



## MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays As Scheduled

Tuesday & Wednesday – 5:30 PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 8:30 AM

### HOLY DAY MASSES

As Announced

### CONFESSIONS

One-Half Hour Before All Masses

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

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

### COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

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

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Father Ben.

**Pastor/Administrator:**

**Deacon:**

Secretary:

**Rev. Benjamin Riley**

**Dc. Mark Scouten**

Robin Markham

Adult Scripture Study:

Tom Hoberock

Buildings, Maintenance:

Craig Bailey

Catholic Christian Women:

Holly Coffman

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

Communion to Sick/Legion of Mary:

Pat Knickerbocker

Custodian:

Holly Coffman

Eucharistic Adoration:

Carmen Andrade

Finance Council:

Joe Koenig

Flocknote:

Robin Markham

Knights of Columbus:

Jerry Hogue

Knights of Columbus, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree:

Everett Burr

Libraries:

Jennifer Johnson

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Music Ministry:

Julie Jasper

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

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>April 1</b>
8:00 AM	Patriotic Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Jared Chua
9:00 AM	First Saturday Devotions
10:00–Noon	<b>Penance Service w/Several Priests</b>
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Hedy Grämss
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>April 2 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
8:30 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Ed Griggs, Health
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>April 3 – NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>April 4</b>
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Lester Jehnke
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>April 5</b>
4:30 PM	Stations of the Cross & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – Ed & Kathy Hart
<b>Holy Thursday,</b>	<b>April 6 – Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
8:30 AM	NO MASS
5:00 PM	Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Richard Dix, 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. (4-9)
<b>Good Friday,</b>	<b>April 7 – Passion of the Lord</b>
8:30 AM	NO MASS
3:00 PM	Confessions & Stations of the Cross
5:30 PM	Communion Service: Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion
<b>Holy Saturday,</b>	<b>April 8</b>
8:30 AM	NO MASS
5:00 PM	NO MASS
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass: SI – All Parishioners
<b>Easter Sunday,</b>	<b>April 9 – The Lord's Resurrection!</b>
8:30 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Mel Pollock



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

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

**ONLINE BULLETINS** for Mary Mother of God Church and St. Andrew's Church may be found at [harrisoncatholic.org](http://harrisoncatholic.org).

**Personal Listening Devices are Available for Mass.** Please see an usher in the vestibule to sign one out.

**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!

**NO BINGO TODAY, APRIL 2.** See you later this month!

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

**PENANCE SERVICE** will be **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** from 10 AM to Noon. Several priests will be available to hear your confession.



**LENTEN CONCERT** – Please join us this Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 follow in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Julie Jasper.

**CCW** will meet this Tuesday, April 4 at 6 PM. There will be an election of officers and then we will stuff Easter Eggs. Join us!

**Knights of Columbus** will meet this Tuesday, April 4 for the 6:30 PM Fellowship Meal and 7:30 PM Meeting.

**HANDBELLS** – Monday, April 3 at 7 PM.  
**ADULT CHOIR** – Wednesday, April 5 at 6:15 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
6:30 PM	Grades 7-12 & Parents Meet w/Liz Tingquist, Director of Catholic Youth Ministries at the Diocese of Little Rock



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION / OCIA** continues this Wednesday at 6:30 PM. (Dinner with PRE begins at 6 PM.)

Catechist	Topic	Date
Fr. Ben Riley	Last Things: What happens after we die?	4/5/2023

**NO LEGION OF MARY THIS WEEK.** See you next Thursday.

*A plenary indulgence is available for anyone who prays the Stations of the Cross. This week, we will pray the Stations on Wednesday at 4:30 PM before the 5:30 PM Mass and on Good Friday at 3 PM.*



**ABSTINENCE:** All who have attained their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain from meat on **all Fridays of Lent.**

**GOOD FRIDAY FASTING:** All Catholic between the ages of 18-59 are limited to one full meal on this day and two smaller meals which together do not equal one full meal.

**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. Return the envelope via the church office or in the collection basket by today, Palm Sunday, April 2. Thank you for beautifying our church!



**The Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive (40 Cans or 40 Bucks) ends this Wednesday.** If you still wish to make a food or monetary donation, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your generous contributions!



The Adoration Chapel will close at 11 PM on Holy Thursday and remain closed on Good Friday and Holy Saturday until it opens at 8:30 AM on Easter Sunday!

**On Holy Thursday the Collection will be for Seminarian Education.** The money from this diocesan collection will support the educational and housing expenses of the seminarians in our Diocese. The letter from Father Jeff Hebert, Director of Vocations at our Diocese is posted on the church website. For more info, contact the Vocations and Seminarians Office at 501-664-0340.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** – Pope Francis asks for our support to help Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church to minister in parishes, Catholic schools, religious education, and preserve sacred shrines. The pandemic hit hard the Christians depending on pilgrimages to work. This collection will help to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. Please be generous.

