



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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www.harrisoncatholic.org

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays As Scheduled

Tuesday & Wednesday – 5:30 PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

As Announced

CONFESSIONS

One-Half Hour Before All Masses

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

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

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Father Ben.

Pastor:

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:

Alternate 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

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Greg Jasper

Carmen Andrade

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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

24th SUNDAY – ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	September 16 Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	September 17 Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Ray Arnold, Jr.
Monday,	September 18 – NO MASS
Tuesday, 5:00 PM 5:30 PM	September 19 Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Paula Bellinghausen
Wednesday, 4:30 PM 5:15 PM 5:30 PM	September 20 Evening Prayer & Confessions Adoration & Benediction MASS: +Fr. Frank Bartel
Thursday, 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	September 21 – St. Matthew Rosary & Confessions MASS: SI – Teresa Rotkowski
Friday, 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM	September 22 Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Harold Becnel Fatima Rosary
Saturday, 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	September 23 – St. Pius of Pietrelcina Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Brian Dirst
Sunday 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	September 24 Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Steve & Loretta Tarochione



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.



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.

The SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for CATECHETICAL SUNDAY!! This collection supports the ministries of faith formation and recognizes those who serve as catechists. **Half of the collection stays in the parish;** the rest supports the diocese.

ALTAR SERVERS' BAKE SALE this weekend!! These funds will support their annual trip to Silver Dollar City on October 1st.

THE LEGION OF MARY has a booth at the District Fair this week, and we need volunteers to work various shifts. The lists with days and times are available in the vestibule (Fair is 9/20 thru 9/23).



BINGO THIS WEEKEND – Sunday, Sept. 17th, at 2pm. Doors open at 1pm. Bring a friend! Proceeds will benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18.

The “Psalms” Scripture Study – Classes will resume this week. Sept. 17th Sundays at 10am, and 3pm on Tuesdays.

RCIA – Classes begin this Tuesday, Sept. 19. Come at 6:00pm for pizza and salad! Pick up your copy of the current MAGNIFICAT and call the office for a schedule!

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

4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:15 PM Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM MASS
6:00 PM Dinner for PREP Students & Parents
6:30-7:30PM Classes



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 & Handchimes Choirs – Rehearsals begin in October.

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

CCW RAFFLE TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE

Please pick up your envelope after Mass (and help us defray postage costs). The drawing will take place at the PARISH PICNIC on Sunday, October 8th. Save the date !!

Parish Movie Night & Baby Shower – Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus. Sat, Sept. 30th following the 5pm Mass at our Pavilion!! Support Informed Choices with very specific baby items, like genie refills or newborn winter clothing, full list available inside bulletin.

Father Ben's Bookshelf – Instructions for checking out books are posted inside the Church Library, or contact our Librarian to view Father Ben's recommended list.



SACRISTAN TRAINING – THANK YOU to those who attended the training last week, you were a lively bunch! If you missed it, you still have plenty of opportunities to serve. We need volunteers for Daily Mass as Rosary Leaders and Lectors. You can sign up in the vestibule or call the office for details!

JULY FINANCES 2023

General Collection	\$26,217.18
Maintenance Fund	1,466.00
Other Income	2,921.00
Expenses	(37,512.61)
	(6,908.43)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sep 17: Sir 27:30-28:7 / Rom 14:7-9 / Mt 18:21-35
 Sep 18: 1 Tim 2:1-8 / Lk 7:1-10
 Sep 19: 1 Tim 3:1-13 / Lk 7:11-17
 Sep 20: 1 Tim 3:14-16 / Lk 7:31-35
 Sep 21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:9-13
 Sep 22: 1 Tim 6:2-12 / Lk 8:1-3
 Sep 23: 1 Tim 6:13-16 / Lk 8:4-15
 Sep 24: Is 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20-24, 27 / Mt 20:1-16

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, 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, Emily Myers, Beth Nelson, Eliska/Glenn Pollock, Joel Ray, David Reuter, Jacob/Jaxson Rivera, Terry Rodery/Kenna Rodery, Teresa Rotkowski, Nick/Summer Rykert, 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.**

PRAYING FOR POPE FRANCIS – At this time we have FOUR “Sisters” praying for Pope Francis on Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday. If you are ready to sign up for any of the other days, and to find out more about the **Seven Sisters Apostolate**, please call or text Carmen at 305-815-1795.



FALL BOOK SALE – Courty House Book Store in Subiaco, AR will have a selection of books available through Sept. 30. The bookstore is open Mon - Sat, 8:30am-4:30pm, and Sun. from 9am-4:30pm. The Courty House retreat center is on the grounds of Subiaco Abbey, 405 N. Subiaco Ave., Subiaco, AR.

Day of Prayer and Healing Retreat – NEXT WEEKEND - Project Rachel is hosting a one-day retreat for women who have been wounded by abortion on **Saturday, September 23, 2023**, in the Texarkana area from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exact location is only disclosed to participants. To register or for more information, please call or text 501-663-0996, or e-mail projectrachel@dolr.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Info available about other healing opportunities, like retreats for men or retreats in Spanish.

Pilgrimage to Ireland – Arkansas Catholic is hosting a 10-day pilgrimage to Ireland September 11-20, 2024. To learn more, an informational meeting will be Sun., Sept. 24 at 4:30 p.m. at St. John Center in Little Rock. RSVP at 2024pilgrimage.eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Kathy Primm of Sue Smith Vacations at kathy@suesmithvacations.com.

