



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

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Everett Burr

Libraries:

Jennifer Johnson

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

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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

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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: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Parish Moved From: _____

Parish City: _____

() New In Parish () Change of Address/Phone/Email

2023 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday,	April 22
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Jim Rowe
Sunday	April 23 – 3rd Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Ann Bailey
Monday,	April 24 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	April 25 – NO MASS
Wednesday,	April 26
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: +Candace Smith, 1 st Anniv.
Thursday,	April 27
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Rorie Tuazon
Friday,	April 28
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Lylia Laffoon
Saturday,	April 29
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Sunday	April 30 – 4th Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Bob Stephens



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, 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.

Happy Easter from Father Ben & Deacon Mark!
Mary Mother of God is the great parish it is because of you! May God bless you and may He continue to provide you with all you need to go on caring and giving of yourself, your time, energy, talent, and resources for Him and for neighbor. "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."



TODAY - PLEASE WELCOME FATHER NAZ MADUBA from St. Peter the Fisherman Church in Mountain Home.

HANDBELLS – Monday, April 24 at 7 PM.
SILVER BELLS – Wednesday, April 26 at 11 AM
YOUTH CHOIR – Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30-8 PM
NO ADULT CHOIR THIS WEEK.



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) -

This Wednesday's schedule is:

4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions
 5:15 PM Adoration & Benediction
 6:00 PM Dinner for Students/Teachers/Family
6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes



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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR – The **CCW Spring Banquet** will be held at DeVito's on Tuesday, May 9, following the 5:30 PM Mass & Installation of Officers. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule April 15-30 for you to reserve your dinner choice. Dinner options will include DeVito's Grilled Trout, Chicken Almondine, Spaghetti & Meatballs, and Fettuccine Alfredo.



A NEW PARISH DIRECTORY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

We cannot do it without you! Catholic Christian Women (CCW) will be in the vestibule two more weekends to help you select the best date and time to book your appointment! If you have any questions or if you need help booking your appointment, contact Holly Coffman. Photographers will be here Tuesday through Saturday, May 16-20.

The Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive (40 Cans or 40 Bucks)
 – If you still wish to make a monetary donation, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

EUCHARISTIC 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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 23: Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35
 Apr 24: Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29
 Apr 25: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Mk 16:15-20
 Apr 26: Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40
 Apr 27: Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51
 Apr 28: Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59
 Apr 29: Acts 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69
 Apr 30: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10

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, Ruth Deischer, MaryAnn Dill, Wayne Dixon, Lisa Eastridge, 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, Jacob/Jaxson Rivera, Nick Rykert, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Mike Stephen, Loretta Tarochione, Linda Utaski, Jimmie Wells, Jean Williams, 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.**

Catholic Immigration Services in Little Rock has a job opening for an Immigration Specialist. Qualifications include: bachelor's degree, fluency in English and Spanish, and computer proficiency. This is a full-time position with competitive pay and benefits, including health insurance, paid time off and a 403(b) retirement plan. To inquire, contact Ines Mahfouz, Human Resources Assistant for the Diocese of Little Rock at imahfouz@dolr.org or call 501-664-0340.

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.

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



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

2023 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given **\$2,104 or 10%** of our designated goal of **\$21,000**. Thank you for your support in helping our diocese to continue to carry on the missionary work of Jesus.

COMING SOON – WeShare On-Line Giving Program – Watch the bulletin for more details once the MMG website is ready to go!

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.



PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS! The Seven Sisters Apostolate is inviting seven ladies in our parish to pray for Pope Francis. Each lady chooses a different day of the week and offers one holy hour. Thus, the Pope receives a holy hour every day. It will be a blessing for the Pope and for the intercessor. Please call Carmen to sign up at 305-815-1795.

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 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.

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.

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



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April 5, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Friday, March 31 is a day we will remember for a long time. The tornadoes that swept across our state that afternoon and evening left behind a path of destruction that shocked us. Lives were lost that we mourn. Others were injured for whom we pray to the Lord for healing. And there are all the neighborhoods and communities that were crushed ... in Little Rock, North Little Rock, Sherwood, Jacksonville, Cabot, and Wynne.

Together we face a long recovery process, which is why we will be taking up a collection in all our parishes the weekend of April 15-16 for Catholic Charities of Arkansas' "Disaster Relief Fund" to assist the individuals and families impacted by the tornadoes with relief and long-term casework services.





