



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays As Scheduled

Tuesday & Wednesday – 5:30 PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

As Announced

CONFESSIONS

One-Half Hour Before All Masses

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

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

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Father Ben.

Pastor/Administrator:

Deacon:

Secretary:

Rev. Benjamin Riley

Dc. Mark Scouten

Robin Markham

Adult Scripture Study:

Tom Hoberock

Buildings, Maintenance:

Craig Bailey

Catholic Christian Women:

Holly Coffman

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

Communion to Sick/Legion of Mary:

Pat Knickerbocker

Custodian:

Holly Coffman

Eucharistic Adoration:

Carmen Andrade

Finance Council:

Joe Koenig

Flocknote:

Robin Markham

Knights of Columbus:

Jerry Hogue

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Everett Burr

Libraries:

Jennifer Johnson

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Music Ministry:

Julie Jasper

Pastoral Council:

Greg Jasper

Prayer Group / Seven Sisters:

Carmen Andrade

Pro-Life:

Sandra Guidry

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Holly Coffman

Sacristans:

K. Jones, M. Stephens

Alternate Sacristans:

E. Scouten, C. Bailey

Safe Environment:

Holly Coffman

Social Justice/Charitable Outreach

Robin Markham

Trail Life USA:

Wes Bradford

Tribunal:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Wedding Coordinator:

Bonnie Tauer

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

Wayne & Judy Keith

NEW IN PARISH

To register in the parish, please fill out the form below.

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parish Moved From: _____

Parish City: _____

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

2023 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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	GRADUATION MASS: +Bob Stephens
Monday,	May 1 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	May 2
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – Chua Family
Wednesday,	May 3
4:30 PM	Evening Prayer & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: +Liza Bull
Thursday,	May 4
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Arnold & Jean Pribyl
First Friday,	May 5
8:00 AM	Patriotic Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Newt & Ruth Foster
9:00 AM	Fatima Rosary
First Saturday,	May 6
8:10 AM	Rosary
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Bill & Ruth Haley
9:10 AM	Confessions
9:00 AM	First Saturday Devotions
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Walter Israel
Sunday	May 7 – 5th Sunday of Easter
	First Holy Communion & May Crowning
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Sue DeStefano



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.



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.

HANDBELLS – Monday, May 1 at 7 PM.
YOUTH CHOIR – Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30-8 PM
ADULT CHOIR – Thursday, May 4 at 6 PM



Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, May 2 for the 6:30 PM Fellowship Meal and 7:30 PM Meeting.

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 this weekend for you to reserve your dinner choice. Dinner options will include DeVito's Grilled Trout, Chicken Almondine, Spaghetti & Meatballs, and Fettuccine Alfredo. See you there!



A NEW PARISH DIRECTORY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN! We cannot do it without you!

Catholic Christian Women (CCW) will be in the vestibule this weekend 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.

Second Collection Next Sunday is for Building Maintenance.

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.

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 & 1 PM

Tuesday @ 7 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM & 2 PM

Wednesday @ 11 AM, 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 30: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10

May 1: Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:11-18

May 2: Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30

May 3: 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14

May 4: Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20

May 5: Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6

May 6: Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14

May 7: Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Eliana Adamos – Harrison High School

Connor Atkinson – Harrison High School

Blaise Bonds – Harrison High School

Noah Cuevas-Klepper – Bergman High School

Vittoria Gratton – Harrison High School

Caroline Huddleston – Valley Springs High School

Mariah Lizarda – Harrison High School

Jade Métivier (Exchange Student) – Harrison High School

Nicholas Paradiso – Harrison High School

Gabe Sandoval – Harrison High School

Owen Styles – Harrison High School

Meadow Whiteside – Harrison High School

Jared Chua – Norwich University (Military College)

Tiffany Coffman – Academy of Hair Design

Helen Haley – University of Arkansas

Julie Jasper – Missouri State University

Kaitlyn Pratt – Missouri State University

Bernice Rubio – Missouri State University



PLEASE REMEMBER our First Communion Class in your prayers. Hannah Ruth Applegate, Rodney Romeo Carrera, Laurel Ruxandra Eddings, Weston Neal Hodges, and Aurora Elizabeth Lampe will receive Jesus for the first time during the 8:30 AM Mass next Sunday, May 7.



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, Wayne Dixon, +Nate Doster, 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, 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.**

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.



