



## 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 Ma

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:

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

### 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY – ORDINARY TIME

**First Saturday, October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary**  
**8:00 AM Rosary**  
**8:30 AM MASS: +Walt Israel**  
**9:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotion - Rosary and Adoration**  
**9-10 AM Confessions**  
 4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions  
 5:00 PM MASS: +Jerome Tauer

**Sunday October 8 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions  
 8:30 AM MASS: SI – Glen & Shirley Feldman, 73<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.!

**Monday, October 9 – NO MASS**

**Tuesday, October 10**  
 5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions  
 5:30 PM MASS: +John Dirst

**Wednesday, October 11**  
 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions  
 5:15 PM Adoration & Benediction  
 5:30 PM MASS: +Andy Brown

**Thursday, October 12**  
 8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions  
 8:30 AM MASS: +Bob Hildman  
 9:30 AM Rosary: Led by Catholic Christian Women

**Friday, October 13**  
 8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions  
 8:30 AM MASS: +Sue Brain  
 9:00 AM Fatima Rosary with Exposition & Adoration

**Saturday, October 14**  
 4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions  
 5:00 PM MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday October 15 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions  
 8:30 AM MASS: +Carol Bomboy



**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 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., Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.  
 Rosary and Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass.



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 Gottspomer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

**PARISH PICNIC TODAY - 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** !!



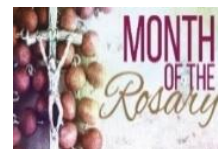
**PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) - This Wednesday !**  
 Contact Holly if you would like more information.  
 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions  
 5:15 PM Adoration & Benediction  
 5:30 PM MASS  
 6:00 PM Dinner for PREP Students & Parents  
 6:30-7:30 PM Classes



**Catholic Christian Women (CCW) – Thurs., October 12 at 9 AM –** Rosary after Mass, followed by coffee & donuts in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the church are always invited!

### OUTDOOR ROSARY RALLY FOR OUR COUNTRY AND FOR OUR CHURCH

On the 106th anniversary of the last apparition of Fatima and the miracle of the sun, please join us to pray a **Holy Rosary** on **Saturday Oct. 14 at 12 noon** in front of Nopalitos restaurant.



"The Rosary is destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness". – JP2



### 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** – This Wednesday at 11 AM. Stay tuned for details on their next 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](mailto:juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com)

**THE LEGION OF MARY** will have NO meetings for the remainder of October. They will return to their normal schedule on Thursdays at 3:30 in November. Please keep them in your prayers.

**The "Psalms" Scripture Study** – Classes are Sundays at 10am, and Tuesdays at 3pm. \* Sun. Oct. 15 has been moved to Oct. 22.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER



A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule to order pecans. One-pound bags of shelled pecans will be sold for \$12 per bag on the weekends of **Oct. 14-15** and **Oct. 21-22**.

**OCTOBER CALENDAR** – Be sure to check the bulletin board in the vestibule for any updates and changes made to October.



**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 !



**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.





**REST IN PEACE** – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Stephen Gutting (husband of Rachel) who died on October 5. Please remember Steve and his family in your prayers. Funeral arrangements are pending.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Oct 8: Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43  
 Oct 9: Jon 1:1–2:2, 11 / Lk 10:25-37  
 Oct 10: Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 10:38-42  
 Oct 11: Jon 4:1-11 / Lk 11:1-4  
 Oct 12: Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13  
 Oct 13: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 / Lk 11:15-26  
 Oct 14: Jl 4:12-21 / Lk 11:27-28  
 Oct 15: Is 25:6-10a / Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 / Mt 22:1-14

**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/Jaxon Rivera, Amber Roberts, Terry Rodery/Kenna Rodery, Teresa Rotkowski, Nick/Summer Rykert, Sabine Schwarzmann, 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, 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.



### 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](mailto: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 @ 7 AM, 8 AM, 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**



### PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

O Lord, send forth your Holy Angels under the command of Saint Michael the Archangel, to bring your heavenly light to the Pope and synod participants, and to frustrate the plans of your enemies within the synod assembly.



O Lord, look mercifully upon the little ones in the Church, look upon the hidden souls who sacrifice themselves for the Church, look upon all the tears, sighs and supplications of the true children of the church, and through the merits of the Immaculate Heart of Your Most Holy Mother, arise, O Lord, and by Your intervention grant Your Church holy shepherds who, imitating Your example, will give their lives for You and Your sheep.

O Lord, we beseech You: Through the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant us a holy Pope, zealous in promoting and defending the Catholic Faith, we implore You, grant it! Through the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant us holy priests, who are men of God, we implore You, grant it! O Lord, we rest our hope: let us never be put to shame. To You, O Lord Jesus Christ, be given all honor and glory in Your Holy Church. You live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit: God, forever and ever. Amen.

