



## MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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[www.harrisoncatholic.org](http://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:

### 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:

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>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	<b>July 15</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: SI – All Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	<b>July 16 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Sue DeStefano, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>July 17 – NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b> 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>July 18</b> <b>Rosary</b> <b>+Edmund Griggs Funeral Mass</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Delphine Gladden Williams, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
<b>Wednesday,</b> 4:30 PM 5:15 PM 5:30 PM	<b>July 19</b> Evening Prayer & Confessions Adoration & Benediction MASS: SI – Jared Chua
<b>Thursday,</b> 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	<b>July 20</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Bob Reynolds
<b>Friday,</b> 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM	<b>July 21</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Herb Van Deven Fatima Rosary
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	<b>July 22</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Mary Raulston
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	<b>July 23 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Rex Arnold



**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.

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



**REST IN PEACE** – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Edmund Griggs (husband of Mary) who died on July 13. The Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, July 18 at 10 AM. The Rosary will precede the Mass at 9:30 AM. Please remember Ed and his family in your prayers.

**The “Psalms” Bible Study** – 10 AM Sundays & 3 PM Tuesdays.



**BINGO TODAY** – **Sunday, July 16 at 2 PM.** Invite a friend! Doors will open at 1 PM. Proceeds benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

**SILVER BELLS** will perform at Countryside Assisted Living on Monday, July 17 at 10 AM.

**CYM NIGHT – High School & Graduates** – 6 PM in Youth Room

**The Legion of Mary will meet on Thursday 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 FOAM PARTY FOR ALL PRE YOUTH & THEIR FAMILIES** is this Friday, July 21 at 7 PM at the Pavilion. Burgers, hotdogs, drinks, and snacks will be served. The Foam Party begins at 7:30 PM. Kids need to wear swimsuits (appropriate, non-revealing) or clothing that can get wet! Don't forget to bring a beach towel! RSVP Holly at 870-416-9928.

**10 SEATS LEFT!!! - PILGRIMAGE to the Eucharistic Shrine in Little Rock is NEXT Saturday, July 22** – The motorcoach leaves MMG at 7:15 AM. First stop is St. John's Center; Mass & Lunch at Our Lady of Good Counsel; Tour of House of Formation; Tour Cathedral of St. Andrew; Tour the Eucharistic Shrine at St. Edward's; Dinner at Whole Hog in Conway; and return to MMG at 8:15 PM. **Sign-up sheets are in the church vestibule.** This pilgrimage is free of charge, however, if you would like to offset the cost of lunch and transportation, the cost per person is \$40. **Call the office to RSVP.**

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – THE LORD WAITS FOR YOU!

“Out of love for me you are present in the Blessed Sacrament; therefore I long for You, O my dearest Jesus.” (Saint Arnold Janssen) **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, 2 PM & 4 PM**

**Wednesday @ 11 AM, 1 PM & 4 PM**

**Thursday @ 1 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM**

**Friday @ Noon & 1 PM**

**Saturday @ 10 AM, 11 AM, 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, +Robert Dale Bryant, Betty Burge, Brian Coffman, Donald Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Sally Conner, Tootie Darms, David/Mary Decker, Ruth Deischer, Wayne Dixon, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Lorraine Gokenbach, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Pete Hartman, Waylen/Preston Hetrick, Dianne Hoberock, Chris Jasper, Caven James Keith, Mary Koenig, Martha Lamboy, Courtney Martin, Beth Nelson, Eliska/Glenn Pollock, Jacob/Jaxson Rivera, Nick Rykert, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Mike/Margie Stephen, Loretta Tarochione, Linda Utaski, Rita Ward, Jimmie Wells, Gary Wilcox, Jean Williams, John/Sherry Zollo. **Our Nursing Home Residents:** David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Lylia Laffoon, 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.**

**FREE COPIES** of the July issue of "Give Us This Day" from Liturgical Press are available in the church vestibule. Please, one per family.

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

**The Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign** is winding down. If you have not returned your baby bottle, please remember to bring it next Sunday. Thanks!

**Arkansas Catholic Charismatic Conference – July 21-23 – Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock** – Opening Mass on Friday evening with Bishop Taylor, weekend guest speakers, Lloyd & Nancy Greenshaw with Grace Ministries, Fr. Norbert Rappold, Charismatic Renewal Services Spiritual Director & Diocesan Liaison, Praise & Worship throughout the weekend, and much more! This year's theme is "That All May Come to Know His Glory". Register online at: [www.arkcc.org](http://www.arkcc.org).

**CCW Rummage Sale – July 28-29** – Clean items may be brought to the Parish Hall during office hours. **PLEASE, NO ELECTRONICS.**

**CCW is looking for volunteers** to help with the Annual Rummage Sale on **Friday and Saturday, July 28-29**. Many volunteers are needed to price items on the following dates:

**Monday & Tuesday, July 24-25:** Noon to 3 PM & 6-8 PM;

**Wednesday, July 26:** Noon to 3 PM;

**Thursday, July 27:** Noon to 3 PM & 6-8 PM.

Any questions, call or text Holly Coffman at 870-416-9928.