2023 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given **\$2,269 or 11%** 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.

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 **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>.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

May 1	Henry Adamos
May 2	Vittoria Gratton, Lylia Laffoon, Mike Urlaub
May 3	Abigail Billups, Charity Hand
May 4	Greg Jasper, Valerie Wallace, Kerry Yeckel
May 5	Tom Butler, Karena Charlton, Bill Renshaw
May 6	Seth Charlton, Elma Taylor, Patricia Villines
May 7	Cade Harding
May 8	Shirlene Lackey
May 12	Tyler Burge, Caroline Huddleston
May 15	Emy Adamos
May 16	Ubaldo Cuevas-Jimenez, Paula Fehringer, Darren Goulet, Levi Schneider
May 17	Richard Crosley, Audrey McFadden, Amanda Porras
May 18	Robert Gratton, Edmund Griggs
May 19	Eliana Adamos, Karen Conner, Janice Rose
May 22	Norma Calhoun, Rey Haley, Helen Haley
May 23	Kristen Styles
May 24	Connor Atkinson, Anne Milburn
May 25	John & Joseph Fry
May 26	Rose Ann Dirst, Billie Signer
May 27	William Chapman, Josephine Faria, Serenity Hardaway, Ronnie Lackey, Arely Ramirez, Hannah Smith
May 28	Chris DeVito, Summer Rykert
May 29	Chris Pratt
May 31	Wynn Mahoney

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 1	Jean & Gene Newland
May 2	Skeet & Cris Teague
May 4	Justin & Crystal Applegate
May 7	Mike & Kathy Urlaub
May 11	Terry & Vanessa Caputo
May 13	Bill & Ruth Haley, John & Lily Mastrobuono
May 15	Heath & Kristen Styles
May 16	Adrian & Keyla Aldrete
May 21	Julie & Richard Cavin

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

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



Mary Mother of God 2023 High School Graduates

Eliana Magtoto Adamos: Eliana is the daughter of Henry & Emy Adamos. Eliana is graduating from Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts in Hot Springs and plans to attend the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville where she will be majoring in biomedical engineering. She is the recipient of the University of Arkansas Honors College Fellowship, National Merit Finalist, and Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholar Scholarships. Eliana is in the top 5% of graduating classes of Arkansas and was honored at the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce 2023 Academic Excellence Awards Banquet. Awards she has received are Seal of Biliteracy in French, First Place in microbiology at the West Central Regional Science Fair, Second Place microbiology at the Arkansas State Science and Engineering Fair, and an Air Force Award. Eliana has also made All Region for Choir, Band, and Jazz Band. Eliana has been involved in many youth activities at Mary Mother of God and within the Diocese of Little Rock including attending the Steubenville Mid-America conference, attending weekly PRE classes, volunteering at our Annual Veterans Day programs, has held leadership roles at VBS programs, singing in the youth choir and continuing to sing and play the flute for the adult choir when she is home from school. Eliana is an administrative assistant for the ASMSA wind ensemble (6th-12th grade), ASMSA soccer captain, ASMSA peer mentor, National Honor Society Secretary, Human Rights Club Secretary, and Young Medical Professionals Secretary. She has been involved in a student led capstone research project and has played the piano from 1st through 12th grade.

Connor Isaac Atkinson: Connor is the son of Toby & Terra Atkinson. Connor is graduating from Harrison High School and plans to attend North Arkansas Community College and then continue his education at a four-year college to obtain a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology. Connor has been awarded the Arkansas Challenge Scholarship. He is a member of the National Honors Society and he made the Dean's List at North Arkansas College which he has been attending classes while still in high school. Connor has been involved in many youth activities at Mary Mother of God and within the Diocese of Little Rock including attending the Steubenville Mid-America conference, attending weekly PRE classes through Confirmation, helping with yard clean-up for the homebound, has held leadership roles at VBS programs, has volunteered at the Mary Mother of God Veterans Day programs, caroling to the homebound, and has helped with previous Annual Easter Egg Hunts. Connor has been an altar server, and he has also participated in youth Masses as a lector and an usher.

