



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,	March 18
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday,	March 19 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Joseph Feldman, 9 th Anniv.
Monday,	March 20 – NO MASS
10:00 AM	Graveside Service: +Reta Hoyt
Tuesday,	March 21 – NO MASS
Wednesday,	March 22 – NO MASS
Thursday,	March 23 – NO MASS
Friday,	March 24 – NO MASS
9:00 AM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday,	March 25
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Mark Rowe
Sunday,	March 26 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Dan Allen, 1 st Anniv. (3-27)



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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS! - The following parishioners have been appointed to the Pastoral Advisory Council: Terra Atkinson, Greg Jasper, David Krueger, Adam Lampe, Joan Lipsmeyer, Anne Milburn, and Mary Stephens. God bless them in their new ministry and feel free to reach out to them about topics for the Council Meetings.

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 - This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



St. Patrick's Day & Father Ben's Birthday Celebration is Saturday, March 18th following the 5 PM Mass. Irish Stew, Soda Bread, Mac & Cheese, Birthday Cake, Refreshments, and Entertainment!! See you there!

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass from Ascension Press continues Sundays at 10 AM and Tuesdays at 3 PM. Contact Tom Hoberock at 688-1202 for more information.

NO Handbells This Week – Spring Break
NO Youth Choir This Week – Spring Break
ADULT CHOIR - Thursday, March 23 at 6 PM.



NO PREP THIS WEEK – Spring Break – See you on March 29th.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION/OCIA continues this Wednesday at 6:30 PM. (Dinner with PRE begins at 6 PM.) It's not too late to join us! See the schedule below:

Catechist	Topic	Date
Carmen Andrade	Prayer, Mary, and the Saints	3/22/2023
Matthew/Tiffany Reding	Moral and Social Doctrines Of the Church	3/29/2023
Fr. Ben Riley	Last Things: What happens after we die?	4/5/2023

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.

Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry Nights

continue on March 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 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!

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 Lent beyond what is prescribed by law.

LENTEN SERVICES – Throughout Lent, the Stations of the Cross are said on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM and Fridays at 9 AM. The Rosary is prayed before daily, Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please choose one or more of these Lenten practices for your sacrifice of prayer.



LENTEN CONCERT -- Please join us on Sunday, April 2nd at 3PM to reflect and meditate on the final words of our Savior Jesus Christ prior to His Most Holy Passion and Death, presented by the Mary Mother of God and St. Andrew's music ministries. Refreshments will be available in the vestibule following the concert. For more information, please contact Julie Jasper.

EASTER MEMORIALS OR HONORARIUMS -- Memorials (for a deceased loved one) or Honorariums (for a living loved one) are available for a \$10 donation. Easter flowers will remain throughout the Easter Season on the Altar. No names will be placed on the individual flowers, but an acknowledgment will be placed in the church bulletin. An acknowledgment card will also be sent to the person you wish to honor or remember. If you wish to make a memorial or honorarium, please use the envelopes available in the vestibule. Fill in the appropriate addresses on the envelope. Return the envelope via the church office or in the collection basket by Palm Sunday, April 2. Thank you for beautifying our church!



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS -- Military & Emergency Personnel, Veterans, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, 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, +Reta Hoyt, Chris Jasper, Caven James Keith, Mary Koenig, Jeff Lamboy, Brian Long, Courtney Martin, Eliska Pollock, Duane Prochaska, Nick Rykert, 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.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 19: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41
 Mar 20: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Mar 21: Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16
 Mar 22: Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30
 Mar 23: Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47
 Mar 24: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Mar 25: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38
 Mar 26: Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45

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



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.

Little Portion Retreat - "The Lord's Supper: A Eucharistic Revival" will be hosted by John Michael Talbot at Little Portion Hermitage and Monastery **March 24-26**, June 2-4, and June 16-18. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: A Personal Encounter with Jesus Christ Through His Real Presence in the Eucharist. John Michael is supporting the National Eucharistic Revival happening today to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States. (During this retreat - guided by his new book, The Lord's Supper ~ A Eucharistic Revival, John Michael will accompany you through the Mass into a life-changing appreciation of Jesus Christ fully present in every Eucharist.) It is a true Eucharistic revival and you are invited! For complete details to register visit: <https://troubadourforthelord.net/store/ols/categories/little-portion-retreats-with-john-michael-talbot>

Mary Mother of God College Scholarship Applications

for high school seniors are due in the church office no later than **April 15**. If you need an application, contact the church office or Holly Coffman.



