



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

1614 Maplewood Road

Harrison, Arkansas 72601

Church Office & Rectory – 870-741-5234

Church Fax – 870-741-4234

Emails & Prayer-Line Connection: mmgchurch@yahoo.com

Fr. Ben's Email: pastor.mmg.church@gmail.com

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 Ma

Custodian:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Finance Council:

Flocknote:

Knights of Columbus:

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Libraries:

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Music Ministry:

Pastoral Council:

Prayer Group / Seven Sisters:

Pro-Life:

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Sacristans:

Safe Environment:

Social and 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

David Krueger

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

26th SUNDAY – ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	September 30 – St. Jerome Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Mark Rowe
Sunday 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	October 1 – Respect Life Sunday Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Joyce Kester
Monday,	October 2 – NO MASS
Tuesday, 5:00 PM 5:30 PM	October 3 Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Gary Grisham
Wednesday, 4:30 PM 5:15 PM 5:30 PM	October 4 – St. Francis of Assisi Evening Prayer & Confessions Adoration & Benediction MASS: +Yolanda Iglesias de Quintanilla
Thursday, 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	October 5 Rosary & Confessions MASS: SI – All Parishioners
First Friday, 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM	October 6 Patriotic Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Edmund Griggs Fatima Rosary with Exposition & Adoration
First Saturday, 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9-10 AM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary Rosary MASS: +Walt Israel 1st Saturday Devotion - Rosary and Adoration Confessions Rosary & Confessions MASS: SI – Ed & Kathy Hart, Anniv.
Sunday 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	October 8 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Rosary & Confessions MASS: SI – Glen & Shirley Feldman, 73 rd Anniv.!



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 one of our ushers 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.

**** FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION **** Sat. October 7 at 9 AM Rosary and Adoration Following the 8:30 AM Mass.



THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the District Fair: Laura Brown, Teresa Rotkowski, Judy & Wayne Keith, Kathryn Jones, Mary Billups, Eileen Clark, and the dedicated **Legion of Mary** (Cecilia Scott, Floyd Crawford and Pat Knickerbocker).

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for Building Maintenance.

TONITE - PARISH OUTDOOR MOVIE & Baby Shower – Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus, Sat. Sept. 30, after 5pm Mass. Visit our Pavilion for a presentation by **Informed Choices** Director, Rhonda

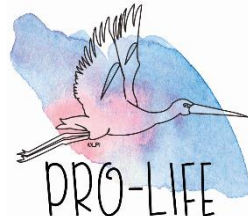


Graham, & support them with newborn items, like Genie refills or winter clothing. Please check the flyer for a complete list of baby items and for movie details. Snacks are provided!!

SWEET SUNDAY TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 1. Join fellow parishioners for coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall after the 8:30am Mass.

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER CHAIN IN HARRISON, OCT 1.

Meet at Harness Roofing **Sun., Oct. 1 from 1-2pm**. Bring a chair, and park at Harness Roofing (**please avoid parking at the mall**). "Respect Life Month is a time to inspire and encourage individuals and parish communities to engage in a program of pro-life activity that protects, accompanies, and supports the life and dignity of every person, especially the most vulnerable among us. It kicks off on Respect Life Sunday, which this year is Oct. 1" (USCCB).



BINGO THIS WEEKEND – Sunday, Oct. 1, at 2pm. Doors open at 1pm. Bring a friend! Proceeds will benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18.

Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, Oct. 3**. Fellowship Meal begins at 6:30 PM, followed by the meeting at 7:30 PM.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Mondays at 7pm in the Music Ministry Office.

Praise & Worship Rehearsal – Thursdays at 5:30pm.

MMG Choir Rehearsal – Thursdays at 6:30pm.

Youth Choir & Hand Chimes – Wednesdays at 7:30 PM.

Silver Bells – Stay tuned for details on rehearsal & performance!