Joseph Blaise Bonds: Blaise is the son of Bryan & Nell Bonds. Blaise is graduating from Harrison High School and plans to attend North Arkansas College and from there transfer to a four-year college to earn a bachelor's degree. Blaise is an honor roll student and is an honor graduate. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and on the Dean's List at North Arkansas College. Blaise has been awarded the North Arkansas College Presidential Gold Scholarship and the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship. He is a member of the Harrison High Varsity Golf and Basketball Teams. Blaise attended weekly PRE classes through Confirmation and has volunteered at previous Mary Mother of God Veterans Day Programs. He has also volunteered at various food drives, House of Hope, the Sharing Kitchen, and other local charities.



Charles Noah Cuevas-Klepper: Noah is the son of Ubaldo & Kathy Cuevas. Noah is graduating from Bergman High School and plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL to which he was awarded the Presidential Scholarship. While attending Bergman High School, Noah was also enrolled and taking courses at North Arkansas Community College. He graduated from North Arkansas Community College with an associate degree a full semester before his upcoming High School graduation. Noah is a member of the National Honor Society and Phi Theta Kappa. Noah is a member of the Bergman High School Band, the Bergman Panther Baseball Team, and E-sports which is a new group at school where the students compete in video games. Noah has been involved in many youth activities at Mary Mother of God including attending weekly PRE classes and he is a member of the Mary Mother of God Handbell Choir.

Vittoria Anne Gratton: Vittoria is the daughter of Andrew & Lydia Gratton. Vittoria is graduating from Harrison High School and plans to attend Georgetown University, majoring in Chemistry and afterward attend medical school. Vittoria plans to practice medicine in the Harrison area upon earning her degree. She has been awarded a scholarship from Georgetown. Vittoria is a member of the Harrison High School Varsity Cross Country Team, track, and school choir. She has served as President and Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary of Harrison Crown Club, and has been a member of Girls State, Harrison Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Academy, Hugh O'Brian Leadership Foundation, and the Science Club. Vittoria has been involved in many youth activities at Mary Mother of God and within the Diocese of Little Rock including attending the Steubenville Mid-America conference, attending weekly PRE classes, being a past altar server, playing the piano for the past seven years as well as playing the piano during Veterans Day, St. Cecilia Day, and Lenten programs. She is a past member of the Mary Mother of God Youth Choir and current member of the Mary Mother of God Adult Choir, had leadership roles at previous VBS programs, and has participated in caroling to the homebound.

Caroline Faith Huddleston: Caroline is the daughter of Tim & Stephanie Huddleston. Caroline is graduating from Valley Springs High School and plans to attend North Arkansas College in the fall and then transfer to the University of Central Arkansas and major in movie production. Caroline is an honor graduate and a member of the National Honors Society. She is also a member of the Valley Springs Band and Drama Club. Caroline has been involved in many youth activities at Mary Mother of God and within the Diocese of Little Rock including attending the Steubenville Mid-America conference, Search, attending weekly PRE classes, caroling to the homebound, has held leadership roles at VBS, and has volunteered at the Mary Mother of God Veterans Day Programs. Caroline has been an altar server, is a past member of the Mary Mother of God Youth Choir and is a current member of the Mary Mother of God Adult Choir. She also helps Ms. Julie with the youth in the Mary Mother of God Hand Chime Choir.

Mariah Queeny Lizarda: Mariah is the daughter of Roger & Joy Lizarda. Mariah will graduate from Harrison High School and plans to initially attend North Arkansas College to pursue a career in healthcare. Mariah is a member of the National Honor Society. She was selected for All State and All Region Choir her sophomore, junior, and senior year of school. Mariah is a Harrison High School Choir public representative and she is the secretary of the Science Club. Mariah has been on the Extreme Slam Club Volleyball team for four years and has taken martial arts for the past five years. Mariah has been involved in many youth activities at Church and within the Diocese including attending Steubenville Mid-America conference, One Bread One Cup youth conference in Indiana, Benedictine College youth conference, attends weekly PRE classes, was an altar server, was a member of the Mary Mother of God Youth Choir and is a current member of the Mary Mother of God Adult Choir, has held leadership roles at VBS, caroling to the homebound, and has volunteered at previous Mary Mother of God Veterans Day programs.