The Knights of Columbus will award a college scholarship this spring for the 2023-2024 academic year. Applications may be found at harrisoncatholic.org. Select Groups and click Knights of Columbus. Please submit your application to the church office no later than **April 15**. Questions? Call Nick Simon at 688-7700.

PRAYER CLOTHS - We now have prayer cloths blessed with Holy Water and prayer for your healing. Laura Brown will have prayer cloths available after Sunday's Mass or you may call the office or Laura at 870-360-8055 to request these prayer cloths.

JOB OPPORTUNITY -- We are continuing the process of seeking a full-time Bookkeeper/Secretary position at Mary Mother of God Catholic Church in Harrison, AR.

Work Conditions: Regularly scheduled for 35-40 hours per week from 8:30 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

Compensation: Hourly wage comparable to the person's experience and education. Health, dental, and life insurance. Holidays and paid time off.

Qualifications:

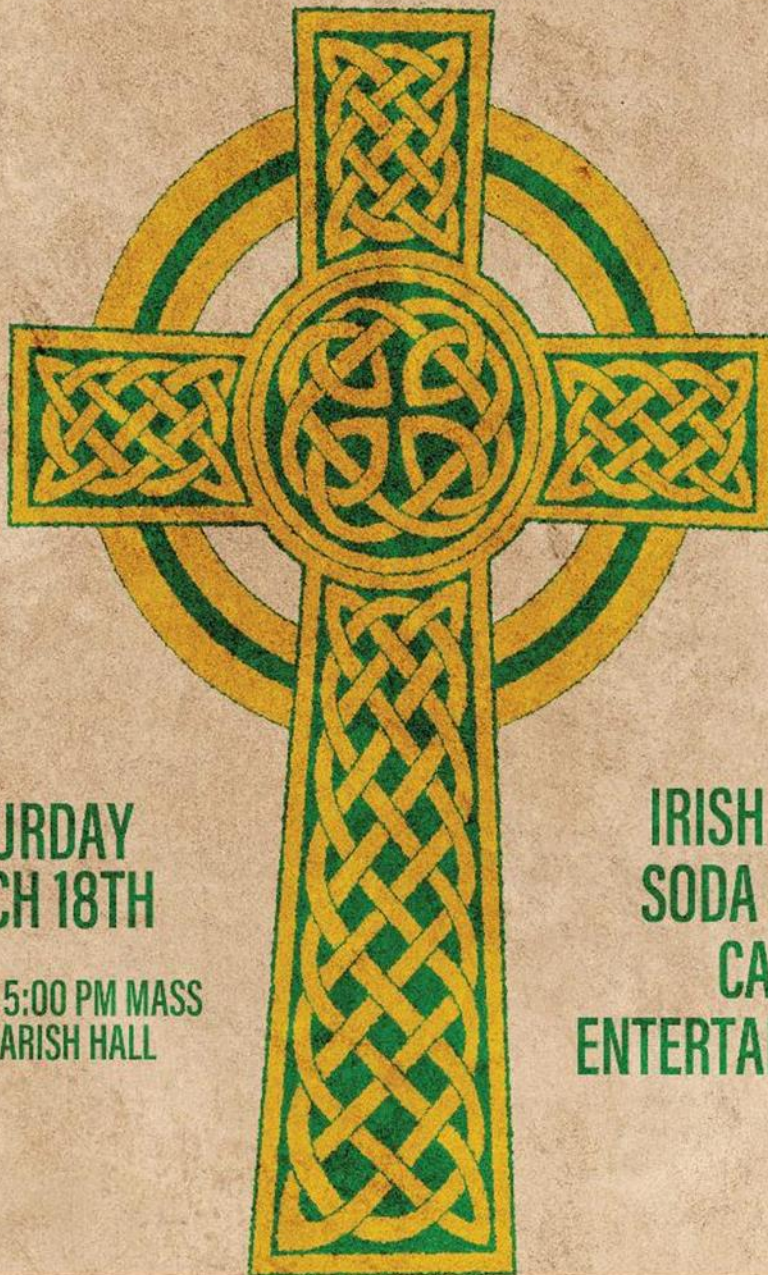
1. Catholic in good standing.
2. Office, administrative and bookkeeping skills. Organization and ability to manage multiple tasks.
3. Proficiency in Microsoft Office tools, software required to produce weekly bulletin.
4. Basic bookkeeping and accounting skills.
5. Ability to interact positively and professionally with a diverse audience.
6. Ability to maintain complete confidentiality with all aspects of the parish business.