*** If you are interested in participating in any of these groups in ANY capacity, please contact Julie Jasper for more information at (870)688-9369 or juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com

BLESSING OF PETS - Father Ben will offer a special blessing for your pets this Wednesday, October 4, immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass. Children and adults are encouraged to bring their pets and gather outside in front of the Parish Hall at 5:50 PM. **Please Note:** All pets must be on a leash or in a cage – sorry, but pets will not be able to enter the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, call Holly.



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) - This Wednesday ! Contact Holly if you would like more information.

4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions

5:15 PM Adoration & Benediction

5:30 PM MASS

6:00 PM Dinner for PREP Students & Parents

6:30-7:30PM Classes



PARISH PICNIC - 1pm on Sun., Oct. 8. We will provide the main meal, drinks, and games, PLUS a BOUNCE HOUSE!! Parishioners are asked to bring desserts. Last chance to turn in your **RAFFLE TICKETS !!**



The Legion of Mary meets 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.

MILITARY VETERANS – The Veterans Day Celebration to honor our church family members who have served our country will be **Sunday, November 12 at 2 PM in the Church.** A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Letters have been sent to those veterans we know of; but if you have slipped under our radar, please contact the church office to RSVP and receive more info.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES BY PRAYING FOR AN END TO ABORTION
For details and events visit <https://40daysforlife.com/rogers>
SEPT. 27 through NOV. 4.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA Rosary Rally - Across the nation, groups gather to pray for our country. Like previous years, our parish will host a rally outside of Nopalitos Restaurant on **Sat., October 14 at Noon.**



The Knights of Columbus need volunteers to hand out Tootsie Roll Pops on Friday & Saturday, **Oct. 20-21**, at Harps, Hudson's, & Walmart. The shifts are in 1½-hour increments and all are welcome...yes, ladies, that means you, too! ☺ If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nick at 870-302-8852 or sign up in the vestibule. All help is greatly appreciated!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Oct 1: Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 / Mt 21:28-32
Oct 2: Zec 8:1-8 / Mt 18:1-5, 10
Oct 3: Zec 8:20-23 / Lk 9:51-56
Oct 4: Neh 2:1-8 / Lk 9:57-62
Oct 5: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Lk 10:1-12
Oct 6: Bar 1:15-22 / Lk 10:13-16
Oct 7: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 / Lk 10:17-24
Oct 8: Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Veterans, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, 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, Wink Duncan, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Lorraine Gokenbach, Thea Greenhaw, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, James Halpin, Pete Hartman, Waylen/Preston Hetrick, Dianne Hoberock, Connie Israel, Chris Jasper, Jeannie, Caven James Keith, Darby Kester, Mary Koenig, Martha Lamboy, Courtney Martin, Emily Myers, Beth Nelson, Barbara Phipps, Eliska/Glenn Pollock, Joel Ray, David Reuter, Jacob/Jaxson Rivera, Amber Roberts, Terry Rodery/Kenna Rodery, Teresa Rotkowski, Nick/Summer Rykert, Sabine Schwarzmamm, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Mike/Margie Stephen, Greg Stephens, Mary Stephens, Linda Utaski, Rita Ward, Jimmie/Rita Wells, Gary Wilcox, Jean Williams, John/Sherry Zollo.
Our Nursing Home Residents: David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Steve Gutting, 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.**

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima – Schedule a week of honor and devotion to the Blessed Mother with you and your family. The Blessed Mother traveling statue stays with families or individuals in their home for 7 days. During this time the family commits to praying at least a decade of the rosary or the entire rosary every day. The statue is brought back to the church the following week and will be taken by the next scheduled family. There will be materials included to assist your prayer. Many blessings have been received from this program in other parishes. Sign up in the vestibule.



Check out FORMED.org

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – THE LORD WAITS FOR YOU!

"Whenever we yearn for meaning, feel tired and overwhelmed, become uncertain about the direction of our lives, or simply need to feel loved, we know just where to turn. God awaits us always in the Eucharist. As long as we never tire of seeking Him there, we will find exactly what our souls need" (Bobby Angel). To register to adore during daytime hours, please write to g.carmen.8786@gmail.com. **Below are available times.** Please call or text Carmen if you have any questions at 305-815-1795.

