

#### 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.

#### MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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www.harrisoncatholic.org

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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

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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 28
4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM MASS: SI – Tuazon Family
Sunday. January 29 – 4th Sunday in 6

Sunday, January 29 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Rosary & Confessions 8:30 AM MASS: SI – All Parishioners

Monday, January 30 - NO MASS

Tuesday, January 31

5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions

5:30 PM MASS: SI – Mary Allen, Health

Wednesday, February 1

4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions 5:15 PM Adoration & Benediction

5:30 PM MASS: +Shirley Gillies, 4th Anniv.

6:30 PM First Reconciliation (postponed from Jan. 25)

Thursday, February 2

8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions 8:30 AM MASS: +Agnes Davis

First Friday, February 3

8:00 AM Patriotic Rosary & Confessions 8:30 AM MASS: +Lynam Family

9:00 AM Fatima Rosary

**First Saturday, February 4** 8:10 AM Rosary

8:30 AM MASS: SI – Ben Krone, BD
9:00 AM First Saturday Devotion
4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM MASS: +Tom Jamison

Sunday, February 5 – 5th 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 <u>before</u> 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.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY – We will take up 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, [including our diocese, which received \$31,000 from the Black & Indian Mission Collection last year]. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today.

**HANDBELLS** – Spring Planning Meeting is Monday, January 30 at 6 PM. Bring your calendars.

**YOUTH CHOIR** is Wednesday, February 1, 7:30-8 PM, In Julie's office in the Parish Hall.

ADULT CHOIR is Thursday, February 2 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 First Reconciliation (rescheduled from Jan 25)



Presentation of the Lord – Thursday, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast celebrates when, forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus, their first-born son, to God at

the Temple in accord with the Mosaic Law. The Mass of the day is sometimes called Candlemas because there is a special blessing for candles this day. The light of candles in prayer and liturgy express the presence of God.

This **Friday, February 3** the church celebrates the memorial of Saint Blaise, whose intercession we ask to be delivered from all diseases of the throat and from every other evil. Blessing of Throats will be offered at the end of the **Friday Mass and Sunday Masses on February 4-5.** 

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.

<u>FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION</u> – February 4th – 9 AM Adoration Hour - Immediately Following the 8:30 AM Mass

**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 the collection basket **by Sunday, Feb. 5.** 

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 29: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 5:1-12a

Jan 30: Heb 11:32-40 / Mk 5:1-20 Jan 31: Heb 12:1-4 / Mk 5:21-43

Feb 1: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 / Mk 6:1-6

Feb 2: Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40

Feb 3: Heb 13:1-8 / Mk 6:14-29

Feb 4: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 / Mk 6:30-34

Feb 5: Is 58:7-10 / 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mt 5:13-16

NEXT SUNDAY the Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal begins. The Eucharistic revival and Synod on Synodality are examples of two major ongoing initiatives in our diocese that CASA supports, as well as many other needs that exceed what most individual parishes can meet. Please take the time to review all the ways that CASA serves to build up the Kingdom of God here in Arkansas. Thank you for your generosity.

**SILVER BELLS** - If you are a "seasoned" citizen and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship, then we invite you to come and join our Silver Bells group on **Wednesday February 8 at 11 AM!** We will have a session playing handbells in the music ministry office, followed by a potluck lunch in the parish hall. Beginners are always welcome!! For more info, contact Julie Jasper at 870-688-9369.

A NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN FEBRUARY - Sign-Up Deadline is Wednesday, February 8 - A Biblical Walk Through the Mass from Ascension Press begins Sunday, February 19 at 10 AM and Tuesday, February 21 at 3 PM. This is a 5-week study. Contact Tom Hoberock at 688-1202 for more information.

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 Information, contact Holly Coffman at hollygram1329@gmail.com or 870-416-9928 before February 15.

