



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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www.harrisoncatholic.org

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,	February 18
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Agnes Davis
Sunday,	February 19 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Monday,	February 20 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	February 21
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Marin Jones
Ash Wednesday, February 22	
8:30 AM	MASS w/Imposition of Ashes: +Lorita Henry
4:30 PM	 Rosary, Evening Prayer & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS w/Imposition of Ashes: +Ann May
Thursday,	February 23
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Connie Neuroth
Friday,	February 24
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Mark Smith, BD
9:00 AM	Holy Hour w/Stations of the Cross
Saturday,	February 25
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Sunday,	February 26 – First Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Mel Pollock, 3 rd Anniv.



VIGIL CANDLES - If you wish to light a 6-day vigil candle, a suggested \$3 donation is requested.

CONFESSIONS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE one-half hour before all Daily and Saturday/Sunday Masses or by appointment.

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.

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.

INDULGENCES – A Plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who make the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross (*Stations*). Those who are “impeded” can gain the same indulgence if they spend at least one half an hour in pious reading and meditation on the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ. –
Enchiridion Indulgentiarum – No. 63

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. This supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Thank you for your support.

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass from Ascension Press begins today, 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.



BINGO TODAY – Sunday, February 19 at 2 PM. Invite a friend! Doors will open at 1 PM. Proceeds benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

SILVER BELLS is Wednesday, February 22 at 11 AM.
YOUTH CHOIR will not meet Ash Wednesday.
ADULT CHOIR is Thursday, February 23 at 6 PM.



Catholic Christian Women (CCW) will meet at 6 PM **this Tuesday, February 21** in the Parish Hall Conference Room. All ladies of the parish are members and are invited to attend.

NO PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) this Wednesday.

NO ADULT FAITH FORMATION/OCIA this Wednesday. See you next week on March 1st! It's not too late to join us!

RECEPTION OF ASHES – Anyone who recognizes the spiritual value of the blessed ashes is welcome to receive them.

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY are days of fasting and abstinence in the United States. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. **FRIDAYS OF LENT** are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age. The Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by law.

LENTEN SERVICES – Throughout Lent, the Stations of the Cross are said on Fridays at 9 AM. The Rosary is prayed before other daily, Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please choose one or more of these Lenten practices for your sacrifice of prayer.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION directly funds priests, nuns, and others in ministry in our diocese to serve parishioners and communities that by themselves would be unable to cover their costs. One hundred percent of every dollar given to the Ash Wednesday collection is used to support missionary work that reaches out and serves Catholics in Arkansas. Please be generous so that the great gift of our faith can be nourished among our Catholic brothers and sisters in all parts of our state.

Knights of Columbus Ash Wednesday Fish Fry – Wed., Feb. 22 – 5:30–8 PM (unless we run out early!) - Advance tickets will be sold for \$10/ticket



after weekend Masses or by calling the church office. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15/ticket. Kids 5 & Under Eat Free. Dine-In or Carry-Out. Menu: Fried Cod*, Fries, Mac/Cheese, Coleslaw, Corn Nuggets, Roll, Dessert & Drink. **Friday Fish Fry Nights** will be March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 5:30-8 PM. Dine-In or Carry-Out. Tickets will be \$5/person and the menu will be Fried Cod*, Fries, Coleslaw, Dessert & Drink. *Menu items subject to change based on item availability.

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.

The 2023 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) has begun. We ask that you prayerfully welcome this opportunity to give in support of overall needs of the Church in our Diocese. Our parish goal remains at \$21,000. CASA envelopes are available in the vestibule or in your monthly stewardship envelopes.

Mary Mother of God Lenten Retreat – Next 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 or to sign up, contact Holly at hollygram1329@gmail.com or 870-416-9928.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Veterans, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, Charlotte Amrhein, Aubrey/Audrey, 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, Wayne Dixon, 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, Erik/Kenzi Hofstetter, Ruthie Holman, Chris Jasper, Ed Karlovic, Caven James Keith, Mary Koenig, Jeff Lamboy, Brian Long, Courtney Martin, Eliska Pollock, Duane Prochaska, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Mike Stephen, Loretta Tarochione, Linda Utaski, Jimmie Wells, Jean Williams, Ashley Wygel, Bonnie Yakowicz, John Zollo. **Our Nursing Home Residents:** David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Jackie Jaworski, Lylia Laffoon, Bonnie Lundblad, Bill May, Bob/Diane Patterson, Jaque Radisch, Dan Roberts, Giovanna Sandri, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley. **Please keep our list current by notifying the office to add/delete names.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE 40 CANS OR 40 BUCKS

Council 8410 is asking each family of the parish to consider contributing to our local food pantries during this Lenten season. One can of food or one dollar for each day of Lent. Food donations may be brought to the designated area in the church vestibule before Holy Thursday. Checks may be written to "Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive" and given to any Knight or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Your assistance to the less fortunate is deeply appreciated. May God Bless You!