**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. Baskets will also be on display Wednesday, 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!



**Annual Divine Mercy Novena** – This Novena was promulgated by Saint Faustina Kowalska and is prayed each day from Good Friday until the Second Sunday of Easter, known as Divine Mercy Sunday. There are booklets and pamphlets about the devotion to The Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Novena available in the church vestibule.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 2: Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14-27:66  
 Apr 3: Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11  
 Apr 4: Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
 Apr 5: Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25  
 Apr 6: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15  
 Apr 7: Is 52:13-53:12 / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1-19:42  
 Apr 8: Gn 1:1-2:2 / Gn 22:1-18 / Ex 14:15-15:1 / Is 54:5-14 / Is 55:1-11 / Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 / Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 / Rom 6:3-11 / Mt 28:1-10  
 Apr 9: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9

#### 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**



#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONER!

Marilyn Muller  
 PO Box 58, Everton, AR 72633



#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

Codie & Samantha McKnight Family  
 207 Landon Lane, Harrison, AR 72601

**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, Brian Coffman, Donald Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Sally Conner, David Decker, MaryAnn Dill, Wayne Dixon, +Vera Dolan, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Lorraine Gokenbach, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Pete Hartman, Dianne Hoberock, Chris Jasper, Caven James Keith, Mary Koenig, Jeff Lamboy, Brian Long, 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, 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.**

**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](http://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](mailto:pastor.mmg.church@gmail.com) or mail to 1614 Maplewood Rd. Harrison, AR 72601.



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.

**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 Coury House retreat center at Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco, AR, at 479-934-1290 or email [couryhouse@subi.org](mailto:couryhouse@subi.org) to register.

**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>.

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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](mailto: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.

**CEMETERY FLOWERS** - It is very windy on our church property. Please secure your saddles and any flowers with fishing line.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

April 1	Debbie Berry, Tristen Smith
April 2	Scarlett Everts
April 3	Shela Aldape
April 4	Mary Billups, Avery Pratt
April 6	Darlene Coffman, Glen Feldman, Regina Hanson
April 8	Nick Paradiso, Bill Van Leeuwen
April 9	Jimmie Wells
April 10	Cambree Hodges
April 11	Kathy Pinson
April 12	Patricia Castellano
April 13	Craig Bailey
April 14	Blaise Bonds
April 15	Maria Padilla Flores
April 16	Zachary Caputo, Rodney Carrera, David Durand, Sam McKnight
April 17	Wyatt Mahoney
April 18	Jane Krone
April 19	Martha Sandoval
April 23	Crystal Applegate, Laurel Eddings, Meredith Huddleston, Bobby Lowery
April 25	Chris Rose, Michael Servis
April 27	Terry Bodson, Bonnie Tauer
April 28	Steve Gutting, Rai Lamb, Julia McFadden
April 29	Traci DiCarlo
April 30	Mary Bray, Tim Huddleston, Venice Rubio

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

April 8	Kathy & Ubaldo Cuevas
April 10	Richard & Laurie Criger
April 11	Ken & Pam Clouse
April 13	Rickey & Brenda Amerson
April 16	John & Debbie Berry
April 28	Travis & Renae Whiteside
April 29	James & Patricia Bel
April 30	David & Cynthia Durand

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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

**Divine Mercy Sunday** is the Sunday after Easter Sunday by Our Lord's own request. Our Lord said to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska:

**My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the font of Mercy.**

**My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. (p. 48)**

**The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (p. 52)**

"In order to fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins;
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus;
4. Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday;
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast;
6. Venerate\* the Image of Divine Mercy;
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

\*To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents – in this case, our Most Merciful Savior." (p. 54-55)

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy may be said at any time (and is especially beneficial prayed at the bedside of a dying person), but Our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy. It begins then on Good Friday. (p .57) It is greatly recommended that the intentions starting on page 62 of the booklet be added to the Chaplet on the appropriate day.

All quotations are taken from The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion 2021

An easy and lovely way to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is by downloading the **Laudate** app on your phone. It is free and contains many excellent Catholic resources.

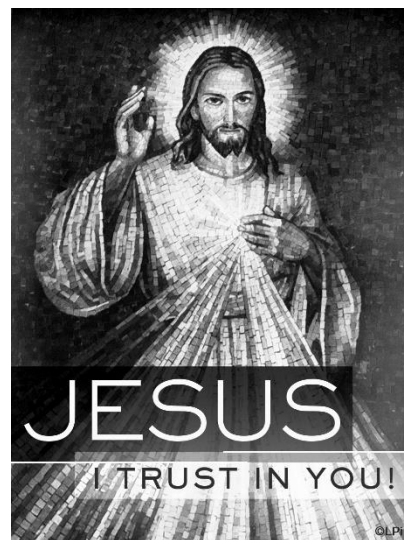
To get to the Chaplet:

Touch "Rosary and Chaplet" on the opening screen  
then touch "Podcast of Chaplet of Divine Mercy"

As the Chaplet is recited you are free to meditate on Our Lord's Passion or as you are inspired.