Mary Mother of God 2023

High School Graduates

Jade Métivier: Jade is a foreign Exchange Student from France and is the daughter of Nadege and Eric Métivier. Her host family is Andrew, Lydia and Vittoria Gratton. Jade is graduating from Harrison High School and plans to attend University at Technique de Commercialisation in Angers, France where she will study International Business. Jade is a member of the Varsity Basketball Team, Horseback Riding Club, Hip Hop Dance Team, Swim Team, Disabled Youth Volunteer Program through La Petite Main Rouge, and has volunteered in the Sharing Kitchen. Jade also went caroling to the homebound this past December with other members from Mary Mother of God.

Nicholas Paradiso: Nicky is the son of Tina Pietrabella and the late Thomas Paradiso. Nicky will graduate from Harrison High School. He is currently employed by Walmart and plans to attend North Arkansas College in the fall. Nicky attended weekly PRE classes through Confirmation.

Gabriel Martin Sandoval: Gabe is the son of Rudy & Martha Sandoval. Gabe is graduating from Harrison High School and plans to get certified in welding. Gabe is a member of Boy Scouts Troup 60 and is an Eagle Scout. Gabe has been involved in many youth activities at Church including attending weekly PRE classes, volunteering at previous Mary Mother of God Veterans Day programs, is a past member of the Mary Mother of God Youth Choir and is a current member of the Mary Mother of God Adult Choir.

George Owen Styles: Owen is the son of Heath & Kristen Styles. Owen is graduating from Harrison High School and plans to attend Arkansas Tech University in the fall. Owen is an honor graduate and a member of the National Honor Society, and the Harrison High Varsity Basketball and Varsity Golf teams. Owen attended weekly PRE classes through Confirmation.

Meadow Adelle Whiteside: Meadow is the daughter of Travis & Renae Whiteside. Meadow is graduating from Harrison High School and plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas majoring in psychology and focus on family, child and marriage counseling upon earning her degree. She has received a University Scholarship at UCA, the Arkansas Challenge Scholarship, and the Woodmen Life Focus Forward Scholarship. Meadow is a member of the National Honor Society, Vice-President of the Harrison High Key Club, and the Harrison High Volleyball team. Meadow has been involved in many youth activities at Church and within the Diocese including attending Steubenville Mid-America conference, attending weekly PRE classes through Confirmation, being an altar server, being a member of the Mary Mother of God Youth Choir, caroling to the homebound, has held leadership roles at VBS, and has volunteered at previous Mary Mother of God Veterans Day programs.



Mary Mother of God 2023

College Graduates

Jared Chua: Jared is the son of Johann & Sally Chua. Jared is graduating from Norwich University, which is a military college, with a major in Civil Engineering and a minor in Construction Management. Jared plans to attend the Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and commission as ensign, an officer in the United States Navy. Afterwards, Jared will be going to Port Hueneme, California for Civil Engineering Corps Officer School and become a USN Civil Engineer. He plans on becoming a professional engineer specializing in environmental or geotechnical engineering. Jared will be attending a program on renewable energy and wind farm in Copenhagen, Denmark. Jared has received the Norwich Presidential Scholar, Norwich Civic Scholar, Navy Civil Engineering Corps Contracted and he is on the Dean's list. Jared attends Mass every Wednesday and Sunday and he is a sponsor for two individuals who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Before Jared went away to school, he was an active member in the Knights of Columbus Council #8410. Norwich University is the nation's birthplace of Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). Jared participated in Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps and is a member of the 1st Battalion Staff and has held multiple ranks throughout his four years at Norwich University. He is also a member of Norwich Regimental Band and a Civic Scholar where he volunteers in opportunities through the university on a local and state level. He is Vice President for the American Society of Civil Engineers and also Vice President for the Filipino American Society.

Tiffany Coffman: Tiffany Coffman is the mother of Adam Coffman and daughter of Chad & Holly Coffman. Tiffany graduated in March of 2023 from the Academy of Hair Design in Springfield, MO with a Barber certification. She also honored in hair color and women's cuts. She plans to continue working full-time for FedEx and will also be working at Ruckus Salon in the evenings and on Saturdays. Tiffany was able to achieve her dream while still working a full-time job at FedEx and traveling to and from Springfield, Missouri four days out of the week, in the course of one year. Tiffany volunteers for any events she is available to be of help at Mary Mother of God.

