



## MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays As Scheduled

Tuesday & Wednesday – 5:30 PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 8:30 AM

### HOLY DAY MASSES

As Announced

### CONFESSIONS

One-Half Hour Before All Masses

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

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

### COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

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

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Father Ben.

**Pastor/Administrator:**

**Deacon:**

Secretary:

**Rev. Benjamin Riley**

**Dc. Mark Scouten**

Robin Markham

Adult Scripture Study:

Tom Hoberock

Buildings, Maintenance:

Craig Bailey

Catholic Christian Women:

Holly Coffman

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

Communion to Sick/Legion of Mary:

Pat Knickerbocker

Custodian:

Holly Coffman

Eucharistic Adoration:

Carmen Andrade

Finance Council:

Joe Koenig

Flocknote:

Robin Markham

Knights of Columbus:

Jerry Hogue

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

Everett Burr

Libraries:

Jennifer Johnson

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Music Ministry:

Julie Jasper

Pastoral Council:

Greg Jasper

Prayer Group / Seven Sisters:

Carmen Andrade

Pro-Life:

Sandra Guidry

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Holly Coffman

Sacristans:

K. Jones, M. Stephens

Alternate Sacristans:

E. Scouten, C. Bailey

Safe Environment:

Holly Coffman

Social Justice/Charitable Outreach

Robin Markham

Trail Life USA:

Wes Bradford

Tribunal:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Wedding Coordinator:

Bonnie Tauer

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

Wayne & Judy Keith

### NEW IN PARISH

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Moved From:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish City:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 2023 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

<b>First Saturday,</b>	<b>May 6</b>
<b>8:10 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>MASS: SI – Bill &amp; Ruth Haley</b>
<b>9-10 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>First Saturday Devotions</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>MASS: +Walter Israel</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 7 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
	<b>First Holy Communion &amp; May Crowning</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>MASS: +Sue DeStefano</b>
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>May 8 – NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>May 9</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions</b>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>MASS: +Gladys Cheri</b>
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>May 10</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Evening Prayer &amp; Confessions</b>
<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>MASS: +Wendy Arnold</b>
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>May 11</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>MASS: +Mark Rowe</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Rosary – Led by Catholic Christian Women</b>
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>May 12</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>MASS: +Father Jim Fanrak</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Fatima Rosary</b>
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>May 13</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>MASS: +Robert K. Scott, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniv. (5-12)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 14 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>MASS: +Bill Ogier</b>



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

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

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

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

**MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR – LET US ALL SHARE THE JOY OF SERVING THE LORD!!** Please sign up as soon as possible. If you are new to serving, 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](http://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.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY** is for Building Maintenance.

**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 on Sunday, May 7.



**BINGO TODAY – Sunday, May 7 at 2 PM.** Invite a friend! Doors will open at 1 PM. Proceeds benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

**HANDBELLS – Monday, May 8 at 7 PM.**  
**SILVER BELLS – Wednesday, May 10 at 11 AM**  
**ADULT CHOIR – Thursday, May 11 at 6 PM**



**PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) – This Wednesday ...**

**4:30 PM** Rosary & Confessions  
**5:15 PM** Adoration & Benediction  
**5:30 PM** MASS  
**6:00 PM** **Year-End PREP Potluck Party:**  
**A – G: Bring Side Dish or Salad**  
**H – Z: Bring Dessert**



**Catholic Christian Women (CCW)** will meet this Thursday, May 11 at 9 AM to pray the Rosary. Coffee and donuts will follow in the Parish Hall. Please 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.



**A NEW PARISH DIRECTORY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!**  
We cannot do it without you! Please call or text Holly Coffman as soon as possible to set up your appointment! Photographers will be here Tuesday through Saturday, May 16-20.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

May 7: Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12  
 May 8: Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26  
 May 9: Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a  
 May 10: Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8  
 May 11: Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11  
 May 12: Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17  
 May 13: Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21  
 May 14: Acts 8:5-8; 14-17 / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21

**NEXT SUNDAY – Trail Life** will sponsor a **FREE** breakfast following the 8:30 AM Mass next Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

### 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 & 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**





The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who donated to this year's Lenten Food Drive. Mercy Mall and House of Hope received \$1,500 each. The actual food items collected went to Ozark Share & Care. We appreciate your support for our local charities.

**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, Lisa Eastridge, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Lorraine Gokenbach, Ed Griggs, 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.

**2023 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** - To date, our parishioners have given **\$2,411 or 11.4%** 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://troubadourforthe lord.net/store/ols/categories /little-portion-retreats-with-john-michael-talbot>.