**ATTENTION EVERYONE!** The MMG High School Class would like to learn more about our parishioners and grow in our faith together. If you would like to host 5-10 high schoolers for about an hour on a Wednesday night, we would provide the food and have a short bible study. Please contact Carrie Culhane at 870-391-9217 to schedule an evening together of food, faith, and fun!

**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 Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Pete Hartman, 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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - ADORERS NEEDED!!!**

BY BLESSSED 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

Mary Mother of God Church seeks a Secretary/Bookkeeper to manage church financial and sacramental records, prepare weekly bulletins, assist with budget preparation, and perform other administrative and bookkeeping tasks. Position scheduled for 40 hours per week with benefits and paid time off and requires a Catholic with strong accounting and computer proficiencies, excellent written and verbal communication, organization skills, and ability to interact positively with parishioners and visitors. To apply or inquire, email a cover letter and resume to Father Ben Riley at pastor.mmg.church@gmail.com.

Mary Mother of God Church seeks a custodian to clean the church, hall, and rectory, and perform tasks that include sweeping, dusting, vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms and kitchen, removing trash and recycling, and cleaning up after parish events. Work schedule averages 16 hours per week and offers some flexibility with parishioner preferred. To apply or inquire, email cover letter and resume to Father Ben Riley at pastor.mmg.church@gmail.com.

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 visit: <a href="https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-catechism-in-a-year-with-fr-mike-schmitz/id1648949780">https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-catechism-in-a-year-with-fr-mike-schmitz/id1648949780</a>. The podcasts can also be found on YouTube at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@TheCatechismInAYear">https://www.youtube.com/@TheCatechismInAYear</a>. The reading plan can be downloaded at <a href="https://ascensionpress.com/">https://ascensionpress.com/</a>.

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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR - St Andrew's CCW will host an All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Palooza on Friday, February 17, 4-7 PM. Your meal will include salad, a wide variety of pasta dishes, dessert, and beverages. Prices are \$8 per adult, \$4 per child, children 0-4 eat for free! See you there!

Share Your Favorite Lenten Recipes - Arkansas Catholic will publish a variety of recipes for meatless dishes in its Lenten section in February. If you would like to share one of your favorite recipes, please e-mail it to editor Malea Hargett at <a href="mailto:mhargett@dolr.org">mhargett@dolr.org</a>. Make sure to include your name and city. The deadline is Feb. 8.

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. arcatholicmen.com for info or to register.

PHOTO CONTEST – Any Arkansas photographer, 18 or older, can enter their photo of a local Catholic church or institution for a chance to be featured on the cover of the 2024 Diocese of Little Rock directory. *Arkansas Catholic* sponsors the annual cover photo contest. The contest entry deadline is March 17. Sister Maria Rose Carter, OSB, of Holy Angels Convent in Jonesboro won last year's contest with a photo of a sunlit mosaic depicting St. Benedict. Her photo was featured on the cover of the 2023 directory. Complete rules and an entry form are available on the *Arkansas Catholic* website, arkansas-catholic.org. For more information, contact Emily Roberts by e-mail to eroberts@dolr.org.

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.



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

	HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!
February 1	Shirley Feldman, Marisa Keylon, Alina Perez
February 3	Rachel Hodges
February 4	Mary Griggs, Ben Krone, Kheilab McBride,
	Gabby Paradiso
February 5	Jonah Charlton, Norma Renshaw
February 6	Roman Carrera, Jacob King, Tina Pietrabella, Rita Wells
February 8	Lucia McArthur, Rei Wibowo
February 10	Noah Applegate, Lorraine Gokenbach,
	Uriel Ramirez
February 11	Benny Hancock
February 13	Chad Coffman, Mike Stephen
February 15	Teresa Hargett
February 16	Carmen Andrade
February 18	Paul DiCarlo, Gabriel Lavoi
February 20	Gabriel Sandoval
February 21	Sheila O'Laughlin, Hugo Padilla Flores,
	Jonathan Porras, Evan Webb
February 24	Mary Dryden-Koenig, Ed Karlovic
February 26	Jennifer Billups, Janet Wilcox
February 27	Rick Milburn
February 28	Landon Snyder, Frank Taheny
February 29	Holly Coffman, Andrew Perez
	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
February 10	Harvey & Emily Myers
February 11	Audrey & Joseph McFadden
February 13	Johann & Sally Chua, Levi & Helen Haley
February 20	Ronnie & Shirlene Lackey
February 21	Bob & Donna Terrell
February 23	Bob & Patsy Astorino
February 27	Jim & Karen Conner

