



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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, 4th Degree:

Libraries:

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Music Ministry:

Pastoral Council:

Prayer Group / Seven Sisters:

Pro-Life:

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Sacristans:

Safe Environment:

Social and Charitable Outreach

Trail Life USA:

Tribunal:

Wedding Coordinator:

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

Rev. Benjamin Riley

Dc. Mark Scouten

Lucia McArthur

Tom Hoberock

Holly Coffman

Marlene Rowe

Pat Knickerbocker

Lori Goulet

Carmen Andrade

Joe Koenig

Lucia McArthur

Jerry Hogue

Everett Burr

Jennifer Johnson

Dc. Mark Scouten

Julie Jasper

Greg Jasper

Carmen Andrade

Sandra Guidry

Holly Coffman

David Krueger

Holly Coffman

Lucia McArthur

Wes Bradford

Dc. Mark Scouten

Bonnie Tauer

Wayne & Judy Keith

NEW IN PARISH

To register in the parish, please fill out the form below.

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parish Moved From: _____

Parish City: _____

() New In Parish () Change of Address/Phone/Email

2023 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

31st SUNDAY – ORDINARY TIME

First Saturday,	November 4
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Gary Grisham
9:00 AM	First Saturday Devotion & Confessions
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	Praise & Worship MASS: +Tom Jamison
Sunday,	November 5 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Jim & Esther Virnig
Monday,	November 6 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	November 7
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – Sylvia Julian
Wednesday,	November 8
4:30 PM	Evening Prayer & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: +Linda Hoyet
6:30 PM	P.R.E. FAMILY MASS: SI – Jared Chua
Thursday,	November 9
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Myles Vicknair
9:00 AM	Rosary: Led by Catholic Christian Women
Friday,	November 10 – St. Leo the Great
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Harry Knickerbocker
9:00 AM	Fatima Rosary
Saturday,	November 11 – St. Martin of Tours
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Ron Schoborg, 3 rd Anniv.
Sunday,	November 12 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Newt & Ruth Foster
2:00 PM	Veterans Day Program



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

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

ONLINE BULLETINS for Mary Mother of God Church and St. Andrew's Church may be found at harrisoncatholic.org.

Personal Listening Devices are Available for Mass. Please see one of our ushers in the vestibule to sign one out.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR – LET US ALL SHARE THE JOY OF SERVING THE LORD!! Please sign up as soon as possible. If you are new to serving, please contact the church office or fill in your chosen ministry on the back of the bulletin, drop it in the collection basket, and someone will contact you for a brief training session.

**** FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION **** Sat., Nov. 4th at 9 AM. Rosary and Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass.



BINGO THIS WEEKEND – Sunday, November 5th at 2pm. Doors open at 1pm. Bring a friend! Proceeds will benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18.



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Richard “Dick” Hoyet, who died on Tuesday, October 31. The joint Memorial Mass will be for Dick and Linda Hoyet **Thurs, Nov. 9 at 2pm**. Please remember Dick and his family in your prayers.



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +James Bel, who died on Thursday, November 2, 2023. Arrangements are pending. Please keep James and his wife, Patricia, and their family in your prayers.

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** to receive more information.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW CATHOLIC! – Christian Mark Anquillano Smith, son of Ken and Rubilyn Smith, received the Sacrament of Baptism on October 28. May God continue to bless Christian and his family.

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for Building Maintenance.

SWEET SUNDAY - Coffee and donuts are available in the Parish Hall following Sunday's Mass. See you there!

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

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

Praise & Worship Rehearsal – Thursday at 5:30 PM.

MMG Choir Rehearsal – Thursday at 6:30 PM.

Silver Bells Rehearsal – Wednesday at 11 AM.

Stay tuned for details on their next performance!



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

This Wednesday!

6:30 PM FAMILY MASS for students and their families.
** This Mass replaces the PRE Classes tonight.
Attendance will be taken.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet this **Tues, Nov. 7**. Fellowship Meal begins at 6:30 PM, followed by the meeting at 7:30 PM.

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN WOMEN (CCW) – Thursday, November 9 at 9 AM – Rosary after Mass, followed by coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the church are always invited to join them.