**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.

### JULY 2023 FINANCES

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

### AUGUST 2023 FINANCES

All Income	21,526.35	
All Expenses	(39,603.05)	(18,076.70)
* Maint. Income	1,859.00	
* Maint. Expenses	(3,969.80)	(2,110.80)

\* Maintenance Totals Not Included in Income Totals



**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.**







**Enthronement of the Sacred Heart** – An act of adoration that publicly declares Him as “Lord of the Household”. It is more than setting aside a dwelling place for Him in a building; it is the welcoming of the Reign of Christ into the heart of the family, couple or the person that dwells within that place. It

has an impact on families that carries over to society and becomes the basis for spreading the Social Reign of our King and Savior.”

**\*\* If you are interested in the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your home, please contact the Legion of Mary for details.**

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



### 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>

**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.



**Catholic Cemetery Gravesites** are available to purchase from a Cemetery Committee representative. Gravesites are \$500 each. **A monthly payment plan is available.** If four or more gravesites are purchased at the same time, a 10% discount is applied, and the cost is \$450 per gravesite. Any questions, please call Marlene Rowe at 870-365-0236.

**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.



**Pilgrimage to Ireland** – *Arkansas Catholic* is hosting a 10-day pilgrimage to Ireland September 11-20, **2024**. For more information, contact Kathy Primm of Sue Smith Vacations at [kathy@suesmithvacations.com](mailto:kathy@suesmithvacations.com).

“If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist.” – *Arkansas Catholic*, Nov. 14, 2015, Father Ken Doyle  
**Contact Father Ben for more information.**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

Oct 1	Erin Rogers
Oct 2	Theresa Holt, Polly Jamison
Oct 3	Julie Penquite
Oct 4	Danielle DeVito
Oct 5	Kevin Cheri, Jacalyn Fleming
Oct 6	Joseph McFadden III
Oct 8	Steve Ballenger
Oct 9	Dee Burr, Isabella Hocut
Oct 10	Nancy Smith
Oct 11	Anna Burge, Elizabeth Smalley
Oct 13	Donna Osbaldeston
Oct 14	Sandi Black, Sabrina Cheri, Casey McBride
Oct 15	Adam Coffman, Andrew Schneider, Lois Williams
Oct 16	Bill Bray, Kyle Whiteside
Oct 17	Tim Osbaldeston
Oct 18	Ricardo Aldape, Sr., Levi Haley
Oct 19	Mary Christner, Kellie Mooneyham
Oct 20	Mary Fry
Oct 21	Santi Romero, Loretta Wolfe
Oct 22	Terra Atkinson, Ashley & Lauren Hardaway
Oct 23	Stacy Burge, Sara Sidfrid, Robbie Taheny
Oct 24	John Berry, Cecille Scott
Oct 25	Ernest Boudreaux, Julie Cavin, Logan Chapman, Kay Flenniken, Jennifer Lampe, Frances Zemlik
Oct 26	Nina Krone
Oct 27	John Forrest
Oct 30	Cesar Carrera, Marlene Rowe, Jake Zemlik
Oct 31	John Duncan

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Oct 1	Robert & Valerie Deen, Bill & Robin Markham
Oct 2	Steve & Patty Ballenger, Mike & Margie Stephen
Oct 5	Paula & Ralph Fehringer, Jason & Jennifer Johnson
Oct 7	Glen & Shirley Feldman, 73 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.
Oct 9	Steve & Mary Richards
Oct 10	Nancy & Trinity Smith
Oct 11	Caven & Eileen Clark
Oct 12	Mike & Tina Ford, Jimmie & Rita Wells
Oct 13	Andy & Leslie Jensen
Oct 16	Everett & Dee Burr
Oct 17	Adan & Belin Juantos, Jackson & Patricia Villines
Oct 20	Steve & Donita DeVito, John & Wink Duncan
Oct 22	Juan & Abigail Martinez

### BAPTISM GODPARENT / CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Being a baptism godparent/confirmation sponsor means actively being a good Catholic witness and example, a role model, and ready to give help and advice to the one baptized/confirmed.

When choosing a baptism godparent/confirmation sponsor, do consider the church requirements for a valid choice:

- Not a parent of the one being baptized/confirmed.
- Must be at least 16 years old.
- A practicing Catholic who is leading a good Christian life and is not invalidly married.
- Must have already made First Communion and been confirmed.

A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be a witness to the baptism, but only together with a Catholic godparent.

## 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*

## 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 2023  
Pullover  
From \$20.00



Mary Mother of God 2023  
From \$15.00



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HARRISON, ARKANSAS**

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

**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.***

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**Lector:** Read the Scripture readings during Mass.

**Rosary Leader:** Lead before Mass.

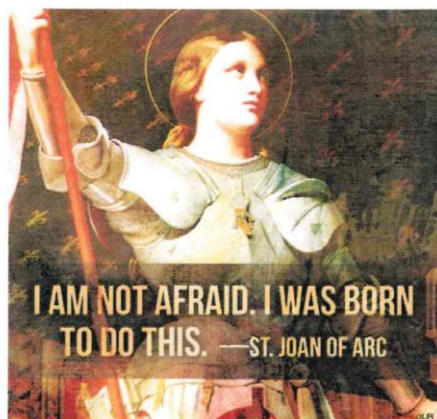
**Musician:** See or call Julie Jasper.