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

The Diocese of Little Rock has an opening for an Associate Editor for *Arkansas Catholic*. Requirements include a bachelor's degree in journalism/communications or equivalent experience and two years of writing and editing experience. This is a full-time position at St. John Catholic Center in Little Rock with competitive pay and benefits including retirement plan. To inquire or apply by submitting a cover letter, resume and portfolio, email Malea Hargett, Editor, *Arkansas Catholic*, at [mhargett@dolr.org](mailto:mhargett@dolr.org) or call (501) 664-0125.

**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.

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**JOB OPPORTUNITY** – We are continuing the process of seeking a full-time Bookkeeper/Secretary position at Mary Mother of God Catholic Church in Harrison, AR.

**Work Conditions:** Regularly scheduled for 35-40 hours per week from 8:30 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

**Compensation:** Hourly wage comparable to the person's experience and education. Health, dental, and life insurance. Holidays and paid time off.

**Qualifications:**

1. Catholic in good standing.
2. Office, administrative and bookkeeping skills. Organization and ability to manage multiple tasks.
3. Proficiency in Microsoft Office tools, software required to produce weekly bulletin.
4. Basic bookkeeping and accounting skills.
5. Ability to interact positively and professionally with a diverse audience.
6. Ability to maintain complete confidentiality with all aspects of the parish business.

To apply please email a resume to Father Ben Riley at [pastor.mmg.church@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.mmg.church@gmail.com) or mail to 1614 Maplewood Rd. Harrison, AR 72601.

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



- If anyone is looking for help with any type of spring cleaning, please call Shilo Hunsaker at 870-715-2607. If you need a reference, please contact Judy Keith at 870-365-3570.
- A parishioner would like to offer her assistance in exchange for letting her park her camper on their property. If you know of anyone who might need rides to appointments, help with chores, etc., please call Mary at 407-399-1630.



**On-Line Giving Program** – Watch the bulletin for more details once the MMG website is ready!



**The Diocesan Tribunal** - It is the mission of the Diocesan Tribunal to hear the cases of those who are divorced and who are petitioning the Church to make judgment on the possible invalidity of their marriage, due to some impediment, inadequate consent, or the inability to fulfill the duties of the married state. The Tribunal makes every effort to carry out its pastoral ministry in this process.

Petitions for decrees of nullity may be obtained from recognized Diocesan Tribunal advocates. These persons are specially trained in this work. Please contact our local advocate, **Deacon Mark Scouten at 870-741-1579**, for more info and the paperwork to present a petition.

"If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist." – *Arkansas Catholic*, Nov. 14, 2015, Father Ken Doyle  
**Contact Father Ben for more information.**

#### **BAPTISM GODPARENT / CONFIRMATION SPONSOR**

Being a baptism godparent/confirmation sponsor means actively being a good Catholic witness and example, a role model, and ready to give help and advice to the one baptized/confirmed.

When choosing a baptism godparent/confirmation sponsor, do consider the church requirements for a valid choice:

- Not a parent of the one being baptized/confirmed.
- Must be at least 16 years old.
- A practicing Catholic who is leading a good Christian life and is not invalidly married.
- Must have already made First Communion and been confirmed.

A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be a witness to the baptism, but only together with a Catholic godparent.

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

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

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

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



**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, Father Ben Riley

**SEARCH #152 RETREAT** – Registrations are now being accepted for Search #152, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to in-coming juniors, seniors, and recently graduated seniors. Search #152 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, June 23-25. The fee is \$145. Visit [www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-152.pdf](http://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-152.pdf)

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUMMER INSTITUTE – C2SI** – Registrations are now being accepted for C2SI, a summer program put together by the Youth Ministry Office and Catholic Charities of Little Rock. This week is open to youth in the 9th-12<sup>th</sup> grades interested in learning about the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church. During this 5-day session participants will have the opportunity to learn how to put the social justice lessons learned each morning into action with worthwhile "hands on" experience by working in the community. Join us in Jesus' invitation to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and welcome the stranger among us. Participants receive 40 hours of community service for the week C2SI is held at St. John Center, Little Rock, July 10-14. The fee is \$200. For more information and registration visit [www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/c2si-registration-2023.pdf](http://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/c2si-registration-2023.pdf)

Partial scholarships are available by using the above addresses. For more info, contact Trish Gentry [tgentry@dolr.org](mailto:tgentry@dolr.org) or call 501-664-0340 extension 418.

