



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays As Scheduled

Tuesday & Wednesday – 5:30 PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

As Announced

CONFESSIONS

One-Half Hour Before All Masses

Or By Appointment w/Father Ben at 870-741-5234

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mary Mother of God Catholic Church is to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, as members of His living body, the Church, to bring the Kingdom of God into the world through evangelization, worship, Religious education, and service in our families, in our parish, and in our community.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome new members to our Church through the process and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Please contact the church office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and Godparents are required to participate in a preparation process before the Baptism of children. Registration is required. Please contact the church office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements for wedding must be made at least six months in advance. Please contact the church office.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Extraordinary Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are not able to attend Mass. Call the church office about anyone who would like to receive the Eucharist at home.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Father Ben.

Pastor/Administrator:

Deacon:

Secretary:

Rev. Benjamin Riley

Dc. Mark Scouten

Robin Markham

Adult Scripture Study:

Tom Hoberock

Buildings, Maintenance:

Craig Bailey

Catholic Christian Women:

Holly Coffman

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

Communion to Sick/Legion of Mary:

Pat Knickerbocker

Custodian:

Holly Coffman

Eucharistic Adoration:

Carmen Andrade

Finance Council:

Joe Koenig

Flocknote:

Robin Markham

Knights of Columbus:

Jerry Hogue

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Everett Burr

Libraries:

Jennifer Johnson

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Music Ministry:

Julie Jasper

Pastoral Council:

Greg 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

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| 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) |
| Monday, | March 27 – NO MASS |
| Tuesday, | March 28 |
| 5:00 PM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 5:30 PM | MASS: SI – Ting Tuazon |
| Wednesday, | March 29 |
| 4:30 PM | Stations of the Cross & Confessions |
| 5:15 PM | Adoration & Benediction |
| 5:30 PM | MASS: SI–Tim & Stephanie Huddleston Family |
| Thursday, | March 30 |
| 8:15 AM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 8:30 AM | MASS: +Bob Stephens |
| Friday, | March 31 |
| 8:15 AM | Fatima Rosary & Confessions |
| 8:30 AM | MASS: +Jerome Tauer |
| 9:00 AM | Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday, | April 1 |
| 8:10 AM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 8:30 AM | MASS: SI – Jared Chua |
| 9:00 AM | First Saturday Devotions |
| 10:00–Noon | Penance Service w/Several Priests |
| 4:30 PM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 5:00 PM | MASS: +Hedy Grämss |
| Sunday, | April 2 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord |
| 8:30 AM | Rosary & Confessions |
| 8:30 AM | MASS: SI – Ed Griggs, Health |



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.

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!

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

HANDBELLS – Monday, March 27 at 7 PM.
YOUTH CHOIR – Wednesday, March 29, 7:30-8 PM
ADULT CHOIR w/Handbells - Thursday, March 30 at 6 PM.



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) -

This Wednesday's schedule is:

4:30 PM Confessions & Stations of the Cross
5:15 PM Adoration & Benedictions
5:30 PM MASS
6:00 PM Dinner for Students/Teachers/Family



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 |
|------------------------|--|-----------|
| 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 Night Fish Fry is

March 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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION – SATURDAY, APRIL 1 – 9 AM
ADORATION HOUR – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 8:30 AM MASS

PENANCE SERVICE will be available next Saturday, April 1st from 10 AM to Noon. Several priests will be available to hear your confession.



LENTEN CONCERT – Please join us next Sunday, April 2nd at 3 PM 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, MaryAnn Dill, 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, Chris Jasper, Caven James Keith, Mary Koenig, Jeff Lamboy, Brian Long, Courtney Martin, Eliska Pollock, Glenn 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 26: Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45
 Mar 27: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Jn 8:1-11
 Mar 28: Nm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30
 Mar 29: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Jn 8:31-42
 Mar 30: Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59
 Mar 31: Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42
 Apr 1: Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56
 Apr 2: Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14–27:66

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



We are helping a friend look for a small apartment or home to rent. Could also be a mother-in-law cottage or basement apartment with partial kitchen facilities. Contact Judy or Wayne Keith at 365-3570 or 688-3608 if you know of a rental.