**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!**

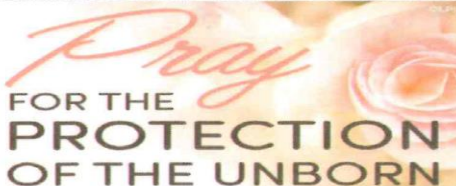


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Dates & Times

### October 8, 2023 — 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. But notice — Jesus seems to *disagree* with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a *totally undeserved inheritance*. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is *not* deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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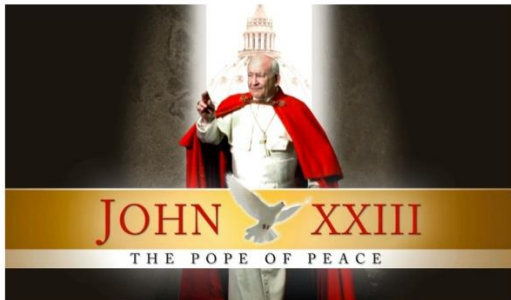
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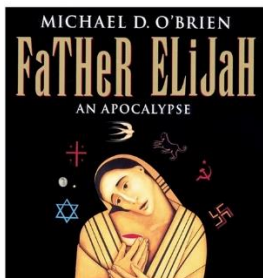
# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 08, 2023



## John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



## Father Elijah: An Apocalypse by Michael D. O'Brien

This audiobook explores the state of the world and the faith through the story of Father Elijah, a Carmelite priest sent on a mission for the Vatican that leads to crises and conflicts ultimately affecting the fate of the Church.



## Every Park Needs a Lark | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello

This episode of Benjamin Cello reveals that every part of creation has a purpose and brings beauty into the world.

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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!



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Informed Choices ministry exists to evangelize, encourage and empower men/women in making life affirming choices.

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  - 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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**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**

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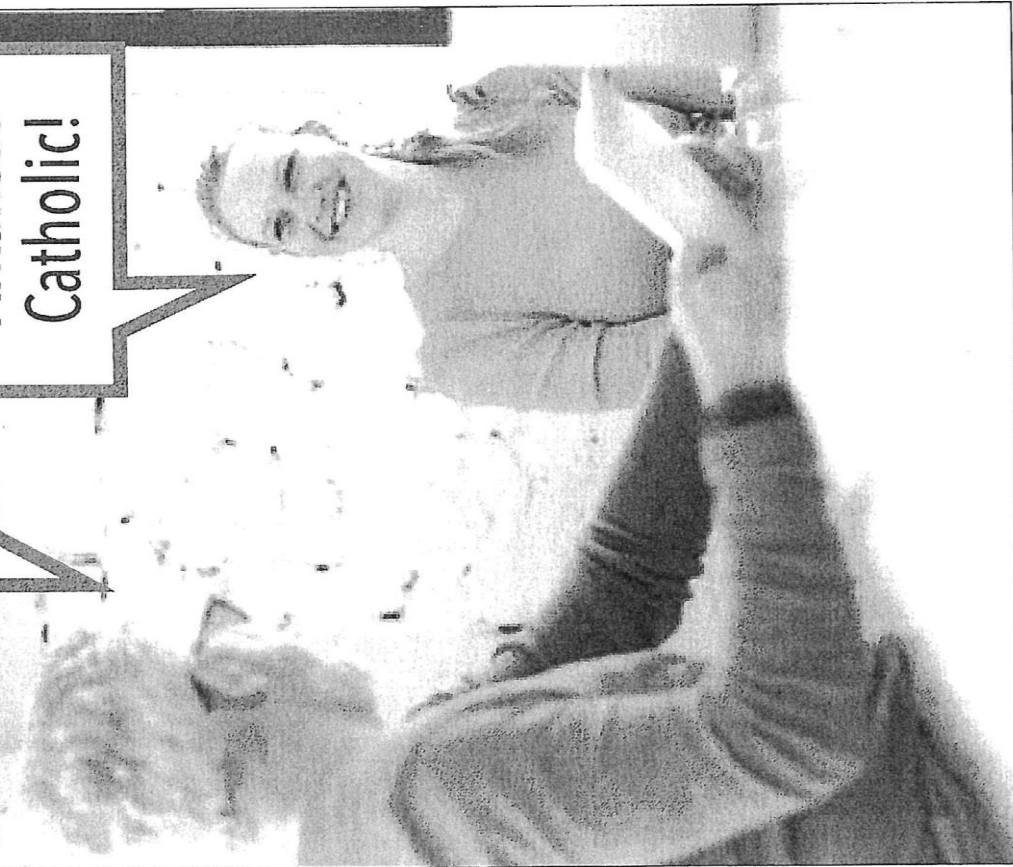
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# MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



**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.