**PROJECT RACHEL** – Has abortion left you with a broken heart? You are not alone. Peace starts here. Non-judgmental. There is hope. Healing is possible. Experience the love and mercy of God. Please call or text 501-663-0996 or email [rpuello@dolr.org](mailto:rpuello@dolr.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

#### **→ Check out FORMED.org ←**

**It's EASY and FREE to Register!** Visit FORMED.org with your favorite web browser. Click Sign Up. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization". Find your parish by name. Enter your email and that's all there is to it! There are movies about saints (both adult and children), numerous Bible studies, Catholic Answers, audio books, apologetics and much more! **Now you can deepen your faith life even more!** Sign up for FORMED Daily to receive a short clip by email from the platform's best content each day. Visit <https://FORMED.org/promo/daily-reflections-signup>

**New Informed Choices for Women Center Needs Volunteers** - The new Informed Choices for Women Center, located at 714 West Sherman Ave. in Harrison, needs volunteers during the week to help man their pro-life Christian outreach to women in crisis pregnancies. The non-profit Center provides a variety of options and services to women (and men) during and after their pregnancy, including free ultrasounds to bring their babies to full term and birth. This center is a blessing to our area and is an opportunity for us as Christians to get involved in the Respect Life ministry locally. If you can spare an hour or two a week to help in this effort, please call the Center at 870-280-3169 for more information. God will richly bless you.



**Catholic Cemetery Gravesites** are available to purchase from a Cemetery Committee representative. Gravesites are \$500 each. **A monthly payment plan is available.** If four or more gravesites are purchased at the same time, a 10% discount is applied, and the cost is \$450 per gravesite. Any questions, call Marlene Rowe at 365-0236.

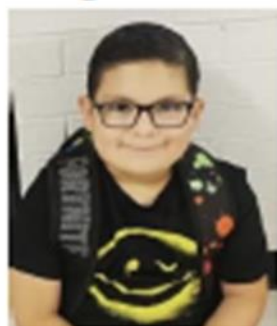


# Mary Mother of God 2023

## First Holy Communion



Hannah Ruth  
Applegate  
Daughter of  
Justin & Crystal Applegate



Rodney Romeo  
Carrera  
Son of  
Ceasar & Wendy Carrera



Laurel Ruxandra  
Eddings  
Daughter of  
Matt & Kristin Eddings



Weston Neal  
Hodges  
Son of  
Neal & Rachel Hodges



Aurora Elizabeth  
Lampe  
Daughter of  
Adam & Jennifer Lampe



*Announcing the 106th Anniversary 2023*

# PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God." As a result, America is suffering from the effects of a health crisis; from violence and chaos on our streets; from confusion in our young people, and moral and societal collapse. It is urgent that we listen to Our Lady's request and stop offending God if we hope to enjoy His blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us when we pray through the intercession of His most Holy Mother. That is why we are doing this Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In "The Secret of the Rosary" Saint Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort said, "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

If we don't recognize the tragedy and suffering in our country, we may be part of the problem.

**JOIN THE 2023 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE TODAY!!**

**WHAT:           THE HOLY ROSARY**  
**WHERE:        BY NOPALITOS RESTAURANT ON HWY 65**  
**WHEN:         SATURDAY, MAY 13TH AT 12 NOON**







For more information, contact Carmen at 305-815-1795

Coordinated nationally by Tradition, Family and Property  
and its America Needs Fatima campaign.

Email us at [ANFRosaryRally@aol.com](mailto:ANFRosaryRally@aol.com)

[www.ANF.org](http://www.ANF.org) (866)584-6012

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HARRISON, ARKANSAS**

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

### 5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Carrie Culhane

Lector: Carrie Culhane

E/M: Val Stechly  
Betty Stechly

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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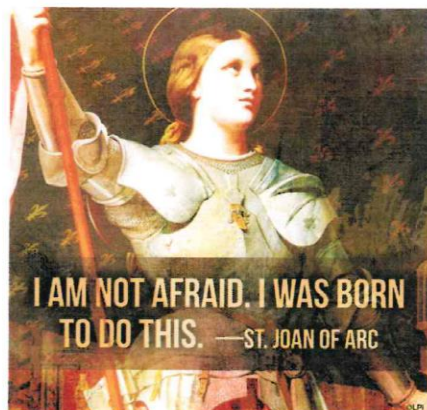
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**Rosary Leader:** Lead before Mass.  
**Musician:** See or call Julie Jasper.  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Distribute Body & Blood of Christ during Communion.  
**Altar Servers:** All youth who have celebrated their First Holy Communion.  
**Usher:** 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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### Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 7, 2023

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, "You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...'" To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith. — Father John Muir

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## Spiritual Motherhood | The Augustine Institute Show

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Sr. Maris Stella for a conversation on the vocation of every woman, that of motherhood. Although all women will not be called to be physical mothers, every woman is called to be a spiritual mother.



## The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.

REAL WOMANHOOD  
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## Real Womanhood by Lisa Cotter

What does it mean to be a real woman in today's culture? Join Lisa Cotter in her talk Real Womanhood, as she draws on modern-day saints, St. John Paul II to define what it means to be an authentic woman.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3: Top Three Revealing Discoveries:

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

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

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

#### Section 4: Most Common Observations:

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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- Healthy pregnancy education
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- 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
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**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**  
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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.