Easter Basket Raffle Tickets – Please support the youth of our parish who will attend the Steubenville Conference this summer by purchasing raffle tickets to win one of our Easter Baskets that will be on display in the church vestibule this weekend and Palm Sunday weekend. Baskets will also be on display Wednesdays, March 29 & April 5, in the Parish Hall during PRE. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or 12 for \$10. The winning tickets will be drawn following the Easter Egg Hunt after Easter Morning Mass. Tickets will still be available at the pavilion before the Egg Hunt. There is a basket for all ages and they are filled with lots of great items! Be sure to check them out!



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.

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.

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.

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.

REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Cynthia Pollard (sister of Yvonne Servis, Teresa Rotkowski and Matthew Reding) who died March 2.



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Reta Hoyt (mother of Cindy Durand) who died March 15.

REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Bishop Fernand Cheri, OFM (brother of Kevin Cheri) who died March 21. Please keep +Cynthia, +Reta, +Bishop Ferd, and their families in your prayers.

Little Portion Retreat - "The Lord's Supper: A Eucharistic Revival" will be hosted by John Michael Talbot at Little Portion Hermitage and Monastery **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>.

Commentary on the Rule of St. Benedict through Film, April 28-30, presented by Br. Roch McClellan, OSB: A melding of the study of film and the Rule of St. Benedict for the purpose of deepening one's Spiritual understanding of the Benedictine life and to offer some practical means for living the Rule in our 21st Century world. Cost: \$200 for a private room and \$150 per person in a shared room. Cost covers two nights' accommodations, six meals and the conferences. Commuter rate of \$75 covers all conferences and four meals. Call Courty House retreat center at Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco, AR, at 479-934-1290 or email courthouse@subi.org to register.

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Saint Teresa of Calcutta says, "Every single moment you spend before the Blessed Sacrament, in love, increases the glory you will have in heaven, forever!"



Thank you if you are already a registered, faithful Adorer of the Holy Eucharist.

If you would like to register, either for the first time or to return, please write to g.carmen.8786@gmail.com to let us know what day would be best for you. Our weekly bulletin shows the days and hours that are currently available. A brief meeting to impart guidelines will be scheduled.

If you have any questions, call Carmen at 305-815-1795.

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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

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.

ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK – (Previously called "Last Rites")

This Sacrament is the way that Jesus through the Church cares for the person who is dying, but there is so much more to it. **Please call** (or have someone call for you) the church at 741-5234 **when you are admitted** to the hospital, or to hospice care for serious illness, or for surgery. (Medical personnel will not do this for you unless you direct them.)

THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was instituted by Christ and is attested by Saint James. *"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call the Presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord."* James 5:14-15

This Sacrament confers special grace which unites the sick person more intimately to the Passion of Christ for his good and for the good of all the Church. It gives comfort, peace, courage, and even the forgiveness of sins if the sick person is not able to make a confession. Sometimes, if it is the will of God, this Sacrament even brings about the restoration of physical health. (From: COMPENDIUM, Catechism of the Catholic Church: USCCB, 2006, pages 90-92.)

Parish communications, such as prayer requests, updates, Mass cancellations, etc., arrive as a **Flocknote message**. Individuals and/or families are subscribed so they will either receive messages as emails or texts per their preference. If you do not receive prayer request emails and would like to, sign up now! Registration is easy. There are two ways to connect (pick one): Visit our parish at: www.flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch or text flockmmg to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates. Need help to set up your flocknote? Contact the church office.





DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

Office of Vocations

2500 North Tyler Street ▪ Post Office Box 7239 ▪ Little Rock, AR 72217-7239 ▪ (501) 664-0340

Announcement to be read at all Masses, weekend of March 25 and 26, 2023 regarding Holy Thursday Collection for Seminarians

Dear friends in Christ,

The Holy Thursday Collection for Seminarians was started in 2009 to give everyone the opportunity to help support the education of our seminarians. Since that time, you have donated over four million dollars (\$4,000,0000), and every dollar has been used for seminarian education and formation. Your generosity has been overwhelming, and I want to thank you for your prayers and support.

