



## 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:

Adult Scripture Study:

Buildings, Maintenance:

Catholic Christian Women:

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Cemetery Committee:

Communion to Sick/Legion of Mary:

Custodian:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Finance Council:

Flocknote:

Knights of Columbus:

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

Libraries:

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Music Ministry:

Pastoral Council:

Prayer Group / Seven Sisters:

Pro-Life:

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Sacristans:

Alternate Sacristans:

Safe Environment:

Social Justice/Charitable Outreach

Trail Life USA:

Tribunal:

Wedding Coordinator:

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

### Rev. Benjamin Riley

### Dc. Mark Scouten

Lucia McArthur

Tom Hoberock

Holly Coffman

Marlene Rowe

Pat Knickerbocker

Lori Goulet

Carmen Andrade

Joe Koenig

Lucia McArthur

Jerry Hogue

Everett Burr

Jennifer Johnson

Dc. Mark Scouten

Julie Jasper

Greg Jasper

Carmen Andrade

Sandra Guidry

Holly Coffman

K. Jones, M. Stephens

E. Scouten, C. Bailey

Holly Coffman

Lucia McArthur

Wes Bradford

Dc. Mark Scouten

Bonnie Tauer

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>	<b>August 12</b>
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Mary Hatch
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 13</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>August 14</b>
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Confessions
5:30 PM	Holy Day Vigil Mass: SI – All Parishioners
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>August 15 – Holy Day of Obligation</b>
	<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Magdalene Sippel
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>August 16</b>
4:30 PM	Evening Prayer & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: +Dan Allen
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>August 17</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Dr. George Nettles
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>August 18</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Mark Rowe
9:00 AM	Fatima Rosary
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>August 19</b>
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 20</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – +Joyce Kester



**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.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** – The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this Tuesday, August 15. All Catholics are obligated to attend Mass honoring Our Lady. Masses will be:

<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Monday Vigil, Aug. 14</b>	<b>MMG</b>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Tuesday, Aug. 15</b>	<b>MMG</b>
<b>Noon</b>	<b>Tuesday, Aug. 15</b>	<b>St. Andrew's</b>



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** – Following the blessing of our new Viewing Tabernacle, ALL parishioners are invited to a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Join us in a new way of adoring our Blessed Lord in His Eucharistic presence!

**The “Psalms” Scripture Study** – This is the last week of the first session. Classes will start up again Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am on Sundays and 3pm on Tuesdays.

**CCW Rummage Sale** – *MANY THANKS to all the CCW Ladies who were able to come and work the event. Thank you also to everyone who donated items! The rummage sale was a great success; the estimated amount raised was \$2,779.22 !!! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> following Mass. Thank you all for the support you give every day! Blessings! Holly.*

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – The Choral Reading Session & Potluck will be Thursday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Parish Hall. See Julie to sign up!

**Theology on Tap** – Sat. Aug. 19 following the 5:30pm Mass, Father Ben will be leading a discussion on gender issues and God's plan for sexuality. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule, bring an appetizer to share. Few spots are still available!

**Praise & Worship Band** – August rehearsal schedule is below. Please contact Julie Jasper if you have any questions.

- \*\* Wed. Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm (Julie's office) – Instruments ONLY
- \*\* Wed. Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm (Julie's office) – Instruments ONLY
- \*\* Thurs. Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm (Sanctuary) – EVERYONE
- \*\* Thurs. Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm (Sanctuary) – EVERYONE

**Father Ben's BOOKSHELF** – Please contact our Librarian for details on how to check out library books from Father Ben's recommended book list.

**Mary Mother of God Church – T-Shirts, Pullovers, AND Hoodies** may now be ordered by visiting [www.impacttees.com](http://www.impacttees.com), or by scanning this QR code.



**2023 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** - To date, our parishioners have given **\$10,311 or 49%** of our designated goal of **\$21,000**. THANK YOU for your support in helping our diocese continue to carry on the missionary work of Jesus.

Next week we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps dioceses meet the faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Aug 13:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33
Aug 14:	Dt 10:12-22 / Mt 17:22-27
Aug 15:	<b>VIGIL:</b> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2 / 1 Cor 15:54b-57 / Lk 11:27-28
	<b>DAY:</b> Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10/1 Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56
Aug 16:	Dt 34:1-12 / Mt 18:15-20
Aug 17:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 / Mt 18:21-19:1
Aug 18:	Jos 24:1-13 / Mt 19:3-12
Aug 19:	Jos 24:14-29 / Mt 19:13-15
Aug 20:	Is 56:1, 6-7 / Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 / Mt 15:21-28





**REST IN PEACE** – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Paula Kirchens (Mother of Kim, and Mother-in-law of Deacon George Gussy of Yellville). The Funeral Mass will take place Monday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Please remember +Paula and her family in your prayers.