THE LEGION OF MARY meets on **Thursdays at 3:30 PM** in the Altar Server Sacristy (room behind the altar). This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend and pray with us.



CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN WOMEN FUNDRAISER:

The CCW will be taking orders for Homemade Pies through Sunday, November 12. The following pies will be offered; Cranberry Apple, Apple, Pecan, Pumpkin, Buttermilk- Coconut, and Sugar Free Chocolate. The pies will be available for pickup after the 5 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, Nov 18 and after 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, Nov 19, just in time for your Thanksgiving meal! The price per pie is \$15 and payment is due at time of order. Thank you for supporting the CCW.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Nov 5: Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 / Mt 23:1-12
 Nov 6: Rom 11:29-36 / Lk 14:12-14
 Nov 7: Rom 12:5-16b / Lk 14:15-24
 Nov 8: Rom 13:8-10 / Lk 14:25-33
 Nov 9: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22
 Nov 10: Rom 15:14-21 / Lk 16:1-8
 Nov 11: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Lk 16:9-15
 Nov 12: Wis 6:12-16 / 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Mt 25:1-13

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Veterans, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, Logan Anthony Baker, Patricia Bel, Donnie Billups, Shari Broscovak, Betty Burge, Anette Chaney, 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, Pete Hartman, Waylen/Preston Hetrick, Dianne Hoberock, Connie Israel, Chris Jasper, Jeannie, Ed Karlovic, Caven James Keith, Darby Kester, Mary Koenig, Jane Krone, Martha Lamboy, Sandy/Mike Luckenbill, Courtney Martin, Emily Myers, Beth Nelson, Barbara Phipps, Eliska/Glenn Pollock, Joel Ray, David Reuter, Jacob/Jaxson Rivera, Amber Roberts, Terry Rodery/Kenna Rodery, Teresa Rotkowski, Nick/Summer Rykert, Sabine Schwarzmann, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, 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.

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 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.”*

Enthronement is in line with the Church’s wishes to see acts of charity, peace and justice move from the family circle to society.

On Oct. 27, 2023, Gerry & Lorraine Gokenbach, in Harrison, honored Him with the installation of a blessed image of His Sacred Heart in their home. **Congratulations to Gerry & Lorraine and all parishioners who have received the Sacred Heart Enthronement in their home.**

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – THE LORD WAITS FOR YOU!

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

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

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

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

Wednesday @ 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



2023 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)

To date, our parishioners have given **\$11,971 or 57%** of our designated goal of **\$21,000**. **THANK YOU** for your support in helping our diocese continue to carry on the missionary work of Jesus.

WE NEED YOUR HELP – We are looking for parishioners to sign up for Daily Mass as Rosary Leaders and Lectors. Please sign up in the vestibule or call the office for details.

** NOVEMBER CALENDAR **

Be sure to check the bulletin board in the vestibule for any changes made in November.

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.



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>

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.



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

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Mary Mother of God Church, Harrison AR

St. Andrew Church, Yellville AR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pat Knickerbocker 405-824-3454 or

Cecilia Scott 870-688-8178

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

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

Our Lady of Fatima

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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HARRISON, ARKANSAS**