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



JOB OPENING

Young Adult Ministry Coordinator for NW Arkansas to collaborate with pastors to understand, engage and integrate young adults in the faith community. Excellent compensation and benefits. Requires practicing Catholic with training in theology, catechesis, religious studies, or related background. Experience with young adults preferred, ability to work flexible 40-hour schedule, evenings, weekends, travel throughout NW Arkansas. To apply, send resume to Jeff Hines, Diocesan Faith Formation Director, at jhines@dolr.org, or email him for more information.

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.



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – THE LORD WAITS FOR YOU!

“The Eucharist is the greatest of all the sacraments because it contains in a substantial way the person of Christ, who is the author of life.” (Bp. Fulton Sheen). Come to adore Christ, and become more like Him. To register to adore during daytime hours, please write to g.carmen.8786@gmail.com, and let us know when would be best for you. **Below are listed the times that are available.** Copies of the updated guidelines are next to the sign-in book, or they can be emailed to you. 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

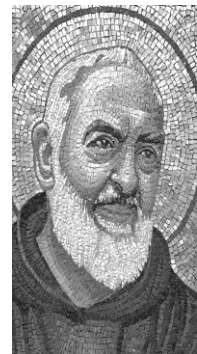
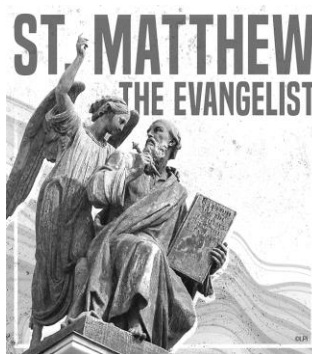
Tuesday @ 7 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM & 2 PM

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



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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 or simply use your cellphone camera to scan the QR code to the right.



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MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: SEPTEMBER 2023

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper

Lector: Greg Jasper

E/M: Wes Bradford
Renae Whiteside

Ushers: Tim Reeves
Jerry Hogue
Bill Markham
Chad Coffman

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Bob Lowery

Lector: Joan Lipsmeyer

E/M: Bob Lowery
Stacy Burge
Judy Keith

Ushers: David Krueger
Steve O'Laughlin
Gerry Gokenbach
Jason Johnson

ALTAR SERVERS: AUGUST 26, 2023 TO OCTOBER 1, 2023

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

Sept 9: Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Candle: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Erin Culhane

Sept. 10 Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper
Book/Cross: Michael Adamos
Candle: Kayleigh Culpepper
Candle: Liam Lampe

Sept. 16 Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Sept. 17 Thurifer: Jacob Simon
Book/Cross: June Simon
Candle: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kori Eddings

Sept. 23 Book/Cross: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane

Sept. 24 Thurifer: Lily Pinson
Book/Cross: Isaac Jasper
Candle: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden

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

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.

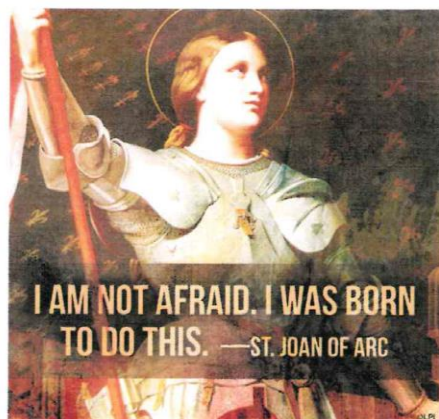
Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.

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

September 17, 2023 — 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir

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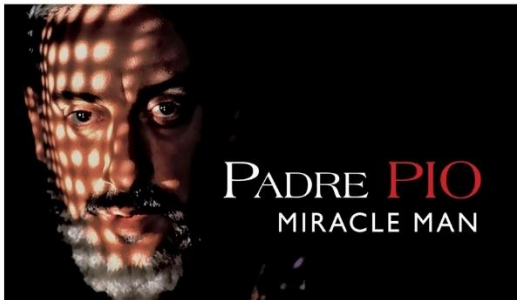
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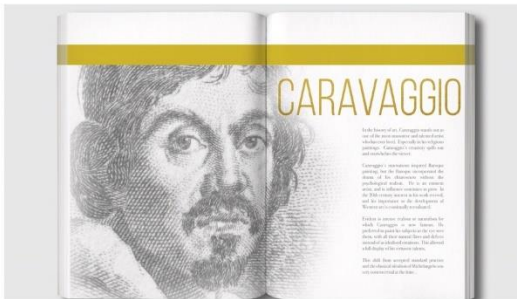
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of September 17, 2023



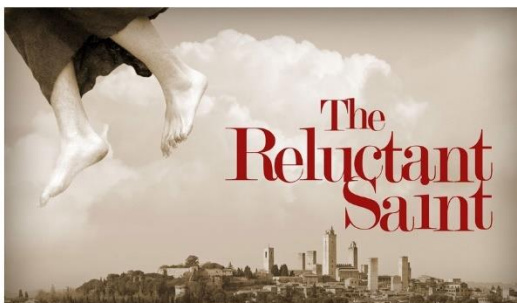
Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



The Calling of Matthew

Dr. Tim Gray provides an extended analysis of Caravaggio's *The Calling of St. Matthew*.



The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph Cupertino

This film portrays the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant abbot to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3: Top Three Revealing Discoveries:

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

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

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

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

1) Continued

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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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.
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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.