



## 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 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

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>September 2</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Edmund Griggs
9:00 AM	Confessions & First Saturday Devotion
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 3</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Bob Stephens
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>September 4 – Labor Day – NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>September 5</b>
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Gladys Cheri
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>September 6</b>
4:30 PM	Evening Prayer & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – Dan Roberts' 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>September 7</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Lorita Henry
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Ruth Hughes
9:00 AM	Fatima Rosary
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>September 9</b>
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Ann May
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 10</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners



**VIGIL CANDLES** - If you wish to light a 6-day vigil candle, a suggested \$3 donation is requested.

**CONFESSIONS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE** one-half hour before all Daily and Saturday/Sunday Masses or by appointment.

**ONLINE BULLETINS** for Mary Mother of God Church and St. Andrew's Church may be found at [harrisoncatholic.org](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.  
**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY** is for our Building Maintenance.

**CCW RAFFLE TICKETS ARE 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 8<sup>th</sup>. Save the date!

**\*\* FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION \*\*** September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9 AM  
Adoration Hour Immediately Following the 8:30 AM Mass.



**BINGO THIS WEEKEND** – Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2 PM. Doors will open at 1 PM. Bring a friend! Proceeds will benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

**Catholic Christian Women (CCW)** will meet **Tuesday, Sept. 5** at 6pm in the Confirmation Room. All ladies of the parish are members and are invited to attend.

**Knights of Columbus** will meet on **Tuesday, Sept. 5**. Fellowship Meal begins at 6:30 PM, followed by the meeting at 7:30 PM.

**SACRISTAN TRAINING** – Saturday, Sept. 9 at 9am we will be offering training for new sacristans under the leadership of David Krueger. Call the office to sign up for weekend and daily masses.

**Parish Religious Education (PRE) Registrations**–Please remember to return your registrations to Holly, or place in collection basket.



### MUSIC MINISTRY

**Praise & Worship Band** – Rehearsal Thurs, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

**MMG Choir** – Rehearsals resume Thurs, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8pm in the Sanctuary.

**Handbell Choir** – Rehearsals resume Mon. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm in the Music Ministry Office.

**Silver Bells** – Rehearsal & Potluck Wed. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the Music Ministry Office.

**Youth & Handchimes Choirs** – Rehearsals begin in October.

\*\*\* 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](mailto:juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com)

**LEGION OF MARY** – We will have a booth set up at the District Fair, and we need volunteers to sign up for any shift. Days and times available in the vestibule (Fair dates: Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> thru Sept. 23).

**RCIA** – Classes will begin September 19<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up in the vestibule and call the office for a schedule.



**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.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sept 3:	Jer 20:7-9 / Rom 12:1-2 / Mt 16:21-27
Sept 4:	1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30
Sept 5:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 / Lk 4:31-37
Sept 6:	Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44
Sept 7:	Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11
Sept 8:	Mi 5:1-4, or Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Sept 9:	Col 1:21-23 / Lk 6:1-5
Sept 10:	Ez 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10 / Mt 18:15-20

**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, Joel Ray, 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, Linda Utaski, Rita Ward, Jimmie Wells, Gary Wilcox, Jean Williams, John/Sherry Zollo. **Our Nursing Home Residents:** *David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, 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.**

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

**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.



**Day of Prayer and Healing Retreat** – 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. This retreat offers a safe, confidential, non-judgmental space for women to begin or continue their journey to hope and healing. To register or for more information, please call or text 501-663-0996, or e-mail [projectrachel@dolr.org](mailto:projectrachel@dolr.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential. Please also contact Project Rachel for info about other healing opportunities, including retreats for men or retreats in Spanish.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is accepting nominations for the 2023 Longest Married Couple (couple does not need to be Catholic). Submit the couple's name, location, and wedding date, along with the nominator's name, phone number and email address. Winners will be recognized in each state, as well as an overall national winner. To nominate, email [paul.robin.ring@wwme.org](mailto:paul.robin.ring@wwme.org), or call 321-544-3440.

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

**Fall Book Sale** – Coury House Book Store in Subiaco, AR will have a selection of books available for \$5 or \$10 through Sept. 30, 2023. The bookstore is open 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Saturday and 9am to 4:30pm on Sunday. Coury House Book Store is in the Coury House retreat center on the grounds of Subiaco Abbey, 405 N. Subiaco Ave., Subiaco, AR. Coury House is on the north side of the church.

## JOB OPENINGS

**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](mailto:jhines@dolr.org), or email him for more information.

**Disaster Case Managers** – Catholic Charities of Arkansas and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA Disaster Services are working together with other helping and faith-based organizations to provide long-term recovery case management services to the impacted households from the March 31 tornado that devastated Pulaski, Lonoke, and Cross counties. Disaster Case Managers are needed to coordinate services and resources to address the tornado survivors' complex disaster recovery needs in order to help them re-establish normalcy. This is a grant funded position for up to one year with the Disaster Services Corporation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA. For a job description or to apply, please visit <https://www.svdpcdisaster.org/employment-opportunities>.

