



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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:

Catholic Christian Women:

Holly Coffman

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

Communion to Sick/Legion of Mary:

Pat Knickerbocker

Custodian:

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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: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Parish Moved From: _____

Parish City: _____

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

2023 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday,	June 17
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Ann May
Sunday	June 18 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI - Gerry & Lorraine Gokenbach, 1 st Anniv.
Monday,	June 19 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	June 20
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Loretta Hildman, 1 st Anniv. (6-18)
Wednesday,	June 21
4:30 PM	Evening Prayer & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: +Richard Prochaska, 8 th Anniv.
Thursday,	June 22
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Sue Brain, 1 st Anniv.
Friday,	June 23
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Gary Wilcox, Health
9:00 AM	Fatima Rosary
Saturday,	June 24
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	June 25 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners



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.

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

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

FREE Father's Day BBQ in the Parish Hall following the June 17th 5 PM Mass!! Our Trail Life Troop will be serving BBQ pork, beans, coleslaw, cobbler, tea, and lemonade. **Movie Night** featuring "Running the Bases" will follow. See you there!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WORK NIGHT is this Monday, June 19 at 6:30 PM to decorate the Parish Hall.

CYM – HIGH SCHOOLERS are invited to a Movie Night in the Parish Hall Youth Room on Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30 PM. Popcorn, candy, and drinks are provided.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 25 – Dinner: 5:30 to 5:50 PM. VBS Activities: 5:50 to 8:30 PM.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN-UP FOR A NEW BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN IN JULY – Psalms: The School of Prayer from Ascension Press begins Sunday, July 9 at 10 AM and Tuesday, July 11 at 3 PM. This is an 11-week study. Sign-up no later than TODAY. The books will be ordered on Monday, June 19th so they will be delivered on time. Contact Tom Hoberock at 870-688-1202 for more info.

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

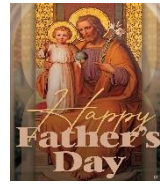
Friday @ Noon & 1 PM

Saturday @ Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Veterans, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, Aubrey/Audrey, Donnie Billups, Shari Broscovak, Betty Burge, Brian Coffman, Donald Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Sally Conner, Tootie Darms, David Decker, Ruth Deischer, Wayne Dixon, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Lorraine Gokenbach, Ed Griggs, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Pete Hartman, Waylen/Preston Hetrick, Dianne Hoberock, Chris Jamison, Chris Jasper, Caven James Keith, Mary Koenig, Martha Lamboy, Brian Long, Courtney Martin, Beth Nelson, Eliska/Glenn Pollock, +Jessie Porras Jr. / Jacob/Jaxson Rivera, Nick Rykert, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Mike/Margie Stephen, Loretta Tarochione, Linda Utaski, Rita Ward, Christine Weaver, Jimmie Wells, Gary Wilcox, Jean Williams, John Zollo. **Our Nursing Home Residents:** David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Jackie Jaworski, Lylia Laffoon, 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.**

Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign – “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart.” Jeremiah 1:5 - The Knights of Columbus will hand out baby bottles this weekend for you to fill with spare change, bills, or check. All monies collected will be given to Pro-Life programs in Arkansas. **Please return your bottle by Sunday, July 2. Thanks!**



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2023 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given **\$5,529 or 26%** 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.

Easter Books “This Is My Body – A Call to Eucharistic Revival” by Bishop Robert Barron are still available in the vestibule.

Come join us at The Narrow Way Farm & Ranch for a Volunteer Day. Learn about our mission, help us in the garden, or feed animals, and enjoy fellowship with those who want to experience some of the Lord’s parables firsthand. Volunteer days begin at 9 AM (8 AM if you want to help feed animals) and go until 5 PM; the Friday events continue with fellowship time with Faith by the Fire until 8 PM. All ages are welcome. Meals are provided; bring a water bottle, a hat and sunscreen, and mud boots if wet. Call or text St. Andrew’s parishioner, Philip Carollo with any questions at 870-404-7890. Dates include Saturday, June 24; Friday, July 14; and Saturday, July 29.

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WeShare On-Line Giving Program is ready for you to use! You will now be able to set up a one-time donation or recurring donation to several funds including the General Sunday Collection, Diocesan Second Collections, Maintenance Fund, Cemetery Renovation Fund, and Catholic Youth Ministries. You may donate by visiting the church website at harrisoncatholic.org and click GIVE or by scanning the QR code above.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jun 18:	Ex 19:2-6a / Rom 5:6-11 / Mt 9:36–10-8
Jun 19:	2 Cor 6:1-10 / Mt 5:38-42
Jun 20:	2 Cor 8:1-9 / Mt 5:43-48
Jun 21:	2 Cor 9:6-11 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jun 22:	2 Cor 11:1-11 / Mt 6:7-15
Jun 23:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 / Mt 6:19-23
Jun 24:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10 / 1 Pt 1:8-12 / Lk 1:5-17
	Day: Is 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26 / Lk 1:57-66, 80
Jun 25:	Jer 20:10-13 / Rom 5:12-15 / Mt 10:26-33

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.

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A NOTE FROM FATHER BEN: I am very excited to participate in Father Mike Schmitz "Catechism in a Year Podcast." This is a FREE podcast that can be found on your smartphone. Apple users can visit: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-catechism-in-a-year-with-fr-mike-schmitz/id1648949780>.

The podcasts can also be found on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@TheCatechismInAYear>. The reading plan can be downloaded at <https://ascensionpress.com/>.