Additionally, a very beautiful Rosary is found on the **Laudate** app:

Touch "Rosary and Chaplet" on the opening screen  
then "Mysteries only and Podcasts"  
then "Podcast with David MacDonald"





## DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK Office of Vocations

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*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

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**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
						
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 ++ Please Welcome Fr. Naz from Mtn Home
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

E/M: Greg Jasper  
Elisabeth Scouten

Ushers: Everett Burr  
Chad Coffman  
Chuck Draper  
Terry Draper

### 8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Bob Lowery

Lector: Mary Bausch

E/M: Bob Lowery  
Mike Galligan  
Mary Billups

Ushers: Al Hanson  
Regina Hanson  
Gerry Gokenbach  
James Virnig

## 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  
Candle: Kayleigh Culpepper

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

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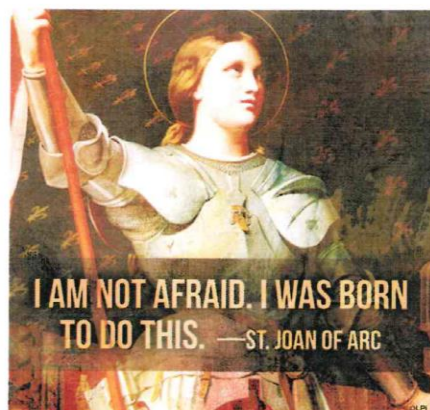
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**Lector:** Read the Scripture readings during Mass.  
**Rosary Leader:** Lead before Mass.  
**Musician:** See or call Julie Jasper.  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Distribute Body & Blood of Christ during Communion.  
**Altar Servers:** All youth who 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!**



## Greg Klott

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### Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord—April 2, 2023

**The Six Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Accountable:** Easter is only a week away, and churches everywhere in the West are beginning the holiest of weeks. For a moment, even the secular world will bow to religious observances: closings on Good Friday, Easter baskets filled with treats, and television specials featuring Biblical figures. You and I will be reflecting on the meaning of Lent and how we have died and risen with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Either we have prepared well for this Holy Week observance, or we are left lamenting that maybe next year will be when we get back on track.

The question before us is: "To whom are we accountable?" Did our Lenten observance only have to do with us? Does it matter to anyone if we really took this time seriously or not?

Both faith and community are gifts from God. The Church exists so we may live out that faith and respond to God's call, being strengthened by the grace imparted through the sacraments and the community in which we find ourselves. If we are accountable to no one, then the community is simply an option on a Sunday morning, much like golf or household chores. If we are not accountable to God, then our faith is simply something we look to periodically when we are sad or frightened.

However, if we are accountable to each other and to Jesus Christ, then we must answer for our stewardship gifts of faith and community. The Body of Christ is counting on us. Without a strong sense of accountability, we think our actions only affect us. In the end, we are connected to each other through Christ in such a manner that no one ever stands alone. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 02, 2023



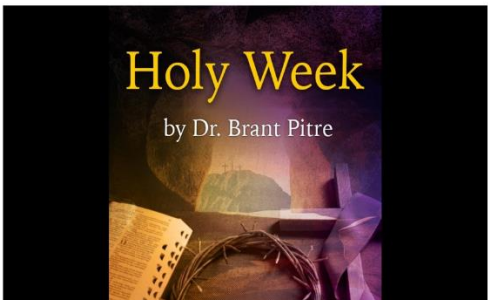
## Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



## The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



## Holy Week by Dr. Brant Pitre

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.

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**JOURNEYING TOGETHER SYNODAL REPORT TO THE DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK**  
**Mary Mother of God Church – Harrison, AR – Fr. James Fanrak, Pastor / Deacon Mark Scouten**

Section 2: Narrative – How MMG Parish organized the consultations:

Parish organization leaders as well as volunteers at large were sought out to be facilitators and note-takers during the consultations.

Manageable-sized small groups were made available and gathered; usually offered after Masses, and at the regular meetings of the various parish organizations. Individual consultations were also held as requested.

The facilitators and note-takers recorded and summarized the conversations held at these meetings.

In addition, consultation questionnaires were sent to all registered households in the parish. Returns were recorded and summarized.

All input was synthesized by the parish secretary and committee. This formed the basis of this report.