Sunday @ 7 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, Noon & 3 PM

Monday @ 7 AM, 10 AM, 1 PM & 5 PM

Tuesday @ 7 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 2 PM & 6 PM

Wednesday @ 11 AM, 1 PM, 4 PM

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

Friday @ 7 AM, Noon, 1 PM & 5 PM

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



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.

Cooler weather is here! – Mary Mother of God Church **T-Shirts, Pullovers, AND Hoodies** may now be ordered by visiting www.impactees.com, or by scanning this QR code.



JULY 2023 FINANCES – Revised

All Income	29,140.37	
All Expenses	(36,640.35)	(7,499.98)
Maint. Income	1,466.00	
Maint. Expenses	(1,442.92)	23.08

Maintenance Totals Not Included in Income Totals



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Mary Mother of God Church, Harrison AR

St. Andrew Church, Yellville AR

The statue is a representation of Our Lady of Fatima. It was made in Fatima, Portugal, and is a blessed sacramental provided by the Legion of Mary. Choose a prayerful place for the statue where your family can gather to pray the Rosary and meditate on its mysteries – the life of Jesus.

Welcome Our Blessed Mother – our actual and very real Mother - into your home. As a family commit to saying the Rosary together every day for the next week while the statue resides in your home. Ask for the Blessed Mother's intercession to Jesus to help your family grow in His Love, and for protection for the members of your family.

There will be materials to assist you in saying the Rosary in the box with the statue.

Sign up for the Pilgrim Statue in the notebook in the church vestibule.

The statue should be available for you **to pick up** at the weekend Mass of the week you have scheduled yourself.

Please return the Pilgrim Statue to the church library by 5 p.m. Saturday so the statue will be available for the next family.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Legion of Mary members:

Pat Knickerbocker 405-824-3454 or

Cecilia Scott 870-688-8178

We hope that your family will take advantage of this unique opportunity to pray with Our Blessed Mother. Many blessings have been imparted to families who have welcomed her into their home and prayed her Rosary. "To Jesus through Mary."

"Say the rosary every day...Pray, Pray a lot and offer sacrifices for Sinners. I'm Our Lady of the Rosary. Only I will be able to help you. In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

Our Lady of Fatima

Pet Blessing Day

Wednesday, October 4th

Following 5:30 PM Mass



Mary Mother of God will be celebrating
The Feast of St Francis of Assisi by
blessing our Parishioners pets!
All pets must be leashed or caged.

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.



Scan Me!



MARY MOTHER OF GOD APPAREL



Mary Mother of God 2023 -
Hoodie
From \$25.00



Mary Mother of God 2023
Pullover
From \$20.00



Mary Mother of God 2023
From \$15.00



You may place your order at
www.impactees.com
or scan the code below:



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 1, 2023 Respect Life Sunday 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ Altar Servers to SDC Following Mass ++ 1 PM Life Chain: Meet at Harness Roofing, 901 Hwy 62/65 North ++ 2 PM BINGO	October 2 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells	October 3 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study ++ 6:30 PM RCIA ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	October 4 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass Blessing of Pets Following 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes 7:30 PM Youth Choir & Handchimes	October 5 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	October 6 First Friday 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary w/ Exposition & Adoration	October 7 First Saturday 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Confessions 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
October 8 27th Sunday in Ordinary 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ 1 PM Parish Picnic See Flyer for More Info 	October 9 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells	October 10 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study ++ 6:30 PM RCIA Class ++ Christian Women Connection Luncheon ++ 6-8 PM Informed Choices Banquet	October 11 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes 7:30 PM Youth Choir & Handchimes	October 12 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee & Sweets Follow ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	October 13 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	October 14 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ NOON Rosary Rally In Front of Nopalitos
October 15 28th Sunday in Ordinary 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ 2 PM BINGO	October 16 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells	October 17 NO 5:30 PM MASS ++ 6 PM CCW Mtg In Confirmation Classroom ++ 3 PM Bible Study ++ 6:30 PM RCIA Class	October 18 NO 5:30 PM MASS ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes: Circle of Grace ++ 7:30 PM Youth Choir & Handchimes	October 19 NO 8:30 AM MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	October 20 NO 8:30 AM MASS Knights of Columbus--Tootsie Pop Drive Harps / Hudson's / Walmart Volunteers Needed 	October 21 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass w/ Praise & Worship Band
October 22 29th Sunday in Ordinary 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: World Mission Sunday	October 23 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells	October 24 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:30 PM RCIA Class	October 25 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes 7:30 PM Youth Choir & Handchimes	October 26 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	October 27 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary ++ 10:30 AM Silver Bells Perform at Hillcrest Home	October 28 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ CCW Pie Fundraiser Begins - Order Now For Pick-up On Nov 18-19 
October 29 30th Sunday in Ordinary 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	October 30 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells	October 31 <i>All Hallow's Eve</i> 11:30 AM Rosary NOON MASS ++ NO 5:30 PM Holy Day Vigil Mass	November 1, 2023 <i>All Saints Day</i> Holy Day of Obligation 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Holy Day Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes NO Youth Choir Tonight NO Handchimes Tonight	November 2 <i>All Souls Day</i> NO 8:30 AM MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Mass w/Candlelight Procession to Cemetery ++ NO Praise & Worship Band & NO Adult Choir Tonight	November 3 First Friday 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir (moved from Thurs)	November 4 First Saturday 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Confessions 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass w/ Praise & Worship Band