Sunday October 29 <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 	Monday October 30 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells	Tuesday October 31 <i>All Hallow's Eve</i> 11:30 AM Rosary NOON MASS ++ NO 5:30 PM Holy Day Vigil Mass ++ NO RCIA TONIGHT	Wednesday November 1, 2023 <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 NO Youth Choir Tonight 7:30 PM Handchimes Only	Thursday November 2 <i>All Souls Day</i> NO 8:30 AM MASS ++ 2 PM Rosary in Cemetery Led by Legion of Mary ++ No Legion of Mary Mtg. ++ 6 PM Mass w/Candlelight Procession to Cemetery ++ NO Praise & Worship Band & NO Adult Choir Tonight	Friday November 3 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary w/ Exposition & Adoration ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir (moved from Thurs)	Saturday November 4 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Confessions 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass w/ Praise & Worship Band 
November 5 <i>31st Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ Sweet Sunday Following Mass ++ 2 PM BINGO	November 6 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells	November 7 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ NO RCIA TONIGHT ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	November 8 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM FAMILY MASS (Instead of PRE Class) 7:30 PM Youth Choir & Handchimes	November 9 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee & Sweets Follow ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	November 10 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	November 11 <i>Veterans Day</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass 
November 12 <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 2 PM Veterans Day Program in Church	November 13 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells	November 14 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:30 PM RCIA Class	November 15 11 AM Silver Bells ++ & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes 7:30-8 PM Nativity Play Rehearsal in Parish Hall	November 16 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	November 17 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary ++ 10:30 AM Silver Bells Perform @ Hillcrest Home	November 18 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ CCW Pies Ready For Pick-Up After Mass 
November 19 <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Cath. Campaign for Human Development ++ CCW Pies Ready For Pick-Up After Mass ++ 2 PM BINGO	November 20 NO MASS ++ NO Handbells	November 21 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ NO RCIA TONIGHT	November 22 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ NO PRE CLASSES NO Youth Choir NO Handchimes	November 23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ NO Legion of Mary Mtg. NO Praise & Worship Band NO Adult Choir ++ 10 AM Mass - Yellville 	November 24 NO 8:30 AM MASS	November 25 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
November 26 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass w/Handbell Choir	November 27 NO MASS ++ Handbells & Handchimes at Christmas Parade	November 28 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:30 PM RCIA Class	November 29 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes 7:30-8 PM Nativity Play Rehearsal in Parish Hall	November 30 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	December 1, 2023 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	December 2 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Confessions 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass

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

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: NOVEMBER 2023

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper

Lector: Greg Jasper

E/M: Wes Bradford
Rena White

Ushers: Tim Reeves
Jerry Hogue
Bill Markham
Chad Coffman

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Bob Lowery

Lector: Mary Bausch

E/M: Bob Lowery
Judy Keith
Stacy Burge

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

ALTAR SERVERS: NOVEMBER 4, 2023 TO DECEMBER 3, 2023

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

Nov. 11 Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Nov. 18 Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Jacob Bradford

Nov. 25 Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Kate Sidfrid

Dec. 2 Book/Cross: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane

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

Nov. 12 Thurifer: Jacob Simon
Book/Cross: June Simon
Candle: Liam Lampe
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston

Nov. 19 Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kori Eddings
Candle: Laurel Eddings

Nov. 26 Thurifer: Lily Pinson
Book/Cross: Keeley Culpepper
Candle: Michael Adamos
Candle: Kayleigh Culpepper

Dec. 3 Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Julia McFadden
Candle: Liam Lampe
Candle: Daniel McFadden

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.

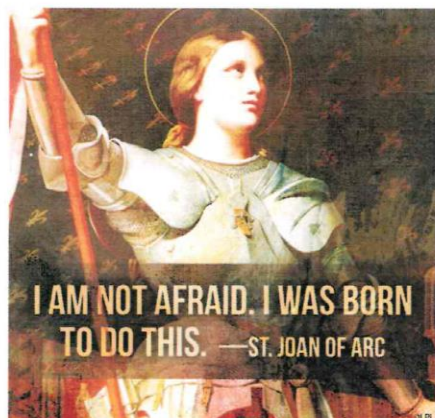
Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.

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!



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Mary Mother of God Catholic Church
Catholic Christian Women (CCW)
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See Bulletin For Meeting
Dates & Times

November 5, 2023 — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, 'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven'?" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives. — Father John Muir

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Sunday Lunch
11 AM—1:30 PM



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Tuesday thru
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4:30—8 PM
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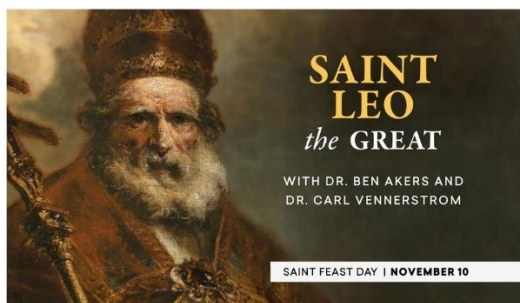
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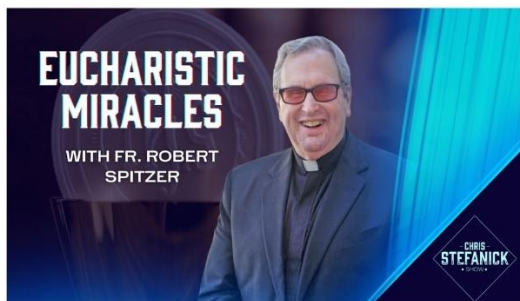
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of November 05, 2023