Roslynn Helen Haley: Helen Haley is the wife of Levi Haley and mother of Sebastian Woodward, and Rey & Braden Haley. Helen graduated from the University of Arkansas with a major in Biology and a minor in History. Helen is currently taking courses with the University of New England and working towards a Master of Arts in Public Health concentrating on Epidemiology. Helen received an Academic All-Star Scholarship and was awarded the National Society of Leadership and Success. Organizations that Helen was or is involved in is CHOSEN (Christian Ophthalmic Surgery Expedition Network), University of Arkansas Museum Board, and Phi Beta Lambda.







Mary Mother of God 2023 College Graduates

Julie Jasper: Julie Jasper is the Director of Music Ministry at Mary Mother of God Church. She is the wife of Greg Jasper, mother to Chris, Jeremy, Evan, Matthew Webb, and Isaac Jasper. She is Mimi to Peyton and Cooper Webb. She graduated in December of 2022 from Missouri State University Summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Vocal Music Education. Julie was able to obtain her degree while still working as the Director of Music Ministry at Mary Mother of God and driving to and from Springfield, Missouri several days a week. While attending Missouri State University, Julie was a recipient of the N. Meredith Rich Scholarship and was inducted into Pi Kappa Lambda, a music honors society. Julie is involved in many ministries at Mary Mother of God including Music Ministry, PREP, CYM, CCW, and Scripture Study. Outside of Church, Julie is also involved in the Harrison Community Choir and MSU Women's Chorus. Julie plans to continue as Director of Music Ministry at Mary Mother of God, to build up a private music studio, and compose music for the Church and the Liturgy. She also plans to continue performing with her Harpe Diem band.

Kaitlyn Pratt: Kaitlyn is the daughter of Chris & Angie Pratt. Kaitlyn is graduating from Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Chemistry. She plans to continue attending Missouri State University and pursue a Master's in Public Health and a certificate in Public Health Administration. Kaitlyn was awarded graduate assistantship with Outdoor Adventures. Organizations and/or groups she is involved in include Mental Health Ambassadors and Aids Project of the Ozarks.

Bernice Rubio: Bernice is the daughter of Dr. Ronald & Venice Rubio. Bernice is graduating from Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and has accepted a job offer from Cox Medical Center, South Springfield Missouri, as an emergency room nurse. While attending MSU, Bernice received several awards and scholarships including the Board of Governor's Scholarship, Dr. Robert & Charlotte Bitter Endowed Scholarship and was a Dean's Lister. Also, while attending MSU, Bernice was involved with and worked with the MSU Community Outreach Organization, working with nursing homes, food pantries as well as volunteering in other organizations in the community and school related activities.

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
HARRISON, ARKANSAS**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 30 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Graduation Mass	May 1, 2023 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Bells	May 2 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	May 3 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes 1st Communion Practice ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	May 4 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	May 5 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	May 6 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Confessions 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
May 7 <i>First Holy Communion & May Crowning</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ 2 PM BINGO 	May 8 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Bells	May 9 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM Installation of CCW Officers in Church CCW Spring Banquet Follows at DeVito's	May 10 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Potluck A-G: Bring Side or Salad H-Z: Bring Dessert ++ NO YOUTH CHOIR	May 11 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow in Parish Hall ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	May 12 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	May 13 NOON Rosary Rally at Nopalitos - Join Us! ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
May 14 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ FREE Breakfast Sponsored by Trail Life Following Mass 	May 15 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Bells	May 16 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass UNIVERSAL PHOTOS 2 PM - 8:30 PM	May 17 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass UNIVERSAL PHOTOS 2 PM - 8:30 PM	May 18 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ NO Adult Choir UNIVERSAL PHOTOS 2 PM - 8:30 PM	May 19 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary UNIVERSAL PHOTOS 2 PM - 8:20 PM	May 20 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass UNIVERSAL PHOTOS 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM
May 21 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Cath. Communications Campaign ++ 2 PM BINGO	May 22 NO MASS	May 23 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	May 24 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	May 25 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir w/Handbells	May 26 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	May 27 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
May 28 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 	May 29 <i>Memorial Day</i> NO MASS 	May 30 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	May 31 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	June 1, 2023 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ NO Adult Choir - Summer Schedule Begins	June 2 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	June 3 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Confessions 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
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Ushers: Tim Reeves
Bill Markham
Chuck Draper
Terry Draper