**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/Mary Decker, Ruth Deischer, Wayne Dixon, Randy Flowers, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Lorraine Gokenbach, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Pete Hartman, Waylen/Preston Hetrick, Dianne Hoberock, Chris Jasper, Jeannie, Caven James Keith, Darby Kester, Mary Koenig, Martha Lamboy, Courtney Martin, Beth Nelson, Eliska/Glenn Pollock, David Reuter, Jacob/Jaxson Rivera, Terry Rodery/Kenna Rodery, Nick/Summer Rykert, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Mike/Margie Stephen, Greg Stephens, Mary Stephens, Loretta Tarochione, Linda Utaski, Rita Ward, Jimmie Wells, Mark Wiatt, 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.**

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

\*\*\* 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)

**HELP OUR MARRIAGE.ORG** Are you facing difficult challenges in your marriage relationship? Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Primarily, it is a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. **Our next weekend will be September 22-24, 2023, at St. John's Center in Little Rock.** To register: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) For information, call 1-800-470-2230 or contact the Family Life Office at 501-664-0340.

**JOB OPENING** – Young Adult Ministry Coordinator for NW Arkansas to collaborate with pastors to understand, engage and integrate young adults in the faith community. Position offers excellent compensation and benefits and requires practicing Catholic with training in theology, catechesis, religious studies, or related background. Experience with young adults preferred, and ability to work flexible 40-hour schedule, evenings and weekends and travel throughout NW Arkansas. To apply, please send resume to Jeff Hines, Diocesan Faith Formation Director, at [jhines@dolr.org](mailto:jhines@dolr.org), or email him for more information.



**Enthronement of the Sacred Heart** – An act of adoration that publicly declares Him as “Lord of the Household”. It is more than setting aside a dwelling place for Him in a building; it is the welcoming of the Reign of Christ into the heart of the family, couple or the person that dwells within that place. It has an impact on families that carries over to society and becomes the basis for spreading the Social Reign of our King and Savior.” If you are interested in the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your home, please contact the Legion of Mary for details.

**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.



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### 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 & 5 PM**

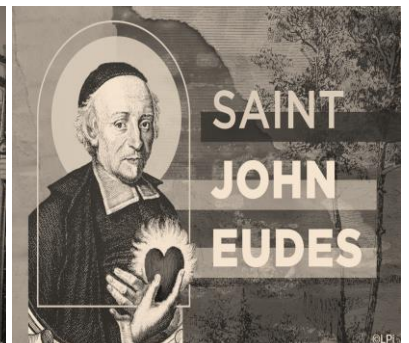
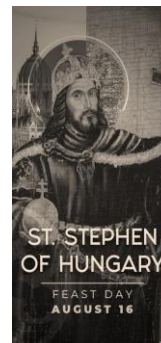
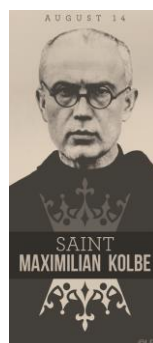
**Tuesday @ 7 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM & 4 PM**

**Wednesday @ 11 AM, 1 PM, 4 PM & 6 PM**

**Thursday @ 1 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM & 6 PM**

**Friday @ Noon, 1 PM & 5 PM**

**Saturday @ 10 AM, 11 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM**



## 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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July 30</b> <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ <b>10 AM Bible Study</b> ++ <b>All Youth Pool Party</b> <b>3 PM at Tim &amp; Robin Reeves' Home</b>	<b>July 31</b>  <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>August 1, 2023</b>  <b>NO MASS</b> ++ <b>3 PM Bible Study</b> ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	<b>August 2</b>  <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>August 3</b>  <b>NO MASS</b> ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	<b>August 4</b> <i>First Friday</i>  8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>August 5</b> <i>First Saturday</i>  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>August 6</b> <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ <b>10 AM Bible Study</b> ++ <b>2 PM BINGO</b>	<b>August 7</b>  <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>August 8</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>3 PM Bible Study</b> ++ <b>CCW Mtg Moved to Next Tuesday -- See You There!</b>	<b>August 9</b>  <b>11 AM Silver Bells</b> ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	<b>August 10</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	<b>August 11</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>August 12</b>  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>August 13</b> <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ <b>10 AM Bible Study</b>	<b>August 14</b>  5 PM Evening Prayer <b>5:30 PM Vigil Mass</b> 	<b>August 15</b> <i>Assumption of BVM Holy Day of Obligation</i>  5 PM Evening Prayer <b>5:30 PM Mass</b> ++ <b>3 PM Bible Study</b> ++ <b>CCW Mtg Following Holy Day Mass</b> ++ <b>Noon Mass in Yellville</b>	<b>August 16</b>  4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	<b>August 17</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Choral Reading & Potluck in Parish Hall	<b>August 18</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>August 19</b>  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ Theology on Tap Following Mass @ Rick & Anne Milburn's Home Bring Appetizers to Share Sign-Up in the Vestibule <b>22 Spots Available!</b>
<b>August 20</b> <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Cath. Home Missions Appeal ++ <b>2 PM BINGO</b>	<b>August 21</b>  <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>August 22</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	<b>August 23</b>  4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	<b>August 24</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	<b>August 25</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>August 26</b>  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>August 27</b> <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>August 28</b>  <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>August 29</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	<b>August 30</b>  4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	<b>August 31</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	<b>Sept. 1, 2023</b> <i>First Friday</i>  8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>Sept. 2</b> <i>First Saturday</i>  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