There is good news about your Holy Investment in Faith! Over the past 16 years, the Diocese of Little Rock has ordained 45 men to the priesthood. They faithfully serve your needs all across our diocese. I am proud to say, and they would agree, that the fruit of their vocations are a result of your prayers, your sacrifices, and your generosity.

And the good news of your Holy Investment in Faith continues! In 2023, God willing, 2 additional men will be ordained to minister to your needs as priests. We will ordain another young man as a transitional deacon. We currently have 20 seminarians and anticipate 5 more young men joining us in the fall. I invite you once again this year to open your hearts and help support these young men who will someday be your priests.

Your donation directly supports the education of these future priests of our diocese. The education cost for each of these 20 diocesan seminarians is **thirty six thousand dollars per year**, which is equivalent to a total cost of **seven-hundred twenty thousand dollars**. We need your help to prepare our seminarians for the priesthood. Every dollar matters. Every gift is an expression of faith.





Many of you have envelopes for this collection in your monthly packets. I have also asked each parish to place envelopes in the pews this weekend. Preferably, anytime between now and Easter, you can put the envelope in the parish collection basket, or you can mail your contribution directly to the diocese.

I want to thank you on behalf of Bishop Taylor, our seminarians and myself for your generous support and prayers. I am very proud of our seminarians. They are men of prayer. They work and study diligently. They want to be good and holy priests for your salvation. Please be assured that you are included in their daily prayers as well as in my own. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jeff Hebert
Director of Vocations

HARRISON, ARKANSAS

| Sunday March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent | Monday March 27 | Tuesday March 28 | Wednesday March 29 | Thursday March 30 | Friday March 31 | Saturday April 1, 2023 First Saturday |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass | NO MASS ++ 7 PM Bells | 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass | 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 | 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir w/Handbells | 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 | 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 |
| April 2 Palm Sunday | April 3 | April 4 | April 5 | April 6 Holy Thursday | April 7 Good Friday | April 8 Holy Saturday |
| 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ NO BINGO TODAY ++ 3 PM Lenten Concert In the Church | NO MASS ++ 7 PM Bells ++ Day of Recollection 5:30 PM Chrism Mass In Little Rock | 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM CCW Mtg, Election Stuff Easter Eggs Come Join Us!! ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting | 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 Liz Tingquist from DOLR to Meet 7-12th Grades & Their Parents 6:30 PM OCIA Class 6:15 PM Adult Choir ++ All Food Donations May Be Brought to the Church No Later than Today Thank You! | NO 8:30 AM MASS ++ NO Legion of Mary Mtg. ++ 5 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Mass ++ Collection to Support Our Seminarians ++ Adoration Until 11 PM | NO 8:30 AM Mass 3 PM Confessions & Stations of the Cross ++ 5:30 PM Service Holy Land Collection ++ NO Adoration Today ++ FAST & ABSTINENCE | NO 8:30 AM Mass NO 4:30 Confessions NO 5 PM Mass ++ 8 PM Easter Vigil Mass ++ NO Adoration Today |
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| DIVINE MERCY NOVENA APRIL 7-15 | | | | | | |
| April 9 Easter Sunday | April 10 | April 11 | April 12 | April 13 | April 14 | April 15 |
| 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass Youth Easter Egg Hunt ++ 11 AM Mass - Yellville  | NO MASS ++ NO BELLS | 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass | 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office | 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow in Parish Hall ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ NO Adult Choir | 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary | 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass |
| DIVINE MERCY NOVENA CONTINUES THROUGH APRIL 15 | | | | | | |
| April 16 Divine Mercy Sunday | April 17 | April 18 | April 19 | April 20 | April 21 | April 22 |
| 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 2 PM BINGO TODAY ++ 3 PM Divine Mercy Hour with Exposition & Benediction | NO MASS ++ NO BELLS | NO MASS | NO MASS ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office | NO MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir | NO MASS | 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ Please Welcome Fr. Naz from Mtn Home |
| April 23 3rd Sunday of Easter | April 24 | April 25 | April 26 | April 27 | April 28 | April 29 |
| 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Please Welcome Fr. Naz from Mtn Home | NO MASS ++ 7 PM Bells | 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass | 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office | 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir | 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary | 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass |
| April 30 4th Sunday of Easter | May 1, 2023 | May 2 | May 3 | May 4 | May 5 First Friday | May 6 First Saturday |
| 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Graduation Mass | NO MASS ++ 7 PM Bells | 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting | 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office | 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir | 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary | 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Confessions 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass |
| PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR. | | | | | | |