<u>Hope & Healing</u>, a 12-week online Bible study just for women who have been wounded by abortion, will begin March 1, 2023, meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6 PM to 7:15 PM\* via Zoom. This free Project Rachel Ministry opportunity will explore the impact of past abortion decisions on our lives and help us discover what we need to do to heal from these traumatic experiences.

On this journey of self-discovery and empowerment, we will meet 12 amazing women who, just like us, are wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends. Together, we will learn how these women faced the same struggles and challenges that we face, and through their example gain insight into what we can do to make changes in our own lives so that we can move forward from lingering grief, shame, guilt, fear, and pain, to acceptance, forgiveness, trust, peace, love, and joy.

Any woman, anywhere, can participate from the comfort of her own space, anonymously if desired, with a virtual group of soon-to-be friends. Call or text our **CONFIDENTIAL direct phone line 501-663-0996** for more information. Registration is required by February 22, 2023.

\*Other meeting days/times may be available. Please call if interested.

**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.

# MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1, 2023	February 2	February 3	February 4
4th Sunday in Ordinary	,	·	•	Presentation of the Lord	First Friday	First Saturday
8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions	NO MASS ++ HANDBELLS: 6 PM Spring Planning Meeting in Julie's Office. Bring Your Calendars!	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	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	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass Blessing of Candles ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass Blessing of Throats ++ 9 AM Fatima Rosary	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
			In Julie's Office			++ CASA Begins
February 5 5th Sunday in Ordinary	February 6	February 7	February 8	February 9	February 10	February 11
8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass Blessing of Throats Following Mass ++ Coffee & Donuts Following Mass in Hall ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ CASA Begins ++ 2 PM BINGO TODAY	NO MASS	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	11 AM Silver Bells Returns  ++  4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes 6:30 PM OCIA Class Begins ++  7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	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	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
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8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Aid to Church in Central & Eastern Europe ++ 10 AM Bible Study Begins ++ 2 PM BINGO TODAY	NO MASS	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study Begins ++ 6 PM CCW Meeting in Parish Hall All Ladies Welcome!	8:30 AM Mass w/ Imposition of Ashes 5:30 PM Mass w/ Imposition of Ashes ++ NO PRE/NO OCIA/NO CHOIR ++ Knights of Columbus Annual Lenten Fish Fry See Bulletin for More Info	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ Lenten Retreat for Women - Setting the World Ablaze - Finding Your Path Through Women of the Old Testament 9:30 AM Registration \$15 Per Person
February 26 First Sunday of Lent  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study	February 27 NO MASS	February 28  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study	with regand Ash Wednesday and Good full meal and two smaller of Lent are days of abstage 14. The law of fast to see to it that minors, in the authentic sense of All members of the Ch		d other forms of pend abstinence. The law ce prohibits the eating is. The obligation of abee ages of 18-59. Paston law of fast and abstinent to do acts of penance saged to do acts of penance.	of fasting allows one of meat. The Fridays stinence begins at as and parents are noce, are educated uitable to their age.
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#### MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: FEBRUARY 2023

5 PM Saturday Mass 8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Roy Arnold Rosary: Bob Lowery

Lector: Wes Bradford Lector: John Duncan

E/M: Roy Arnold E/M: Bob Lowery

Elisabeth Scouten Mike Galligan
Mary Billups

Ushers: Everett Burr Ushers: Al Hanson

Chad Coffman Regina Hanson
Chuck Draper Gerry Gokenbach
Terry Draper James Virnig