It is with great joy that I encourage you to participate, delving deeply into our faith; exploring not only what we as Catholics believe, but also why we believe. With great joy, Fr. Ben Riley

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. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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

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 9-th-12th 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’s 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

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

MMG CEMETERY – APPROVED ADDITIONS



- The Mary Mother of God Cemetery renovation will include: extending the existing sidewalk through the center of the cemetery, paving the road, and adding a crucifix with meditation benches.
- Thankfully, through your generous support over the years, our parish has the funds to begin construction once we finalize the plans and get bids.
- To ensure our parish continues being a good steward of our resources, we need to offset the cost of the renovation with a capital campaign.
- Please prayerfully consider donating by visiting the new “giving” tab on our parish website www.harrisoncatholic.com or simply use your cellphone camera to scan the QR code to the right.



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HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Sunday May 28 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	Monday May 29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	Tuesday May 30	Wednesday May 31	Thursday June 1, 2023	Friday June 2 <i>First Friday</i>	Saturday June 3 <i>First Saturday</i>
8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 	NO MASS 	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ NO Adult Choir - Summer Schedule Begins	8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary ++ 5 PM Extraordinary Minister Training w/ Fr. Ben & Dc. Mark	8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Confessions 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
June 4 <i>Holy Trinity</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ Sign-Up: New Bible Study -- Psalms ++ 2 PM BINGO	June 5 NO MASS	June 6 NO MASS ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	June 7 NO MASS	June 8 NO MASS ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow in Parish Hall ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	June 9 NO MASS ++ 9 AM Fatima Rosary Volunteer Day @ The Narrow Way Farm & Ranch - Yellville See Bulletin for Details	June 10 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
June 11 <i>The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Sign-Up: New Bible Study -- Psalms	June 12 NO MASS	June 13 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	June 14 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	June 15 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	June 16 <i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	June 17 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ Father's Day BBQ - FREE BBQ Pork w/Sides & Movie Night in Hall "Running the Bases" (PG) More Info--See Bulletin
June 18 <i>11th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Church in Latin America 	June 19 NO MASS	June 20 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	June 21 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	June 22 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	June 23 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	June 24 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass Volunteer Day @ The Narrow Way Farm & Ranch - Yellville See Bulletin for Details
June 25 <i>12th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Vacation Bible School Begins Today!	June 26 NO MASS	June 27 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	June 28 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	June 29 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar 	June 30 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary Trail Life Camp Out For Their Families at Steel Creek in Jasper	July 1, 2023 <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
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -- Sunday thru Thursday 5:30 PM to 5:50 PM Supper 5:50 PM to 8:30 PM Activities						
PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR.						

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: JUNE 2023

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Roy Arnold

Lector: Wes Bradford
Carrie Culhane 6/10 & 6/17

E/M: Roy Arnold
Rena White

Ushers: Everett Burr
Chad Coffman
Chuck Draper
Terry Draper

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Bob Lowery

Lector: John Duncan

E/M: Bob Lowery
Mary Billups
Mike Galligan

Ushers: Alvin Hanson
Regina Hanson
Gerry Gokenbach
James Virnig

ALTAR SERVERS: JUNE 3, 2023 TO JULY 2, 2023

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

June 10: Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Adam Coffman

June 11: Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Liam Lampe

June 17: Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Candle: Adam Coffman
Candle: Erin Culhane

June 18: Thurifer: Jacob Simon
Book/Cross: June Simon
Candle: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kori Eddings

June 24: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Jacob Bradford

June 25: Thurifer: Lily Pinson
Book/Cross: Michael Adamos
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston
Candle: Liam Lampe

July 1: Book/Cross: Erin Culhane
Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Jacob Bradford

July 2: Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston

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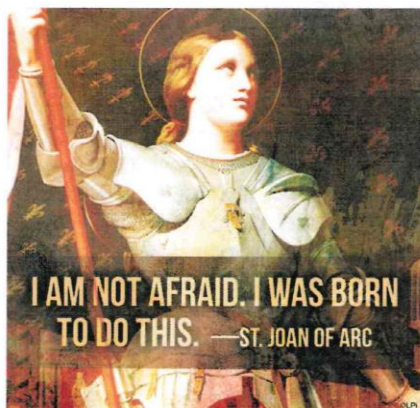
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Are You Interested?

YES!! We Need You!! YOU can be an active participant at Mary Mother of God Church! We want many people to volunteer so no one gets 'stuck' with certain ministries all the time!

Lector: Read the Scripture readings during Mass.
Rosary Leader: Lead before Mass.
Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.
Extraordinary Minister: Distribute Body & Blood of Christ during Communion.
Altar Servers: All youth who have celebrated their First Holy Communion.
Usher: Greet people, guide them to empty seats, hand out bulletins after Mass, check pews after Mass for debris or loose hymnals/missalettes.

If so, call the church office!



Greg Klott †

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Mary Mother of God Catholic Church
Catholic Christian Women (CCW)
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See Bulletin For Meeting
Dates & Times


11th Sunday in Ordinary Time—June 18, 2023

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, **"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few."** Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees. — Father John Muir

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Week of June 18, 2023



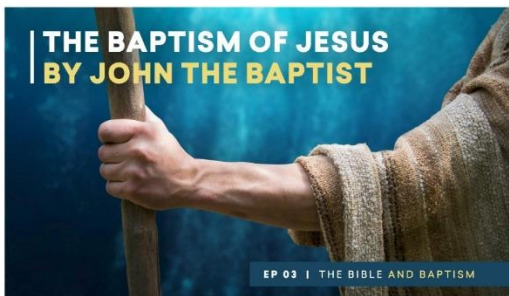
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Saint Thomas More: The Age of the Author

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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/>
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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!



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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

Informed Choices provides:

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

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

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

CURRENT NEEDS

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



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Do you love to 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)

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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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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.