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

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: OCTOBER 2023

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Carrie Culhane

Lector: Carrie Culhane

E/M: Elisabeth Scouten
Val Stechly

Ushers: Everett Burr
Chad Coffman
Chuck Draper
Terry Draper

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper

Lector: John Duncan

E/M: Greg Jasper
Mary Billups
Mike Galligan

Ushers: Al Hanson
Regina Hanson
Gerry Gokenbach
James Virnig

ALTAR SERVERS: SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 TO NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Sept. 30 Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Kate Sidfrid

Oct. 1 Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper
Book/Cross: Kayleigh Culpepper
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston
Candle: Liam Lampe

Oct. 7 Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Jacob Bradford

Oct. 8 Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Jacob Simon
Candle: June Simon
Candle: Lily Pinson

Oct. 14 Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Oct. 15 Thurifer: Kori Eddings
Book/Cross: Logan Eddings
Candle: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden

Oct. 21 Book/Cross: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane

Oct. 22 Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper
Book/Cross: Michael Adamos
Candle: Kayleigh Culpepper
Candle: Liam Lampe

Oct. 28 Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Kate Sidfrid

Oct. 29 Thurifer: Jacob Simon
Book/Cross: Isaac Jasper
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston
Candle: June Simon

Nov. 4 Book/Cross: Erin Culhane
Candle: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Landon Snyder

Nov. 5 Thurifer: Michael Adamos
Book/Cross: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Lily Pinson

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

Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

400 N. MAIN, SUITE 3 HARRISON, AR 72601
870-741-5647
jfkcpa@windstream.net

COFFMAN FUNERAL HOME

"Our Service Sets Us Apart"
Justin Applegate
Licensed Funeral Director & Preplanning Consultant
870-743-2021 www.coffmanfh.com
501 Old Bellefonte Rd, Harrison, AR 72601

Selling 726

Corinna Thompson, Realtor
corinna@selling726.com • 870.517.8112
selling726.com
128 N Willow Street, Harrison, AR 72601

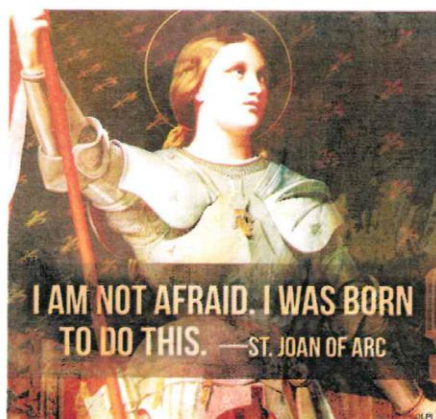
The Crystal Cottage Rocks & Beads
Rocks, Beads, Jewelry & Gifts
203 Stone Street—Jasper, AR
870-391-9217
crystalcottagerocksandbeads.com