### 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!

“We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.” (St. Clare of Assisi). Come to adore Christ, and become more like Him. To register to adore during daytime hours, please write to [g.carmen.8786@gmail.com](mailto: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 @ 1 PM, 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**





## 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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**MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH  
HARRISON, ARKANSAS**

<b>Sunday</b> <i>August 27</i> <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary</i>	<b>Monday</b> <i>August 28</i>	<b>Tuesday</b> <i>August 29</i>	<b>Wednesday</b> <i>August 30</i>	<b>Thursday</b> <i>August 31</i>	<b>Friday</b> <i>September 1, 2023</i> <i>First Friday</i>	<b>Saturday</b> <i>September 2</i> <i>First Saturday</i>
8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ <b>2 PM BINGO</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ <b>Praise &amp; Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM</b> ++ <b>6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Resumes</b>	8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary  <b>Registration Due Today For Formation Day To Be Held Sept 16</b>	8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass <b>9-10 AM Confessions</b> <b>9 AM First Saturday Devotions</b> ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>September 3</b> <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ <b>2 PM BINGO</b>	<b>September 4</b> <i>Labor Day</i>  <b>NO MASS</b>  	<b>September 5</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting ++ <b>6 PM CCW Mtg. in Confirmation Room in Parish Hall</b>	<b>September 6</b>  4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	<b>September 7</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ <b>Praise &amp; Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM</b> ++ <b>6:30 PM Adult Choir</b>	<b>September 8</b> <i>Nativity of Mary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>September 9</b>  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>September 10</b> <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass  <i>Return Your Raffle Tix!</i>	<b>September 11</b>  <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>September 12</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	<b>September 13</b>  <b>11 AM Silver Bells</b> ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass + <b>6:30 PM PRE Catechist Meal &amp; Meeting</b>	<b>September 14</b> <i>Exaltation of the Cross</i>  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>Praise &amp; Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM</b> ++ <b>6:30 PM Adult Choir</b>	<b>September 15</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>September 16</b>  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ <b>DOLR Formation Day 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM In Parish Hall</b>
<b>September 17</b> <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Catechetical Sunday ++ <b>"Psalms" Bible Study Resumes Following Mass</b> ++ <b>2 PM BINGO</b>  <i>Return Your Raffle Tix!</i>	<b>September 18</b>  <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>September 19</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>3 PM "Psalms" Bible Study Resumes</b> ++ <b>RCIA Classes Begin @ 6:30 PM in Parish Hall</b>	<b>September 20</b>  4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>6 PM PRE Dinner</b> <b>6:30 PM PRE Classes Begin</b> <b>6:30 PM Mtg w/Parents</b>	<b>September 21</b> <i>St. Matthew</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ <b>Praise &amp; Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM</b> ++ <b>6:30 PM Adult Choir</b>	<b>September 22</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>September 23</b>  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ <b>SDC Altar Servers' Bake Sale Fundraiser</b> ++ <b>6:30 PM Altar Server Training in Church For New &amp; Current Altar Servers</b>
<b>September 24</b> <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ <b>10 AM Bible Study</b>  <i>Return Your Raffle Tix!</i>	<b>September 25</b>  <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>September 26</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>3 PM Bible Study</b> ++ <b>6:30 PM RCIA Class</b>	<b>September 27</b>  4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>6 PM PRE Dinner</b> <b>6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes</b>	<b>September 28</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ <b>Praise &amp; Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM</b> ++  <b>6:30 PM Adult Choir</b>	<b>September 29</b> <i>Feast of the Archangels</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<b>September 30</b>  4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass <b>Praise &amp; Worship Band Debut</b>
<b>PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR.</b>						

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC - OCTOBER 8, 2023**

## 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.

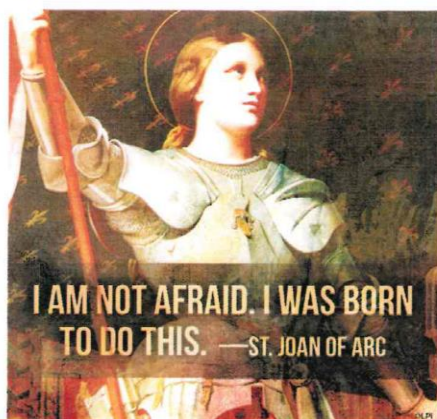
**Musician:** See or call Julie Jasper.

**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

VP | Business Development & Lending  
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Pray  
FOR THE  
PROTECTION  
OF THE UNBORN

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DR. TOM BUTLER

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### September 3, 2023 — 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

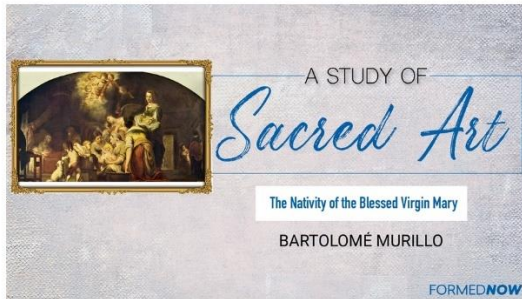
# Jesus, I Trust in You!

In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster



# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of September 03, 2023



### The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Sacred Art

By studying Sacred Art, we fuel our prayer and contemplation. In this episode, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Taylor Kemp to examine the theological nuances contained in Bartolome Murillo's depiction of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



### Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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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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**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)**



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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.