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: APRIL 2023

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper

Lector: Wes Bradford

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Elisabeth Scouten

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8:30 AM Sunday Mass

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Lector: Mary Bausch

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Mary Billups

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Regina Hanson
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ALTAR SERVERS: APRIL 2, 2023 - APRIL 30, 2023

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

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

Apr 6: Black Cassocks: Matthew Bradford
Holy Thurs Keeley Culpepper
Isaac Jasper
Jacob Simon
Red Cassocks: Zeke Humphreys
Erin Culhane
Landon Snyder
Michael Adamos

Apr 7: Book/Cross: Isaac Jasper
Good Fri Candle: Keeley Culpepper
Candle: Jacob Simon
Candle: June Simon

Apr 8: Book/Cross: Keeley Culpepper
Holy Sat Candle: Isaac Jasper
Candle: Jacob Bradford
Matthew Bradford

April 9: Book/Cross: Julia McFadden
Easter Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston

Apr 15: Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Adam Coffman

Apr 16: Book/Cross: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kori Eddings
Candle: Liam Lampe

Apr 22: Book/Cross: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Landon Snyder

Apr 23: Book/Cross: Jacob Simon
Candle: June Simon
Candle: Michael Adamos

Apr 29: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Apr 30: Book/Cross: Lily Pinson
Candle: Keeley Culpepper
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If you are unable to serve, please find your replacement. Thank you.

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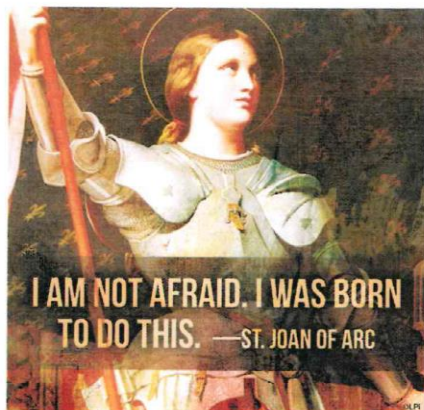
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Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.
Extraordinary Minister: Distribute Body & Blood of Christ during Communion.
Altar Servers: All youth who have celebrated their First Holy Communion.
Usher: Greet people, guide them to empty seats, hand out bulletins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

If so, call the church office!



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Dates & Times

Fifth Sunday of Lent—March 26, 2023

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

— Father John Muir ©Lpi



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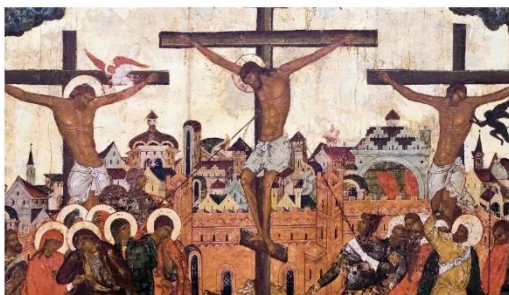
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of March 26, 2023



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death

Through Jesus's Death on the Cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is love. Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness. We are made to live like Christ: in total, self-giving love.



Living Lent as a Family (Part 4 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Kevin and Lisa Cotter to discuss liturgical living during Lent as a family. They discuss together about a variety of topics, including having a prayer space in the home and decorating the home according to the liturgical season.

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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>Extraordinary (Communion) Minister:</u> | Yes / No | Yes / No | <hr/> <hr/> |
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| <u>Ushers:</u> | Yes / No | Yes / No | <hr/> <hr/> |

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WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

- PRAYER PARTNER
- FINANCIAL SUPPORTER
 - One Time Gifts
 - Monthly Gift
- DONATE ITEMS
- VOLUNTEER
 - Men/Women Volunteers
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- PROMOTE & PARTICIPATE
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 - Annual Banquet(s)
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 - Community Events

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IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MUSIC MINISTRY?

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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)

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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.