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
greg.klott@firstcommunity.net
ph: 870.204.5600
cell: 417.337.0574

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK
Where community comes first.
220 East Ridge Avenue | Harrison, AR 72601
NMLS: 2314012

Pray
FOR THE
PROTECTION
OF THE UNBORN

BUTLER CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

811 RANCH HOUSE PLAZA
PO BOX 1614—HARRISON AR 72602
PHONE: 870-741-4408 FAX: 870-741-4409

DR. TOM BUTLER

CHIROPRACTIC ORTHOPEDIST CERTIFIED IN ACUPUNCTURE
SPORTS PHYSICIAN

PATRICIA H. VIRNIG

Attorney At Law

132 N. Willow
Harrison, AR 72601
Hours: 9 AM to 5 PM
870-741-0002
Fax: 870-741-0003

Mary Mother of God Catholic Church
Catholic Christian Women (CCW)
109 Years of Serving Our Parish
See Bulletin For Meeting
Dates & Times

Delicias
ITALIAN • STEAKS • TRUPE
• DINNER •
Tuesday thru
Saturday
4:30—8 PM
870-741-8832
TROUT—STEAKS—ITALIAN
Located 4 miles North of Harrison
500 yards East of Junction 412-62-65 Hwys. North

HOLT

MEMORIAL CHAPEL
"A Tradition of Excellence Since 1924"

John & Jackie Conner and Phillip & Rachel Collie, Owners
1904 Capps Road, Harrison, AR 72601

Phone: 870-741-3481 • www.HoltChapel.com
Where Compassion and Affordability Meet!

IMPACTees
Custom T-Shirts & Apparel
Photo Quality Graphics
No Minimum Orders
No Setup Fees
870-715-2483
870-715-2928
www.impactees.com
Owners: Todd & Lori Curry

MUNZNER PUMP COMPANY

Pump & Water Work of All Kinds
24/7 Service
Licensed, Bonded, Insured
Pumps, Pressure Tanks,
Water Conditioning & More
Serving Harrison & ALL
Surrounding Areas
robinmmunzner@yahoo.com



ROBIN MUNZNER
870-743-0710
870-715-9873



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
We are PRO-LIFE. Be a part of an
organization that supports the
protection of an unborn child.
JOIN TODAY! Established 1882
Contact a Knight for More Details

October 1, 2023 — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. "Which did the will of his father?" asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. *Everyone* is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't *them*. They are *us*. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Jesus, I Trust in You!

In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster

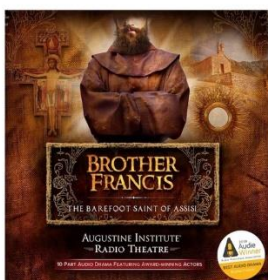
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 01, 2023



Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy | Divine Mercy | Episode 4

This episode of Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, reveals how a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.



Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.



The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3: Top Three Revealing Discoveries:

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

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

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

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

1) Continued

- Personal scheduling,
- Very little talk about mortal sin, hell,
- Validity of sacraments,
- People's judgmental stance of others at Mass, Church

2) About what parishioners like and appreciate what's going at Mary Mother of God Parish:

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

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

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

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

<u>MINISTRIES</u>	<u>Sat Mass</u>	<u>Sun Mass</u>	<u>Name & Phone #:</u>
<u>Rosary Leader:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/>
<u>Lectors:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/>
<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