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR.**

## MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: AUGUST 2023

### 5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Carrie Culhane

Lector: Carrie Culhane

E/M: Renae Whiteside  
Wes Bradford

Ushers: Everett Burr  
Chad Coffman  
Chuck Draper  
Terry Draper

### 8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Bob Lowery

Lector: Mary Bausch

E/M: Bob Lowery  
Mary Billups  
Mike Galligan

Ushers: Al Hanson  
Regina Hanson  
Gerry Gokenbach  
James Virnig

## ALTAR SERVERS: AUGUST 5, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

**Aug 5:** Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys  
Candle: Matthew Bradford  
Candle: **Kate Sidfrid**

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

**Aug 12:** Book/Cross: Jacob Bradford  
Candle: Landon Snyder  
Candle: Erin Culhane

**Aug 13:** Thurifer: Lily Pinson  
Book/Cross: Julia McFadden  
Candle: Daniel McFadden  
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston

**Aug 19:** Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford  
Candle: Zeke Humphreys  
Candle: Adam Coffman

**Aug 20:** Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper  
Book/Cross: Isaac Jasper  
Candle: Kayleigh Culpepper  
Candle: Michael Adamos

**Aug 26:** Book/Cross: Erin Culhane  
Candle: Jacob Bradford  
Candle: Landon Snyder

**Aug 27:** Thurifer: June Simon  
Book/Cross: Jacob Simon  
Candle: Logan Eddings  
Candle: Kori Eddings

**Sept 2:** Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys  
Candle: Matthew Bradford  
Candle: **Kate Sidfrid**

**Sept 3:** Thurifer: Isaac Jasper  
Book/Cross: Lily Pinson  
Candle: Julia McFadden  
Candle: Daniel McFadden

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



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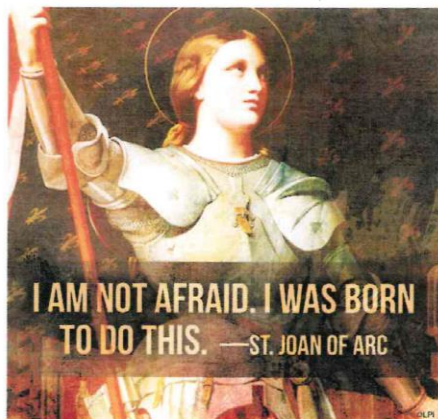
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### Are You Interested?

**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

VP | Business Development & Lending  
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## PATRICIA H. VIRNIG

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August 13, 2023

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust *He* is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on Him. And if we sink, He will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— Father John Muir

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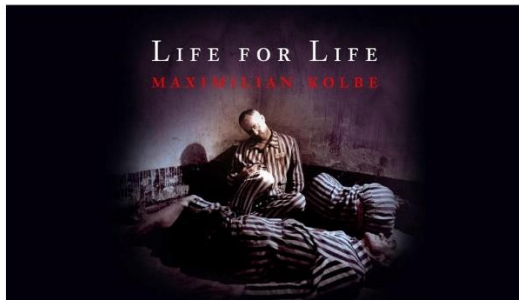
# Jesus, I Trust in You!

In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster



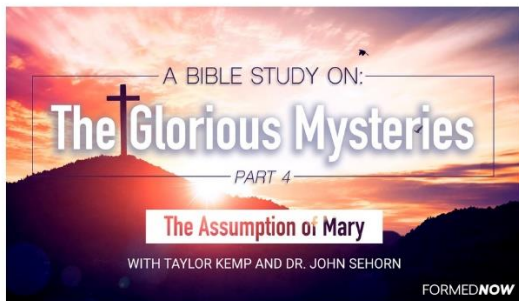
# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of August 13, 2023



### Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe

After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.



### A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: Assumption (Part 4 of 5)

What do you know about the Assumption? Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind this dogma of the faith.



### Saint Maximilian Kolbe | Lukas Storyteller

Inspired by the heroic life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Lukas helps his friends understand that they should always be grateful for what they have.

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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!



## 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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[Informedchoiceswomenscenter.org](http://Informedchoiceswomenscenter.org)





**Do you love to sing?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal

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\$25	Provides religious education book for two people.
\$50	Provides a partial scholarship for a student to attend a Campus Ministry retreat.
\$135	Provides a scholarship for one youth to attend a Search weekend.
\$150	Provides utility bill assistance for a family through our Family Assistance Program.
\$250	Provides dental care for a patient of the Westside Free Medical Clinic.
\$500	Covers the cost of an application for a work permit for an eligible immigrant.
\$700	Provides assistance in updating equipment for religious education.
\$1,000	Provides a Project Rachel experience for a woman experiencing the pain of a past abortion.
\$1,500	Provides Bibles and rosaries for people incarcerated in the criminal justice system for six months.
\$2,000	Covers the legal fees for the adoption of a baby through Catholic Adoption Services.
\$4,000	Provides a scholarship for one student to receive a Catholic education for a year in a parish school.
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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.