Section 3: Top Three Revealing Discoveries:

- 1) The people of the parish do feel a part of the Church, and they do their “journeying together” as they are present and participate in the Mass, the Sacraments. They also “journey together” as they become involved in the ministries, organizations, gatherings, and socials that are done as a parish family.
- 2) The people of God, our parishioners, have a very positive and warm experience of how the Church is journeying with them. They feel welcomed, acknowledged, and valued as individuals within the parish. They sense that leadership is trying to care about them, about their welfare and needs. They feel that fellow parishioners are one with them as a family-like group. Parishioners sense that they can reach out to other parishioners in their time of need.
- 3) The people of Mary Mother of God Parish are thirsting for better and more reaching out to those who seem no longer to come to church, as well as to welcoming those who are searching for a church and spiritual family. They would also like to strengthen their bonds with the Lord and with one another through additional spiritual and corporal works of prayer, service, and fellowship.

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

- 1) About why parishioners do not come to church and about why they do not participate in Mass and other parish activities and groups
  - Illness, company, disabilities,
  - Distance from church, no transportation,
  - Irreverence during Mass,
  - Too many requests for money,
  - Pedophilia, scandal,
  - Priests and hierarchy stray from the authentic, traditional teachings of the Church,
  - Dissatisfaction with political leaders,
  - Covid,

#### Section 4: Most Common Observations:

##### 1) Continued

- Personal scheduling,
- Very little talk about mortal sin, hell,
- Validity of sacraments,
- People's judgmental stance of others at Mass, Church

##### 2) About what parishioners like and appreciate what's going at Mary Mother of God Parish:

- Welcoming feeling, "family" feeling,
- Spiritual environment, friendliness,
- Rosary, extraordinary ministers,
- New Pentecost Prayer Group
- Scripture Study
- The structure, the rituals, the prayers
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Availability of Confession
- Knights of Columbus events
- Legion of Mary, prayer and visiting
- Corporal and Spiritual works
- Very accommodating Mass schedule
- Wonderful organization leaders
- Pastor, deacon, sacristans, homilies
- Livestreaming of Masses and events
- Music Ministry, Youth Choir and Musicians
- Trail Life Youth
- PRE, Youth Ministry
- Flocknotes, bulletins, prayer needs alert
- List of those needing prayer in bulletin
- Visits and Communion to homebound
- Gospel is taught
- Fellowship – sharing food
- CCW (Catholic Christian Women)
- Greeting card ministry
- Kitchen ministry that builds connections and friendships
- Simple, understandable teaching
- Appreciate the bishop and hierarchy for their asking parishioners' thoughts
- Church secretary
- Use of parish hall for dinners, get-togethers, family events
- Magnificat, Formed, EWTN
- Spiritual Director
- Caring and ministering when there's a death
- Beautiful, well-kept gardens, lawns

3) About what parishioners want more of and what they want begun at MMG:

- Speak more about the good the Church does
- Communal Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Local theology study programs
- Pilgrimages to Holy Places
- Motivational speakers' resources
- Novenas, Missions, Cursillos
- Benedictions, Eucharistic Processions
- Communal Anointing of the Sick, Healing services
- Encourage Religious Orders (nuns, priests and brothers) to go back to religious habits, etc.
- That the Bishop visit more
- That the hierarchy speak more clearly about how to deal with public figures, political figures who vocally disagree with the authentic teaching of the Church
- Stronger evangelization committee
- More visible and active welcoming committee
- Get-togethers, coffees after Mass
- Socials for all the parish, meals
- Penance Services, Tridentine Rites, Tridentine Priests
- Restore lost Church traditions and rituals, separation of church and state
- Catholic issues study programs
- Empty-nester ministry
- More emphasis on Respect Life
- 6:30 or 7 PM Mass on Days of Obligation
- 4 PM Saturday Mass in Winter
- PRE, Sunday School after Sunday Mass; more emphasis on Youth Ministry
- That the Bishop and hierarchy be fully open, honest, and accountable about abuses, scandals
- More attention to homeless; saving the environment
- Make annulment process smoother
- Latin Mass once in a while
- Church teaching to be more appealing and inclusive, more definite and fixed rather than negotiable
- Young people to become more invited in, active in church
- Catholic parochial school
- Clearer, more definite, authentic Catholic teaching from bishops, pope, magisterium
- Against China government appointing bishops
- More frequent updated parish directory and pictures
- More about Centering prayer
- Laudato Si, Fratelli Tutti groups
- Life in the Spirit seminars
- Clearer teaching on homosexual, trans-sexual issues
- More publicity about the charitable works which the church does

**MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR  
SIGN-UP SHEET**

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

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



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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

### **Informed Choices provides:**

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

## WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

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

## CURRENT NEEDS

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



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**Do you love to 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](mailto: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.