Informed Choices
Women's Center of the Ozarks

312 E 3rd St., Mountain Home 870-424-4573
Monday – Thursday 10:00a – 6:00p
Closed Fridays

715 W Sherman, Harrison 870-280-3169
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Closed Wednesdays

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



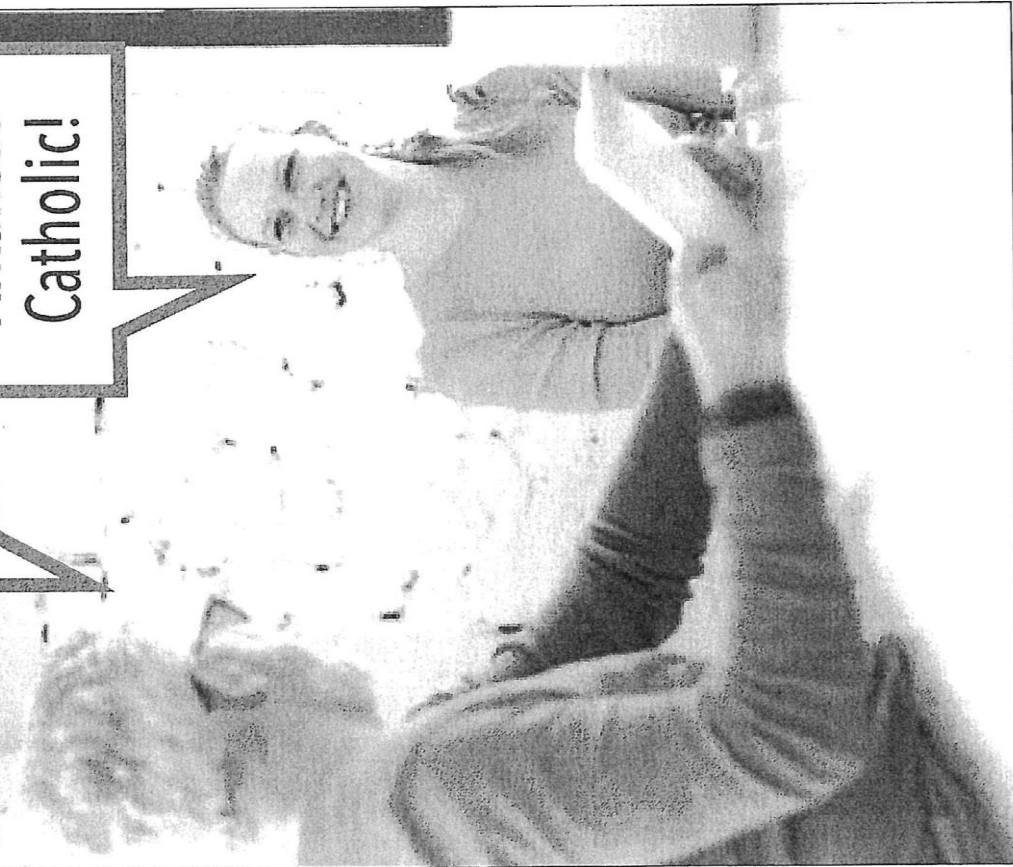
Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal

What your Donation Can Do!

\$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.
\$36,000	Covers the expenses of educating one seminarian for one year.

How did you
KNOW that?

I read it in
Arkansas
Catholic!



What are you missing out on?

When you read *Arkansas Catholic* — in print or the free digital edition — you discover news of the Church, inspiration to strengthen your faith and thoughtful commentary to grow your understanding. Subscribe in the form that's right for you!

Print edition:

Delivered to your mailbox each week.

Digital edition:

Read the complete newspaper FREE on your computer or most smart devices.

GET THE DIGITAL EDITION FREE and INSTANTLY:

Sign up for a free account at digital.arkansas-catholic.org

PRINT EDITION:

Mail this form or subscribe at arkansas-catholic.org/subscriptions/corder

REGULAR RATE

- ☐ \$11.95... Try it! 6-month Special for New Subscribers.... ☐ \$9.95
☐ \$30..... 1 year (12 months)..... ☐ \$28
☐ \$58..... 2 years (Save!)..... ☐ \$54
☐ \$78..... 3 years (Best value)..... ☐ \$73

SENIOR DISCOUNT (65 and older)

☐ Add the digital edition to my print subscription for free. My e-mail address is below.

- ☐ Please bill me
☐ Check enclosed \$_____ Check no. _____ (Payable to "Arkansas Catholic")

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Day phone number: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

* E-mail address is necessary for digital edition

Parish: _____

P.O. Box 7869

Little Rock AR 72217-7869

(501) 664-0125

www.arkansas-catholic.org



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.