To apply please email a resume to Father Ben Riley at pastor.mmg.church@gmail.com or mail to 1614 Maplewood Rd. Harrison, AR 72601.

St. Patrick's Day



Fr. Ben Riley's Birthday CELEBRATION



**SATURDAY
MARCH 18TH**

**FOLLOWING 5:00 PM MASS
AT THE PARISH HALL**

**IRISH STEW
SODA BREAD
CAKE
ENTERTAINMENT!!**



Mary Mother of God 2023 Confirmation Class

Please keep our sixteen Confirmandi in your prayers!



**Charlize Jaden
Adamos**

Daughter of Henry &
Emy Adamos



**Brynne Lizbeth
Bonds**

Daughter of Bryan &
Nell Bonds



**Matthew William
Bradford**

Son of Wes & Carol
Bradford



**Anna Claire
Burge**

Daughter of Stacy &
Laura Burge



**Anna Elizabeth
Culhane**

Daughter of Matt &
Carrie Culhane



**Keeley LeeAnn
Culpepper**

Daughter of Josh &
Laura Chapman



**Scarlett Juliet
Everts**

Daughter of Scott
Everts & Julie
Penquite



**Josephine
Makayla Faria**

Daughter of Joe &
Shannon Faria



Mary Mother of God 2023 Confirmation Class

Please keep our sixteen Confirmandi in your prayers!



**Braden Stewart
Haley**

Son of Levi & Helen
Haley



**Meredith Eve
Huddleston**

Daughter of
Tim & Stephanie
Huddleston



**Isaac Joseph
Jasper**

Son of Greg & Julie
Jasper



**Alessandra
Adrianna Juntos**

Daughter of Adan &
Belin Juntos



**Erin Makenzie
Pratt**

Daughter of Chris &
Angie Pratt



**Jacob Dean
Simon**

Son of Nick & Becca
Simon



**Kyle Dalton
Whiteside**







Son of Travis & Renae
Whiteside



**Jake Dominick
Zemlik**

Son of Scott &
Frances Zemlik

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>As the season of Lent continues, it is helpful to recall the discipline of the Church with regard to fast, abstinence, and other forms of penance. Good Friday is a day 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 U.S.. 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.</p>			March 1, 2023 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 PM Confessions & Stations of the Cross 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM YOUTH MASS 6:30 PM OCIA Class ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	March 2 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	March 3 First Friday 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ++ 5:30-8 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry  ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	March 4 First Saturday 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
March 5 Second Sunday of Lent 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Sweet Sunday Following Mass in Hall ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ 2 PM BINGO	March 6 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Bells	March 7 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	March 8 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 PM Confessions & Stations of the Cross 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes 6:30 PM OCIA Class ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	March 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	March 10 8 AM Fatima Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ++ 5:30-8 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry  ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	March 11 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass: Confirmation w/Bishop Anthony B. Taylor  <i>Move Your Clocks Forward Tonight</i>
March 12 Third Sunday of Lent 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study <i>Move Your Clocks Forward This Morning</i>	March 13 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Bells	March 14 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study ++ 6 PM CCW Meeting in Parish Hall -- All Ladies Welcome!	March 15 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 PM Confessions & Stations of the Cross 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes 6:30 PM OCIA Class ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	March 16 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	March 17 8 AM Fatima Rosary 8 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ++ 5:30-8 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry  ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	March 18 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ Irish Stew Dinner & Fr. Ben's Birthday Celebration Following Mass
March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ 2 PM BINGO TODAY	March 20 NO MASS ++ NO BELLS	March 21 NO MASS ++ 3 PM Bible Study	March 22 NO MASS ++ NO PRE CLASSES 6:30 PM OCIA CLASS NO YOUTH CHOIR	March 23 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	March 24 NO MASS ++ 5:30-8 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry  ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	March 25 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study	March 27 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Bells	March 28 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study	March 29 4:30 PM Confessions & Stations of the Cross 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes 6:30 PM OCIA Class ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	March 30 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir w/Handbells	March 31 8 AM Fatima Rosary 8 AM Mass 9 AM Holy Hour w/Stations ++ 5:30-8 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry  ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT	April 1, 2023 First Saturday 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 10 AM-Noon: Penance Service With Three Priests Available ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass

PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: MARCH 2023

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Carrie Culhane

Lector: Carrie Culhane

E/M: Renae Whiteside
Betty Stechly

Ushers: Chuck Draper
Terry Draper
Bill Markham
Tim Reeves

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper

Lector: Greg Jasper

E/M: Stacy Burge
Judy Keith
Elisabeth Scouten

Ushers: David Krueger
Steve O'Laughlin
Jerry Hogue
Volunteer Needed

ALTAR SERVERS: MARCH 5, 2023 - APRIL 2, 2023

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

Mar 5: Book/Cross: Kayleigh Culpepper
Candle: Isaac Jasper
Candle: Jacob Simon

Mar 11: Book/Cross: Erin Culhane
Confirmation Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Adam Coffman

Mar 12: Book/Cross: Kori Eddings
Candle: Logan Eddings
Candle: Liam Lampe

Mar 18: Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Adam Coffman

Mar 19: Book/Cross: Jacob Simon
Candle: June Simon
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston

Mar 25: Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Candle: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Erin Culhane

Mar 26: Book/Cross: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Michael Adamos

Apr 1: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Palm Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Sunday Candle: Adam Coffman

Apr 2: Book/Cross: Lily Pinson
Palm Candle: Keeley Culpepper
Sunday Candle: Kayleigh Culpepper

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

Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

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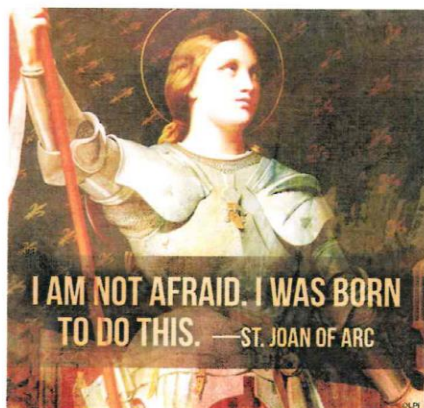
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Are You Interested?

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

Lector: Read the Scripture readings during Mass.
Rosary Leader: Lead before Mass.
Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.
Extraordinary Minister: Distribute Body & Blood of Christ during Communion.
Altar Servers: All youth who have celebrated their First Holy Communion.
Usher: Greet people, guide them to empty seats, hand out bulletins after Mass, check pews after Mass for debris or loose hymnals/missalettes.

If so, call the church office!



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 19, 2023

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my king from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— Father John Muir

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• Sunday Lunch •
11 AM—1:30 PM



• DINNER •
Tuesday thru
Saturday
4:30—8 PM
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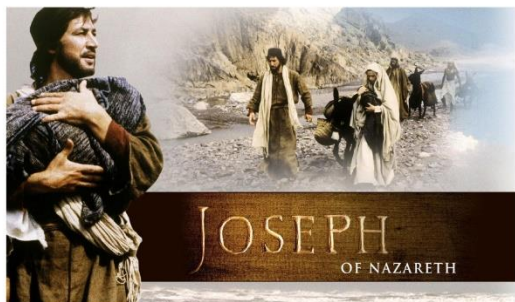
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The Annunciation Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.



St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father

While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. St. Joseph stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue. Encounter St. Joseph in a new way with St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father.

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Week of March 12, 2023



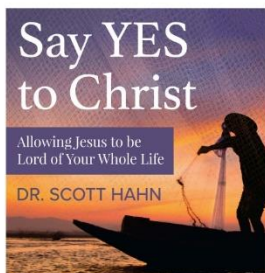
The Story of Death Eternal Rest Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.



Living Lent as a Family (Part 2 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Keenan and Bri Fitzpatrick, parents of four, to discuss liturgical living during Lent and marks of the Christian home in our world today.



Say Yes to Christ: Allowing Jesus to be Lord of Your Whole Life by Scott Hahn

Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.

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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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<u>Rosary Leader:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/>
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Please complete and return to the church office or in next weekend's collection basket.
If you are new to serving in any of these ministries, someone will contact you for a brief training meeting. Thank you!



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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

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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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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.