We are grateful to everyone who has already reached out to offer assistance. We will provide updates about the needs and ways to help in *Arkansas Catholic*, our diocesan newspaper, and on the diocesan website and Facebook page.

As the body of Christ in Arkansas, we can make a difference by supporting Catholic Charities of Arkansas's tornado relief and long-term recovery efforts. Thank you for responding as generously as you can. Let us also continue to lift up in prayer all who are facing the daunting task of recovery and rebuilding. May our actions and prayers provide hope and comfort to them as signs of God's love.

Yours in the Risen Lord,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock

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
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	++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	++ 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	NO 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	4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM 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.

Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

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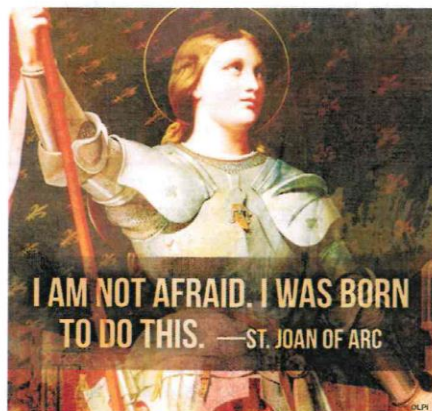
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Are You Interested?

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)
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See Bulletin For Meeting
Dates & Times

Third Sunday of Easter—April 23, 2023

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus *always* has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead. — Father John Muir

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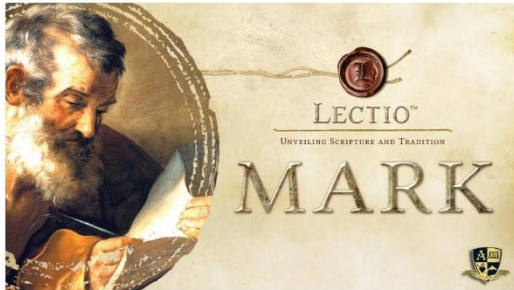
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THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

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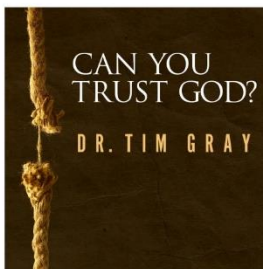
Episode 1: Saint Mark the Evangelist

Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself, Dr. Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.



Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



Can You Trust God? by Dr. Tim Gray

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.

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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 & 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



312 E 3rd St., Mountain Home 870-424-4673
 Monday – Thursday 10:00a – 6:00p
 Closed Fridays

715 W Sherman, Harrison 870-280-3169
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 Closed Wednesdays

Informedchoiceswomenscenter.org



Do you love to sing?

Do you love to make music for the Lord?

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MUSIC MINISTRY?

Adult Choir—The Adult Choir meets every Thursday at 6:00pm and sings at the Sunday 8:30am Mass and other Holy Days of Obligation, as well as Advent and Lent concerts.

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

Hand Bell Choir—The Handbell Choir meets on Monday evenings at 6PM and plays at approximately 7 Masses throughout the year and other parish events.

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

What does Music Ministry mean to me?

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

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

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

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

If you are interested in sharing your musical talents, contact

Julie Jasper, Director of Music Ministry at (870)688-9369 or juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com



Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal

What your Donation Can Do!

\$25	Provides religious education book for two people.
\$50	Provides a partial scholarship for a student to attend a Campus Ministry retreat.
\$135	Provides a scholarship for one youth to attend a Search weekend.
\$150	Provides utility bill assistance for a family through our Family Assistance Program.
\$250	Provides dental care for a patient of the Westside Free Medical Clinic.
\$500	Covers the cost of an application for a work permit for an eligible immigrant.
\$700	Provides assistance in updating equipment for religious education.
\$1,000	Provides a Project Rachel experience for a woman experiencing the pain of a past abortion.
\$1,500	Provides Bibles and rosaries for people incarcerated in the criminal justice system for six months.
\$2,000	Covers the legal fees for the adoption of a baby through Catholic Adoption Services.
\$4,000	Provides a scholarship for one student to receive a Catholic education for a year in a parish school.
\$36,000	Covers the expenses of educating one seminarian for one year.

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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.