



## 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>First Saturday,</b>	<b>January 7</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Grant Criger, BD
9-10 AM	First Saturday Devotions
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Alex Migliore, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>January 8 – The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
8:30 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Christopher Allen, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv. (1-9)
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>January 9 – NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>January 10</b>
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – Hostettler Family
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>January 11</b>
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: +Virginia Reed, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>January 12</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Mark Rowe
9:00 AM	Rosary – Led by Catholic Christian Women
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>January 13</b>
8:00 AM	Patriotic Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Liesl Krone, BD
9:00 AM	Fatima Rosary
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>January 14</b>
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>January 15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
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](http://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 (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 the Gift Bearer binder in the vestibule.



**REST IN PEACE** – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Linda Hoyet (wife of Dick Hoyet) who died Wednesday, January 4. Please remember Linda and her family in your prayers.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION** – January 7 – 9 AM Adoration Hour - Immediately Following the 8:30 AM Mass

In Honor of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, MMG is hosting a dinner this evening, Saturday, January 7, after the 5 PM Vigil Mass. All are welcome to join in this celebration of food and fellowship as we honor the life of Pope Benedict by watching a movie about his life. Father Ben will make his famous venison chili and beef chili for the dinner. Please bring a side item to share. See you there!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TODAY**, Sunday, January 8 at 2 PM to take down the Christmas decorations in the church. Thanks!



**BINGO TODAY** – Sunday, January 8 at 2 PM. Invite a friend! Doors will open at 1 PM. Proceeds benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

**HANDBELL PRACTICE** is Monday, January 9 at 7 PM, in Julie's office in the Parish Hall.

**YOUTH CHOIR** is Wednesday, January 11, 7:30-8 PM, In Julie's office in the Parish Hall.

**ADULT CHOIR** is Thursday, January 12 at 6 PM.



**Catholic Christian Women (CCW)** will meet at 6 PM this Tuesday, January 10 in the Parish Hall Conference Room. All ladies of the parish are members and are invited to attend.

**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



**Catholic Christian Women (CCW)** will pray the Rosary this Thursday, January 12, following the 8:30 AM Mass. Coffee and sweets will follow in the Hall after the Rosary.

**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.

**MMG's TOWN HALL MEETING** will be Saturday, January 21 at 10 AM in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to discuss upcoming projects. If you have any suggestions for topics, please contact Robin in the church office **no later than Jan. 20.**

**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, Waylen/Preston Hetrick, Dianne Hoberock, Ruthie Holman, Chris Jasper, Mary Koenig, Brian Long, Eliska Pollock, +Pope Benedict XVI, Duane Prochaska, Jaque Radisch, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Mike Stephen, Loretta Tarochione, Jerome Tauer, Linda Utaski, Jean Williams, Ashley Wygel. **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.**

### 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



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONER!

Jean Newland  
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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 8: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12  
Jan 9: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17  
Jan 10: Heb 2:5-12 / Mk 1:21-28  
Jan 11: Heb 2:14-18 / Mk 1:29-39  
Jan 12: Heb 3:7-14 / Mk 1:40-45  
Jan 13: Heb 4:1-5, 11 / Mk 2:1-12  
Jan 14: Heb 4:12-16 / Mk 2:13-17  
Jan 15: Is 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34

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](http://www.flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch) or text flockmmg to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates. Need help to set up your flocknote? Contact the church office.



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**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>

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – THE LORD WAITS FOR YOU!

The next time you find yourself impatient in everyday moments when you have to wait, think about how often God waits for us. Jesus waits for us in the tabernacle. As we start this year, perhaps find some time and make an effort to visit Him. "It is no less than heaven on earth." **Call Carmen at 305-815-1795 to schedule a time. The following hours are available:**

**Sunday @ 7 AM, 9 AM & 3 PM**

**Monday @ 7 AM, 10 AM & 1 PM**

**Tuesday @ 7 AM, 9 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**



**Arkansas Right to Life will sponsor the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life on Sunday, January 22 at 2 PM in Little Rock.** This year we will be celebrating that **ROE IS NO MORE!** We are excited to be returning to march down Capitol Avenue! Staging will begin at State Street and Capitol Avenue at 1:30 PM and the march will begin at 2 PM and end at the steps of the State Capitol for a short program. For more info, call 501-663-4237.

**If you can't make the trip to Little Rock on January 22, why not attend the NWA MARCH FOR LIFE in Rogers on 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.