St. Leo the Great | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss St. Leo the Great, who served as pope during the tumultuous time of the Council of Chalcedon.



The INCREDIBLE Eucharistic Miracles w/Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show

Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? It's true! And I brought Fr. Robert Spitzer back to tell us about the incredible science behind them.



The Church Needs More Saints w/ Jason Evert | SEEK23

Using the example of Pope St. John Paul II, Jason Evert discusses the importance of interior life in the mission of evangelization to which all Christians are called.

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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

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<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/>
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<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 provides:

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- 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



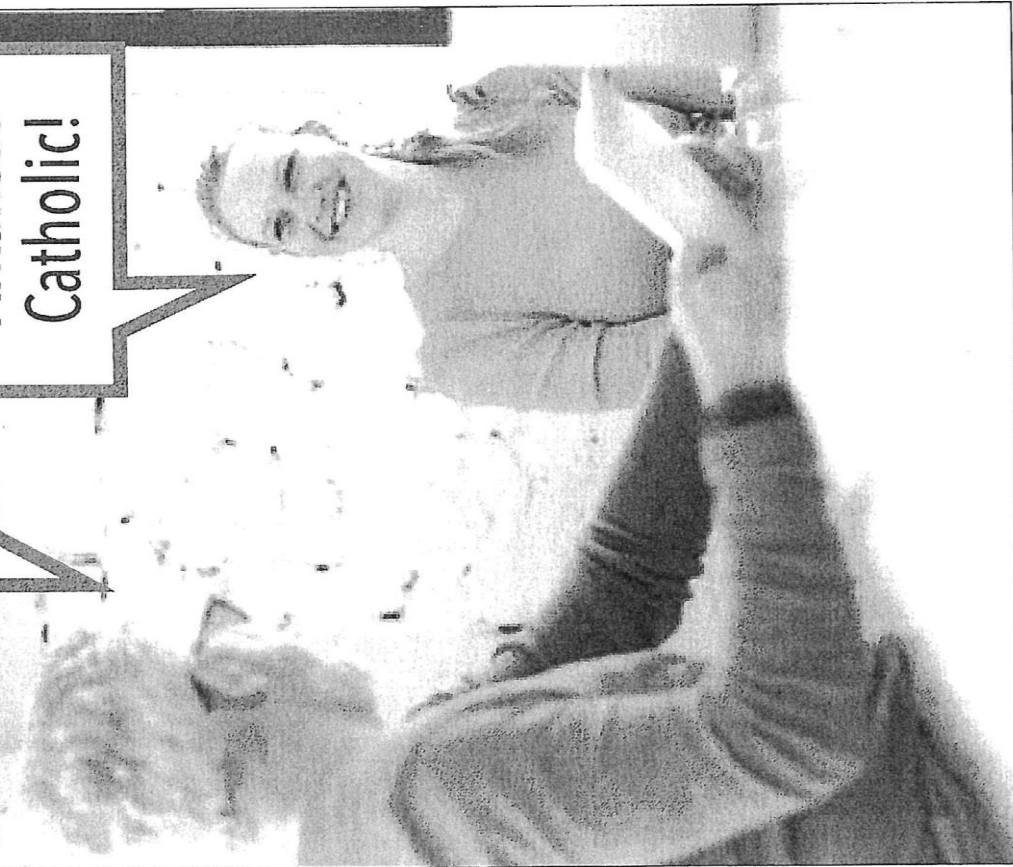
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MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



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.
- 3) **Eucharistic Ministers who Serve the Homebound**

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.