**Bratwurst Luncheon for Informed Choices at St. Andrew's Church in Yellville – Sunday, July 23 – Noon to 2 PM** – The Mountain Home Knights of Columbus and St. Andrew's CCW will provide the brats, hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans, dessert, and drink. Prices: Adults \$10; Kids Under 12 \$5. There will be a "Cake Raffle".

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

July 16: Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23

July 17: Ex 1:8-14, 22 / Mt 10:34–11:1

July 18: Ex 2:1-15a / Mt 11:20-24

July 19: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 / Mt 11:25-27

July 20: Ex 3:13-20 / Mt 11:28-30

July 21: Ex 11:10–12:14 / Mt 12:1-8

July 22: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

July 23: Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43

**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. Call Carmen to sign up at 305-815-1795.

**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](http://harrisoncatholic.org) and click GIVE or by scanning this QR code.



Fr. Patrick Boland, OSB, will lead the women's retreat at Coury House Aug. 11-13. The theme is The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church. The cost is \$150 per person for a shared room and \$200 for a private room. The cost includes two nights' accommodation, six meals, and all the conferences. To make a reservation, call 479-934-1290 or email [couryhouse@subi.org](mailto:couryhouse@subi.org)

*Dear Parishioners, It is with great joy that I welcome Lucia McArthur to the Mary Mother of God parish staff as the bookkeeper/secretary. As she embarks on this new journey and learns the ropes from Robin, I ask that you keep her in your prayers and please be patient during this time of transition.*

*With great joy,*

*Fr. Ben Riley*

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the Body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. (1 Corinthians 12:12-20)



**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, please call Marlene Rowe at 870-365-0236.

**2023 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** - To date, our parishioners have given **\$6,169 or 29%** 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.

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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

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## 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](http://www.harrisoncatholic.com) or simply use your cellphone camera to scan the QR code to the right.



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## HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Sunday June 25	Monday June 26	Tuesday June 27	Wednesday June 28	Thursday June 29	Friday June 30	Saturday July 1, 2023
12th Sunday in Ordinary  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ <b>Vacation Bible School Begins Today!</b>	NO MASS	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	11 AM Silver Bells ++ 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 	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary  <b>Trail Life Camp Out For Their Families at Steel Creek in Jasper</b>	8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass <b>9-10 AM Confessions</b> <b>9 AM First Saturday Devotions</b> ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -- Sunday thru Thursday 5:30 PM to 5:50 PM Supper 5:50 PM to 8:30 PM Activities</b>						
July 2 13th Sunday in Ordinary  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ 2 PM BINGO	July 3  NO MASS	July 4 Independence Day  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass 	July 5  11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>CYM Night - HS/Grads Steubenville Info Mtg</b> 6 PM w/Taco Bar	July 6  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	July 7 First Friday  8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary ++ <b>Steubenville Youth: Noon: Meet in Parish Hall</b>  <b>Youth to Steubenville - Return on Sunday</b>	July 8  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ <i>Please Welcome Fr. Naz from Mtn Home This Weekend</i>
July 9 14th Sunday in Ordinary  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Peter's Pence ++ <b>Bible Study Begins Following Mass In Parish Hall</b>	July 10  NO MASS	July 11  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>3 PM Bible Study Begins in Parish Hall</b> ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	July 12  11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>CYM - Movie Night</b> 6 PM - 7th-9th Grades	July 13  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow w/Brief CCW Info Mtg. ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	July 14  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary  <b>Volunteer Day @ The Narrow Way Farm &amp; Ranch - Yellville</b> <i>See Bulletin for Details</i>	July 15  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
July 16 15th Sunday in Ordinary  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ <b>10 AM Bible Study</b> ++ 2 PM BINGO	July 17  NO MASS  <b>10 AM Silver Bells @ Countryside Living</b>	July 18  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>3 PM Bible Study</b>	July 19  4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>CYM Night - HS/Grads</b> 6 PM Youth Room	July 20  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	July 21  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary ++ All Youth Foam Party 7 PM at Pavilion	July 22  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ <b>Pilgrimage to LR</b> <b>Coach Leaves 7:15 AM</b> <b>Returns 8:15 PM</b> <b>Sign-Up Sheets Are In The Church Vestibule</b>
July 23 16th Sunday in Ordinary  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ <b>10 AM Bible Study</b>	July 24  NO MASS  Rummage Sale Work Day Noon-3 pm / 6-8 pm Volunteers Needed	July 25  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>3 PM Bible Study</b>  Rummage Sale Work Day Noon-3 pm / 6-8 pm Volunteers Needed	July 26  4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>CYM Movie Night</b> 6 PM - 4th-6th Grades  Rummage Sale Work Day Noon to 3 PM Volunteers Needed	July 27  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar  Rummage Sale Work Day Noon-3 pm / 6-8 pm Volunteers Needed	July 28  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary  <b>Rummage Sale</b> <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> <b>Volunteers Needed</b>	July 29  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ <b>Volunteer Day @ The Narrow Way Farm &amp; Ranch - Yellville</b>  <b>Rummage Sale</b> <b>9 AM - Noon</b> <b>Volunteers Needed</b>
July 30 17th Sunday in Ordinary  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ <b>10 AM Bible Study</b> ++ <b>All Youth Pool Party</b> 3 PM at Tim & Robin Reeves' Home	July 31  NO MASS	August 1, 2023  NO MASS ++ <b>3 PM Bible Study</b>	August 2  NO MASS	August 3  NO MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	August 4 First Friday  8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	August 5 First Saturday  8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass <b>9-10 AM Confessions</b> <b>9 AM First Saturday Devotions</b> ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass

## MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: JULY 2023

### 5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Roy Arnold

Lector: Wes Bradford

E/M: Roy Arnold  
Elisabeth Scouten

Ushers: Tim Reeves  
Bill Markham  
Chuck Draper  
Terry Draper

### 8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper

Lector: Tom Hoberock

E/M: Greg Jasper  
Stacy Burge  
Judy Keith

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

## ALTAR SERVERS: JULY 1, 2023 TO AUGUST 6, 2023

**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

**July 8:** Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys  
Candle: Matthew Bradford  
Candle: Adam Coffman

**July 9:** ***NO THURIFER***  
Book/Cross: **Kayleigh Culpepper**  
Candle: Lily Pinson  
Candle: Michael Adamos

**July 15:** Book/Cross: Jacob Bradford  
Candle: Erin Culhane  
Candle: Landon Snyder

**July 16:** Thurifer: Jacob Simon  
Book/Cross: June Simon  
Candle: Julie McFadden  
Candle: Daniel McFadden

**July 22:** Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford  
Candle: Zeke Humphreys  
Candle: Adam Coffman

**July 23:** Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper  
Book/Cross: Kaleigh Culpepper  
Candle: Liam Lampe  
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston

**July 29:** Book/Cross: Landon Snyder  
Candle: Jacob Bradford  
Candle: Adam Coffman

**July 30:** ***NO THURIFER***  
Book/Cross: Michael Adamos  
Candle: **Julia McFadden**  
Candle: **Daniel McFadden**

**Aug 5:** Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys  
Candle: Matthew Bradford  
Candle: Erin Culhane

**Aug 6:** Thurifer: Jacob Simon  
Book/Cross: June Simon  
Candle: Liam Lampe  
Candle: Michael Adamos

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



## Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

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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.

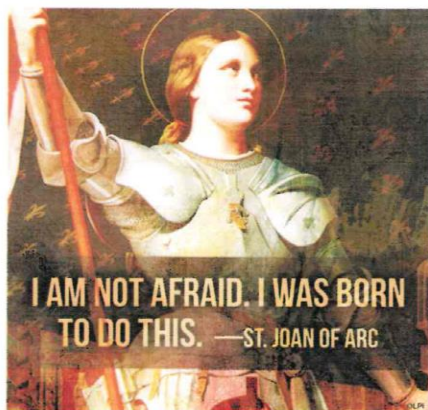
**Musician:** See or call Julie Jasper.

**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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### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 16, 2023

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a *relationship*, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient.

Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed. — Father John Muir ©LPi

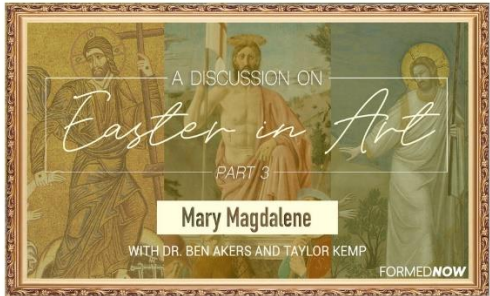
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# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of July 16, 2023



## Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3)

Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus's encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.



## Where are You? | Forgiven | Session 1

This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.



## Saint Mary Magdalene

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3: Top Three Revealing Discoveries:

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

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

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

#### Section 4: Most Common Observations:

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



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

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

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<u>MINISTRIES</u>	<u>Sat Mass</u>	<u>Sun Mass</u>	<u>Name &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!



## 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
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**Do you love to make music for the Lord?**

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MUSIC MINISTRY?**

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

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

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

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

### *What does Music Ministry mean to me?*

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

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

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

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

**If you are interested in sharing your musical talents, contact**

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