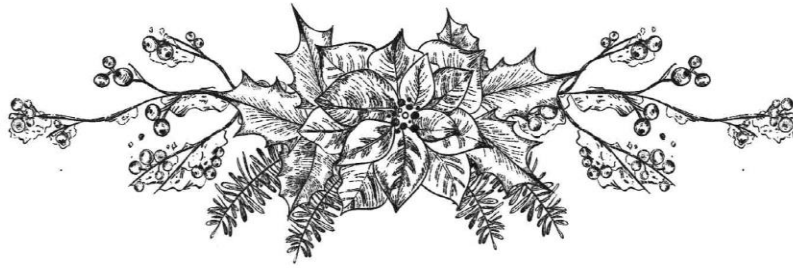


**A DAY OF RETREAT – Saturday, February 4 – 8:45 AM to 3 PM – Christ the King Church in Little Rock** - Are you still looking for something for that one woman who gives so much but seems so difficult to buy for? Is that woman you? Give the gift of Women of Hope, A Day of Retreat. This gift will provide 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](http://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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> at Mary Mother of God and January 28<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>January 1, 2023</b> <i>Solemnity of Mary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ <b>NO BINGO TODAY</b>	<b>January 2</b>  <b>NO MASS</b> ++ <b>7 PM Handbells</b> <b>In Julie's Office</b>	<b>January 3</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	<b>January 4</b>  4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes	<b>January 5</b>  <b>NO MASS</b> ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ <b>6 PM Adult Choir</b>	<b>January 6</b> <i>First Friday</i>  8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>January 7</b> <i>First Saturday</i>  8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>January 8</b> <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ <b>2 PM BINGO TODAY</b>	<b>January 9</b> <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>  <b>NO MASS</b> ++ <b>7 PM Handbells</b> <b>In Julie's Office</b>	<b>January 10</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>6 PM CCW Meeting</b> <b>in Parish Hall --</b> <b>All Ladies Welcome!</b>	<b>January 11</b>  4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes ++ <b>7:30-8 PM Youth Choir</b> <b>In Julie's Office</b>	<b>January 12</b>  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 ++ <b>6 PM Adult Choir</b>	<b>January 13</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>January 14</b>  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>January 15</b> <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ <b>NO BINGO TODAY</b>	<b>January 16</b>  <b>NO MASS</b> ++ <b>7 PM Handbells</b> <b>In Julie's Office</b>	<b>January 17</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	<b>January 18</b>  4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes ++ <b>7:30-8 PM Youth Choir</b> <b>In Julie's Office</b>	<b>January 19</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ <b>6 PM Adult Choir</b>	<b>January 20</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>January 21</b>  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ Town Hall Meeting 10 AM - Parish Hall ++ <b>Youth Weekend for</b> <b>Life in Little Rock</b>
<b>January 22</b> <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ <b>2 PM BINGO TODAY</b> ++ <b>2 PM Mass for Life in LR</b>	<b>January 23</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the</i> <i>Legal Protection</i> <i>of Unborn Children</i>  <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>January 24</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	<b>January 25</b> <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 <b>First Reconciliation</b> ++ <b>7:30-8 PM Youth Choir</b> <b>In Julie's Office</b>	<b>January 26</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ <b>6 PM Adult Choir</b>	<b>January 27</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>January 28</b>  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>January 29</b> <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions	<b>January 30</b>  <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>January 31</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	<b>February 1, 2023</b>  4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes ++ <b>7:30-8 PM Youth Choir</b> <b>In Julie's Office</b>	<b>February 2</b> <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass <b>Blessing of Candles</b> ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ <b>6 PM Adult Choir</b>	<b>February 3</b> <i>First Friday</i>  8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass <b>Blessing of Throats</b> ++ 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>February 4</b> <i>First Saturday</i>  8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass <b>9 AM First Saturday</b> Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass <b>Blessing of Throats</b> <b>Following Mass</b>

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.***



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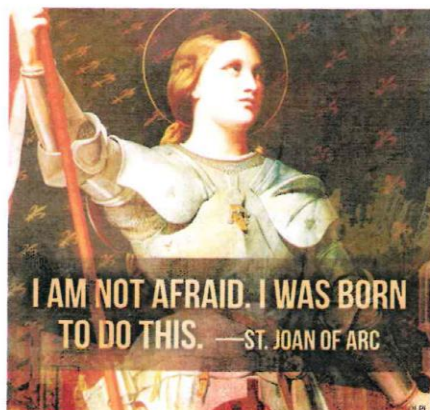
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### Are You Interested?

**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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A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

— Father John Muir

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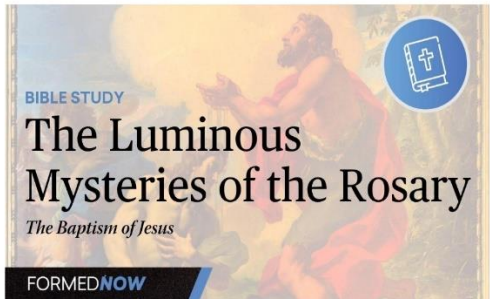
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# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of January 08, 2023



## A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: The Baptism of Jesus (Part 1)

Why was Jesus baptized by John the Baptist and what does this mean for the Sacrament of Baptism? Sit down with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Michael Barber as they unpack the first Luminous Mystery of the Rosary.



## Reborn - Episode 1: A New Creation

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



## The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist The Bible and Baptism Episode 3

Dr. John Sehorn joins Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College. This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist.

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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



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SIGN-UP SHEET**

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

*What does Music Ministry mean to me?*

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

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

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

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

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





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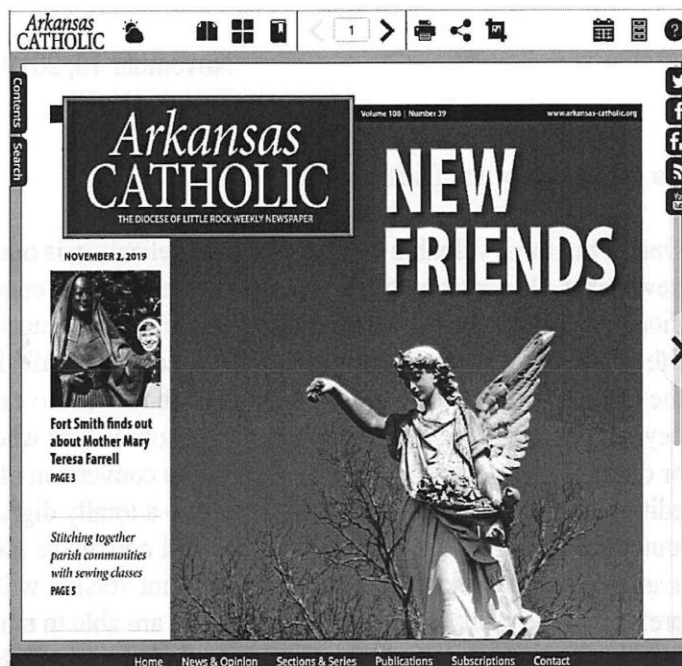
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# MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



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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.