



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

1614 Maplewood Road

Harrison, Arkansas 72601

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www.harrisoncatholic.org

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays As Scheduled

Tuesday & Wednesday – 5:30 PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

As Announced

CONFESSIONS

One-Half Hour Before All Masses

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

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

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Father Ben.

Pastor/Administrator:

Deacon:

Secretary:

Rev. Benjamin Riley

Dc. Mark Scouten

Robin Markham

Adult Scripture Study:

Tom Hoberock

Buildings, Maintenance:

Craig Bailey

Catholic Christian Women:

Holly Coffman

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

Communion to Sick/Legion of Mary:

Pat Knickerbocker

Custodian:

Holly Coffman

Eucharistic Adoration:

Carmen Andrade

Finance Council:

Joe Koenig

Flocknote:

Robin Markham

Knights of Columbus:

Jerry Hogue

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Everett Burr

Libraries:

Jennifer Johnson

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Music Ministry:

Julie Jasper

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

Holy Saturday, April 8
8:30 AM NO MASS
5:00 PM NO MASS
8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass: SI – All Parishioners

Easter Sunday, April 9 – The Lord's Resurrection!
8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM MASS: +Mel Pollock

Monday, April 10 – NO MASS

Tuesday, April 11
5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM MASS: +Norm Rowe

Wednesday, April 12
4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:15 PM Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM MASS: +Linda Hoyet

Thursday, April 13
8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM MASS: +Jeff Neuroth
9:00 AM Rosary: Led by Catholic Christian Women

Friday, April 14
8:00 AM Fatima Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM MASS: +Steve Tarochione

Saturday, April 15
4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday April 16 – Divine Mercy Sunday
8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM MASS: SI - Richard & Laurie Criger, 42nd Anniv.
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour
w/Exposition & Benediction



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.”



Following the Easter Morning Mass, the Easter Egg Hunt (Ages 2-12) & Easter Basket Raffle will be held at the Church Pavilion. Easter Basket Raffle Tickets will still be available at the Pavilion before the Egg Hunt. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. The winning tickets will be drawn following the Easter Egg Hunt. There is a “basket” for all ages and they are filled with lots of great items! Check them out! Donuts and drinks will be available during the event. Come join the fun! Bring your Easter basket!



NO HANDBELLS THIS WEEK.
SILVER BELLS will meet Wed., April 12 at 11 AM.
YOUTH CHOIR will meet Wed., April 12 – 7:30 to 8 PM
NO ADULT CHOIR THIS WEEK.



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) -

This Wednesday's schedule is:

4:30 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:15 PM Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM MASS
6:00 PM Dinner for Students/Teachers/Family
6:30-7:30 PM Classes for K-6th Grades
6:30-7:30 PM 7-12th Grade Students & Parents will meet with Diocesan CYM Director, Liz Tingquist



Catholic Christian Women (CCW) will meet this Thursday, April 13 at 9 AM to pray the Rosary. Coffee and donuts will follow in the Parish Hall. Join us!!

The Legion of Mary will meet on Thursdays at 3:30 PM in the Altar Server Sacristy (room behind the altar). It is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend and pray with us.

The 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 generous contributions!



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. **Deacon Mark Scouten will lead the Divine Mercy Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction at 3 PM next Sunday, April 16.**

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



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.



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Ann Halpin (sister of Teresa Matthews) who died April 2. Please keep +Ann and her family in your prayers.

2023 EASTER MEMORIALS

<u>For</u>	<u>From</u>
Dan Allen	Pam & Ken Clouse
Charlotte Amrhein	Gerry & Lorraine Gokenbach
Antida Archuleta	The Whiteside Family
Bob Davidson	Cecille Scott
Richard Dix	Gerry & Lorraine Gokenbach
Martin & Mildred Dryden	Joe & Mary Koenig
Father Jim Fanrak	The Atkinson Family
Father Jim Fanrak	Greg & Julie Jasper Family
Carolyn Gokenbach	Gerry & Lorraine Gokenbach
Richard Gokenbach	Gerry & Lorraine Gokenbach
Mary Gonos	The Atkinson Family
Frank Green	Pam & Ken Clouse
Linda Hoyet	Pam & Ken Clouse
Linda Hoyet	Dick Hoyet
Walter Israel	Connie Israel
Tom Jamison	Donna Jamison
Eugene & Carley Jane Jasper	Greg & Julie Jasper Family
George & Joyce Kester	Greg & Julie Jasper Family
Rose & Irene Koenig	Joe & Mary Koenig
Maria Sevilla Lucañas	Cecille Scott
Jim Millington	Pam & Ken Clouse
Bill & Nick Ogier	Marilyn Ogier
Alejandro Placencia	Cecille Scott
Lucia Placencia	Cecille Scott
Rolando Placencia	Cecille Scott
Mel Pollock	Eliska Pollock
Jim Rowe	Marlene Rowe
Mark Rowe	Marlene Rowe
Norm Rowe	Marlene Rowe
Ron Schoborg	Carol Schoborg
Robert K. Scott	Cecille Scott
S.V. & Peggy Scott	Cecille Scott
Lorrie Upson	The Atkinson Family
Rod Williamson	Jean & Gene Newland
Harold & Gladys Wood	Marilyn Ogier