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper

Lector: Joan Lipsmeyer

E/M: Stacy Burge
Judy Keith
Greg Jasper

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

ALTAR SERVERS: APRIL 29, 2023 TO JUNE 4, 2023

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

Apr 30: Book/Cross: Lily Pinson
Candle: Keeley Culpepper
Candle: Kayleigh Culpepper

May 6: Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Candle: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Erin Culhane

May 7: Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kori Eddings
Candle: Michael Adamos

May 13: Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Adam Coffman

May 14: Thurifer: Jacob Simon
Book/Cross: June Simon
Candle: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden

May 20: Book/Cross: Erin Culhane
Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Jacob Bradford

May 21: Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper
Book/Cross: Lily Pinson
Candle: Liam Lampe
Candle: Kayleigh Culpepper

May 27: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Adam Coffman

May 28: Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Kori Eddings
Candle: Logan Eddings
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston

June 3: Book/Cross: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Landon Snyder

June 4: Thurifer: Lily Pinson
Book/Cross: Jacob Simon
Candle: June Simon
Candle: Michael Adamos

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

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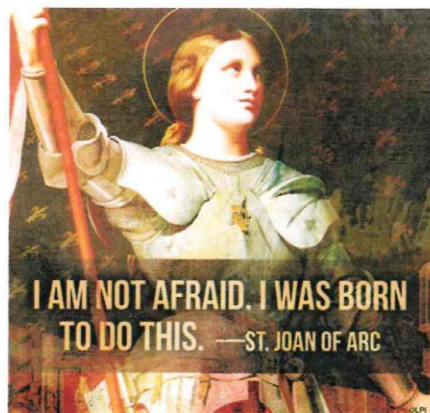
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Lector: Read the Scripture readings during Mass.
Rosary Leader: Lead before Mass.
Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.
Extraordinary Minister: Distribute Body & Blood of Christ during Communion.
Altar Servers: All youth who have celebrated their First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



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Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 30, 2023

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the voice of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, "They recognize his voice." He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can. — Father John Muir ©LPi

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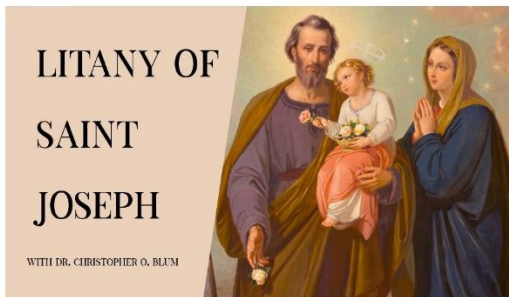
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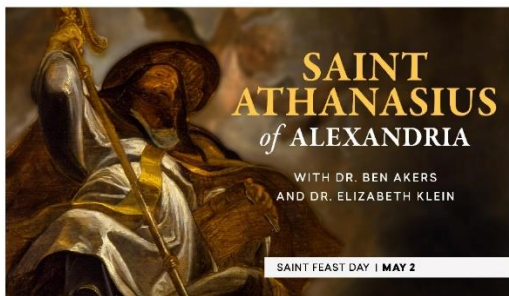
St. Joseph: Old and New (Part 1 of 4)

Join Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers as they comment on St. Joseph and his importance in the life of the Church. In this episode, they reflect on the Joseph of the Old and New Testament.



Litany of Saint Joseph

Join Dr. Christopher O. Blum as he prays the Litany of St. Joseph, asking for his intercession in your life and the lives of your loved ones.



Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.

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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/>
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<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Ushers:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/>

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

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

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

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

What does Music Ministry mean to me?

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

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

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1) Employees

2) Volunteers with Routine Contact w/ Minors

- a. This includes only volunteers who have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their volunteer duties.
- b. Volunteers who do not have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their duties do not have to do safe environment training or background checks.

WHAT training programs:

“CMG Connect” → online training for **adults**
(<http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment>)
(or directly at: <https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org>)

“Circle of Grace” → in-classroom training for **children/youth**

We will no longer use VIRTUS’s “Protecting God’s Children” or “Touching Safety.”
Instead, we will use products supported by **Catholic Mutual Group (CMG)**.

All data from VIRTUS will be moved over to CMG Connect. No one who has already done safe environment training and a background check will have to re-do anything at this time. Users who are due for a 5-year recertification will be notified how to do that by their parish/school safe environment coordinator, who will also have info on both new programs.