#### ALTAR SERVERS: FEBRUARY 4, 2023 - MARCH 5, 2023

Feb 4: Book/Cross: Erin Culhane Feb 5: Thurifer: Jacob Simon

Candle: Landon Snyder Book/Cross: June Simon
Candle: Jacob Bradford Candle: Lily Pinson

Candle: Michael Adamos

**Feb 11:** Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys **Feb 12:** Thurifer: Isaac Jasper

Candle: Adam Coffman Book/Cross: Josselyn Huddleston

Candle: Matthew Bradford Candle: Liam Lampe
Candle: Lily Pinson

**Feb 18:** Book/Cross: Landon Snyder **Feb 19:** Thurifer: June Simon

Candle: Jacob Bradford Book/Cross: Jacob Simon
Candle: Erin Culhane Candle: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden

Ash Wed: Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper

<u>5:30 PM</u> Book/Cross: Kayleigh Culpepper

Candle:

Candle: Liam Lampe

Michael Adamos

Feb 25: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford Feb 26: Thurifer: Lily Pinson

Candle: Zeke Humphreys Book/Cross: Michael Adamos
Candle: Adam Coffman Candle: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden

Mar 4: Book/Cross: Jacob Bradford Mar 5: Thurifer: Kori Eddings

Candle: Landon Snyder Book/Cross: Logan Eddings
Candle: Erin Culhane Candle: Isaac Jasper
Candle: Jacob Simon

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

## Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

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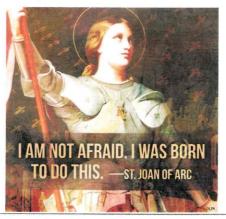
#### Are You Interested?

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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#### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 29, 2023

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

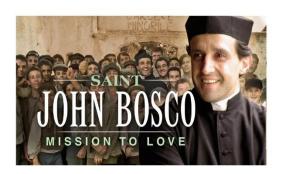
The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like that? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross. Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

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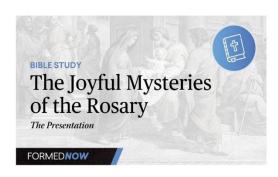


# Week of January 29, 2023



#### Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.



# A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Protho and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.



#### Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth

Don Bosco tells the true story of a brave and holy priest whose single-handed battle to save the children of the streets inspired the formation of the Salesians, which is now a worldwide religious order that carries on his work with youth everywhere.

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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

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

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



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

#### Informed Choices provides:

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

## WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

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

#### CURRENT NEEDS

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



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

<u>Adult Choir</u>—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.

<u>Youth Choir</u>—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.

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

#### What does Music Ministry mean to me?

"Singing in church has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. 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 <a href="mailto:juliemmqmusic@yahoo.com">juliemmqmusic@yahoo.com</a>



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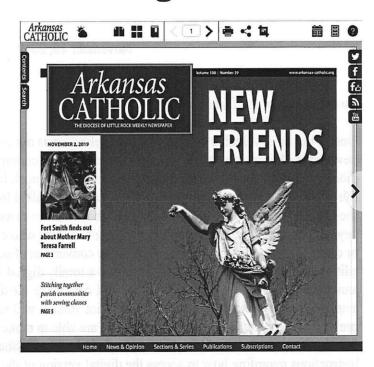
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# MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



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 <u>not</u> have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their duties do <u>not</u> have to do safe environment training or background checks.

#### **WHAT** training programs:

"CMG Connect" → online training for adults

(<a href="http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment">http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment</a>)

(or directly at: <a href="https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org">https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org</a>)

"Circle of Grace" → in-classroom training for children/youth

We will <u>no longer use VIRTUS's</u> "Protecting God's Children" or "Touching Safety." Instead, we will use products supported by **Catholic Mutual Group (CMG)**.

All data from VIRTUS will be moved over to CMG Connect. No one who has already done safe environment training and a background check will have to re-do anything at this time. Users who are due for a 5-year recertification will be notified how to do that by their parish/school safe environment coordinator, who will also have info on both new programs.