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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Feb 19: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 / 1 Cor 3:16-23 / Mt 5:38-48
Feb 20: Sir 1:1-10 / Mk 9:14-29
Feb 21: Sir 2:1-11 / Mk 9:30-37
Feb 22: Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20–6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Feb 23: Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25
Feb 24: Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15
Feb 25: Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32
Feb 26: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Rom 5:12-19 / Mt 4:1-11

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: <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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – ADORERS NEEDED!!!

"In the Eucharist we have Jesus, we have his redemptive sacrifice, we have his Resurrection, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit, we have adoration, obedience, and love of the Father. Were we to disregard the Eucharist, how could we overcome our own deficiency?" St. John Paul II **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 & 4 PM

Thursday @ 1 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM

Friday @ Noon & 1 PM

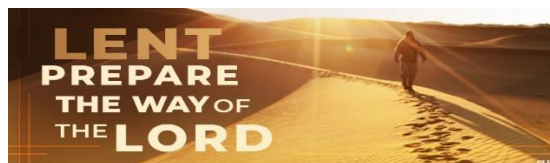
Saturday @ Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM



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 **no later than February 26.**

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 **no later than February 26.**

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 info, contact Emily Roberts by e-mail to eroberts@dolr.org.





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ASH WEDNESDAY Fish Fry

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

\$10 ADVANCE**
TICKETS

**CAN BE PURCHASED AFTER WEEKEND MASSES
OR BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE

\$15 TICKETS
SOLD AT DOOR

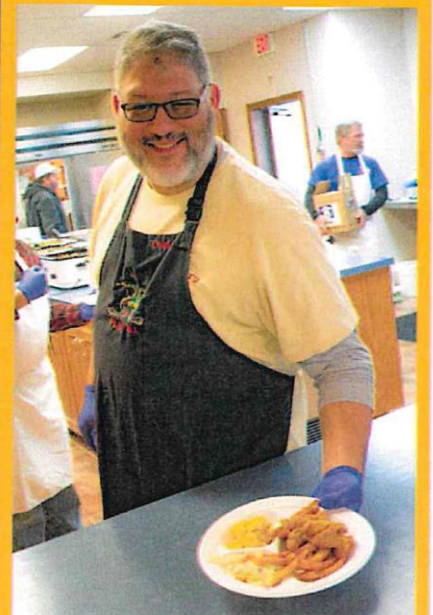
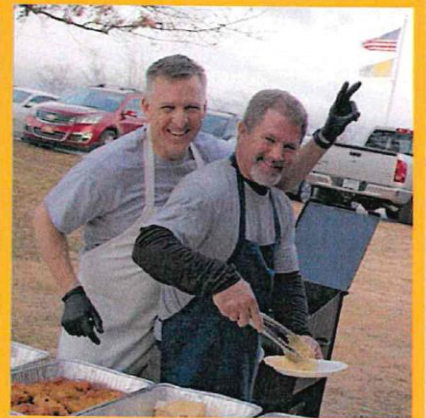
KIDS 5 & UNDER EAT FREE

Menu



FRIED COD
FRENCH FRIES
MAC & CHEESE

COLESLAW
CORN NUGGETS
ROLL

DESSERT
DRINK
DINE IN OR TAKE OUT



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HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 29 <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions	January 30 NO MASS ++ HANDBELLS: 6 PM Spring Planning Meeting in Julie's Office. Bring Your Calendars!	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 First Reconciliation ++ 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 ++ CASA Begins
February 5 <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 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	February 6 NO MASS	February 7 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	February 8 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 ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	February 9 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	February 10 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	February 11 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
February 12 <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	February 13 NO MASS	February 14  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	February 15 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 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 6:30 Confirmation Practice ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	February 16 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	February 17 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	February 18 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
February 19 <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 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	February 20 NO MASS	February 21 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study Begins ++ 6 PM CCW Meeting in Parish Hall -- All Ladies Welcome!	February 22  <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 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 FAST & ABSTINENCE	February 23 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	February 24 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	February 25 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 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> 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	As the season of Lent approaches, it is helpful to recall the discipline of the Church with regard to fast, abstinence, and other forms of penance. <u>Ash Wednesday</u> and <u>Good Friday</u> are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age. All members of the Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by Law. ++ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - LENTEN FOOD DRIVE - 40 CANS OR 40 BUCKS Food donations may be brought to the church vestibule before Holy Thursday. Checks payable to the Knights of Columbus may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the church office.			

PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: FEBRUARY 2023

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Roy Arnold

Lector: Wes Bradford

E/M: Roy Arnold
Elisabeth Scouten

Ushers: Everett Burr
Chad Coffman
Chuck Draper
Terry Draper

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Bob Lowery

Lector: John Duncan

E/M: Bob Lowery
Mike Galligan
Mary Billups

Ushers: Al Hanson
Regina Hanson
Gerry Gokenbach
James Virnig

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

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

Feb 11: Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman
Candle: Matthew Bradford

Feb 12: Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Josselyn Huddleston
Candle: Liam Lampe
Candle: Lily Pinson

Feb 18: Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Candle: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Erin Culhane

Feb 19: Thurifer: June Simon
Book/Cross: Jacob Simon
Candle: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden

Ash Wed: Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper
5:30 PM Book/Cross: Kayleigh Culpepper
Candle: Michael Adamos
Candle: Liam Lampe

Feb 25: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Feb 26: Thurifer: Lily Pinson
Book/Cross: Michael Adamos
Candle: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden

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

Mar 5: Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper
Book/Cross: Kayleigh Culpepper
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.

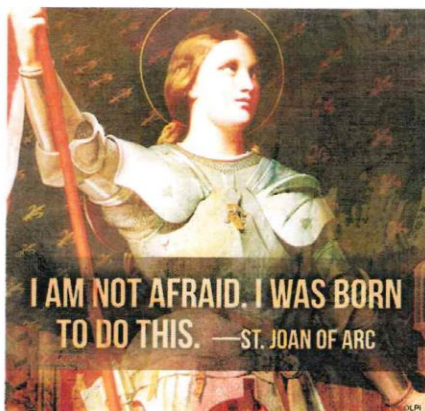
Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.

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!



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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 19, 2023

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. "What is unusual about that?" asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, while they were doing it. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— Father John Muir

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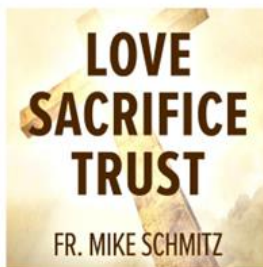
Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



The Spirit and the Desert

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.



Love—Sacrifice—Trust:

He Showed Us the Way by Fr. Mike Schmitz

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!

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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
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<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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<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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 Monday – Thursday 10:00a – 6:00p
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715 W Sherman, Harrison 870-280-3169
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
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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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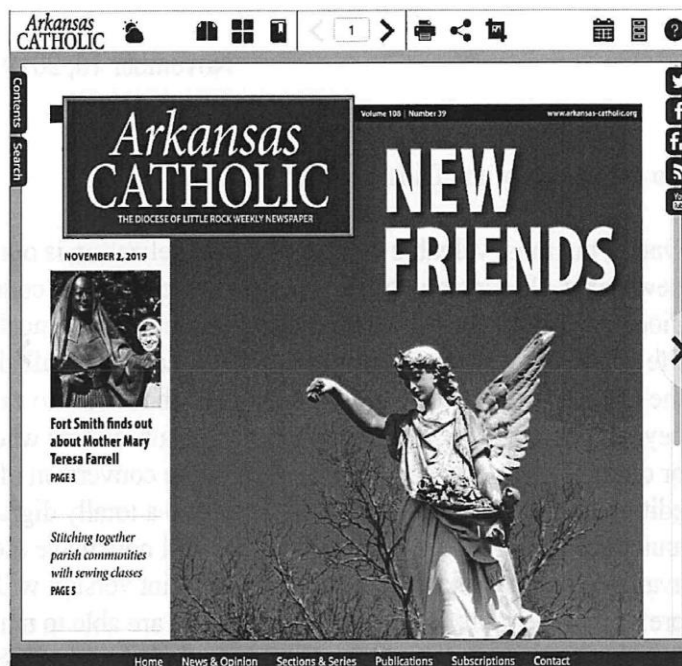
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MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



**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.