2023 EASTER HONORARIUMS

<u>For</u>	<u>From</u>
Pam & Ken Clouse	Dick Hoyet
Mary Griggs	Eliska Pollock
Dianne Hoberock	Gerry & Lorraine Gokenbach
Chris & Cathy Jamison	Donna Jamison
Joe & Polly Jamison	Donna Jamison
Missy & Shelby LaRossa	Donna Jamison
Legion of Mary Auxiliaries	Legion of Mary
Sandy Luckenbill	Marlene Rowe
Robin Markham	Anonymous
Deb O'Connor	Marlene Rowe
Father Ben Riley	Carmen & Lucia
Father Ben Riley	The Seven Sisters
Jerry Rowe	Marlene Rowe
Deacon Mark Scouten	Carmen & Lucia
Bob & Donna Terrell	Renae Whiteside
Meadow & Kyle Whiteside	Bob & Donna Terrell
Ruth Williamson	Jean & Gene Newland

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 9: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9
 Apr 10: Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
 Apr 11: Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18
 Apr 12: Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35
 Apr 13: Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48
 Apr 14: Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14
 Apr 15: Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15
 Apr 16: Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31

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, 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.**

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.

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.

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.



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.

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"

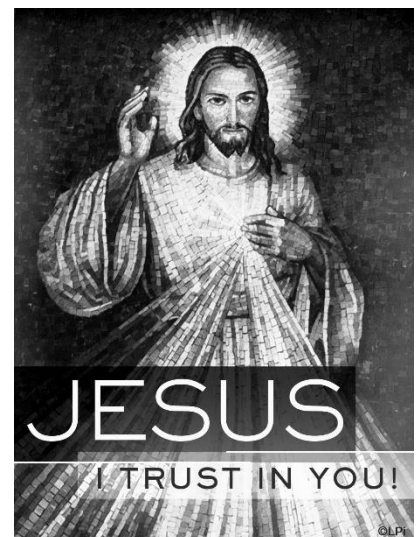
As the Chaplet is recited you are free to meditate on Our Lord's Passion or as you are inspired.

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

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

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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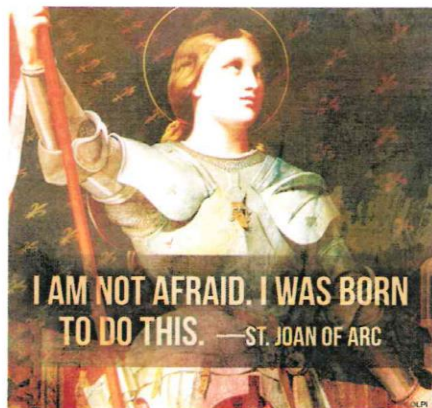
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870-391-9217
crystalcottage.rocksandbeads.com

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!



Greg Klott

†
VP | Business Development & Lending
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ph: 870.204.5600
cell: 417.337.0574



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—April 9, 2023

At Easter, we celebrate that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To the world of non-believers: what!? It is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the believer, it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So what does Easter mean to you? The question is not what do you believe. The question is what impact does Easter have on you? How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean we you hear that we, the Church, are an Easter people?

You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. But I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: everyday stewardship. Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter. By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God's name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of his people.

If more of us won't live our lives in this manner, then non-believers and non-intentional disciples will ask the question, "What difference does Easter make anyway?" Jesus died and rose for you and me. To be sure, it DOES make a difference. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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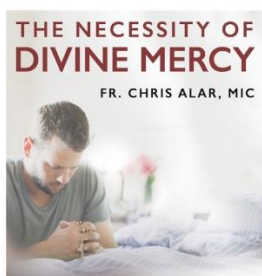
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Week of April 09, 2023



Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on FORMED includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.



The Necessity of Divine Mercy by Fr. Chris Alar

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life.



Misery Meets Mercy: Saint Faustina

St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His unfathomable mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

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



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Informed Choices 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 sing?

Do you love to make music for the Lord?

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MUSIC MINISTRY?

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

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

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

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

What does Music Ministry mean to me?

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

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

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

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

If you are interested in sharing your musical talents, contact

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



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\$135	Provides a scholarship for one youth to attend a Search weekend.
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\$250	Provides dental care for a patient of the Westside Free Medical Clinic.
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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.