben Riley

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 1, 2023 <i>Solemnity of Mary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ NO BINGO TODAY	January 2 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells In Julie's Office	January 3 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	January 4 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes	January 5 NO MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	January 6 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	January 7 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
January 8 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 2 PM BINGO TODAY	January 9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells In Julie's Office	January 10 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM CCW Meeting in Parish Hall – All Ladies Welcome!	January 11 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	January 12 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow in Parish Hall ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	January 13 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	January 14 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
January 15 <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ NO BINGO TODAY	January 16 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells In Julie's Office	January 17 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	January 18 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	January 19 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	January 20 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	January 21 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ Town Hall Meeting 10 AM - Parish Hall ++ Youth Weekend for Life in Little Rock
January 22 <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 2 PM BINGO TODAY ++ 2 PM Mass for Life in LR	January 23 <i>Day of Prayer for the</i> <i>Legal Protection</i> <i>of Unborn Children</i> NO MASS	January 24 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	January 25 <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i> 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes First Reconciliation ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	January 26 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	January 27 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	January 28 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
January 29 <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions	January 30 NO MASS	January 31 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	February 1, 2023 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	February 2 <i>Presentation of the Lord</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass Blessing of Candles ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	February 3 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass Blessing of Throats ++ 9 AM Fatima Rosary	February 4 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass Blessing of Throats Following Mass

PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: JANUARY 2023

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Roy Arnold

Lector: Joan Lipsmeyer

E/M: Roy Arnold
Val Stechly

Ushers: Jerry Hogue
Tim Reeves
Bill Markham

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper

Lector: Tom Hoberock

E/M: Greg Jasper
Stacy Burge
Judy Keith

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

ALTAR SERVERS: DECEMBER 31, 2022 - FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Dec 31: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Jan 1: Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Lily Pinson
Candle: Jacob Simon
Candle: June Simon

Jan 7: Book/Cross: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Jan 8: Thurifer: Lily Pinson
Book/Cross: Isaac Jasper
Candle: Liam Lampe
Candle: Michael Adamos

Jan 14: Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Matthew Bradford

Jan 15: Thurifer: June Simon
Book/Cross: Jacob Simon
Candle: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden

Jan 21: Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Matthew Bradford

Jan 22: Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper
Book/Cross: Kori Eddings
Candle: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kayleigh Culpepper

Jan 28: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Jan 29: Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston

Feb 4: Book/Cross: Erin Culhane
Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Jacob Bradford

Feb 5: Thurifer: Jacob Simon
Book/Cross: June Simon
Candle: Lily Pinson
Candle: Michael Adamos

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

Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

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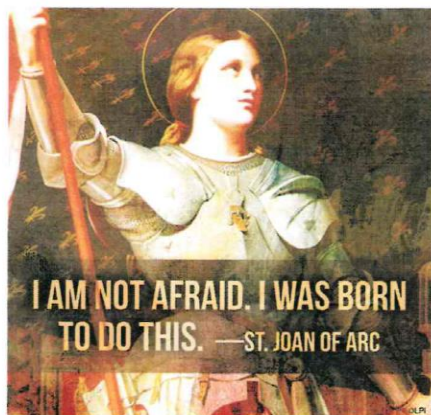
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Are You Interested?

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

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



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



• Sunday Lunch •
11 AM—1:30 PM

• DINNER •
Tuesday thru
Saturday
4:30—8 PM
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 22, 2023

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali..." This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

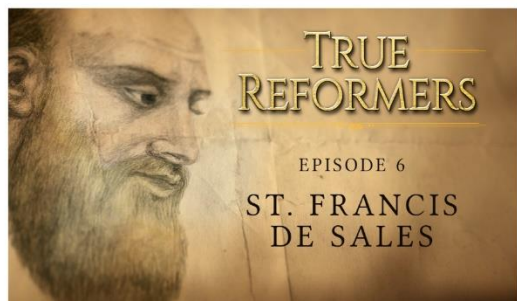
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In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster

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Week of January 22, 2023



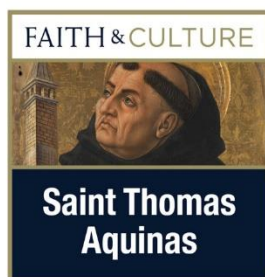
Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!



The Conversion of Saint Paul

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.



Saint Thomas Aquinas with Randall Smith

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.

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



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Informed Choices ministry exists to evangelize, encourage and empower men/women in making life affirming choices.

Informed Choices provides:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Pregnancy options education
- Healthy pregnancy education
- Limited ultrasounds
- Post abortion recovery
- Referrals for
 - Pre-natal care
 - Social services
 - Adoption
- Parenting Skills
 - Support mothers & fathers beyond pregnancy
 - "Earn While You Learn" program where clients earn items and resources to provide a healthy environment for their child

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

- PRAYER PARTNER
- FINANCIAL SUPPORTER
 - One Time Gifts
 - Monthly Gift
- DONATE ITEMS
- VOLUNTEER
 - Men/Women Volunteers
 - Youth Group Service Projects: yard work, sort baby items
- PROMOTE & PARTICIPATE
 - Baby Bottle Campaign
 - Annual Banquet(s)
 - 100-Hole Golf Marathon
 - Community Events

CURRENT NEEDS

- Diapers sizes 1&2
- New baby items
- New (unused) car seats



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 Monday – Thursday 10:00a – 6:00p
 Closed Fridays

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

Informedchoiceswomenscenter.org



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 6:00pm and sings at the Sunday 8:30am Mass and other Holy Days of Obligation, as well as Advent and Lent concerts.

Youth Choir—The Youth Choir consists of students 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 Handbell Choir meets on Monday evenings at 6PM and plays at approximately 7 Masses throughout the year and other parish events.

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. I 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 juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com



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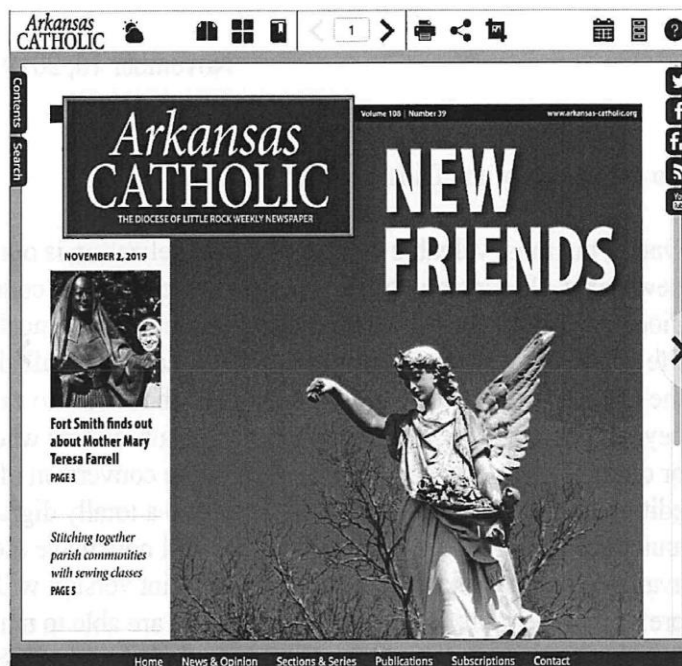
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\$50	Provides a partial scholarship for a student to attend a Campus Ministry retreat.
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\$1,500	Provides Bibles and rosaries for people incarcerated in the criminal justice system for six months.
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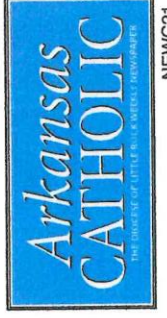
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MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



**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.