



## MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

1614 Maplewood Road

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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:

**Rev. Benjamin Riley**

**Dc. Mark Scouten**

Lucia McArthur

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:

Safe Environment:

Social and Charitable Outreach

Trail Life USA:

Tribunal:

Wedding Coordinator:

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

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

### 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY – ORDINARY TIME

<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	<b>November 11 – St. Martin of Tours</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Ron Schoborg, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 2:00 PM	<b>November 12 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Newt & Ruth Foster <b>Veterans Day Program</b>
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>November 13 – NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b> 5:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>November 14</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Father Greg Hart, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
<b>Wednesday,</b> 4:30 PM 5:15 PM 5:30 PM	<b>November 15 – St. Albert the Great</b> Evening Prayer & Confessions Adoration & Benediction MASS: +Jerome Tauer
<b>Thursday,</b> 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	<b>November 16</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Betty Jeropke
<b>Friday,</b> 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM	<b>November 17</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Lester Jehnke Fatima Rosary
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	<b>November 18</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Norm Rowe
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	<b>November 19 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rosary & Confessions MASS: +Harold & Yvonne Davis



**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.



**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.

## MILITARY VETERANS

The Veterans Day Celebration to honor our church family members who have served our country will be **TODAY, Sunday, November 12 at 2 PM in the Church.** A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.



### RCIA RETURNS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Nov. 14 -- 6 PM Dinner / 6:30 PM Class



### MUSIC MINISTRY

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

**Nativity Play Rehearsal** – 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.

Next performance is at Hillcrest Friday, Nov. 17 at 10:30am

### PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) This Wednesday !

**4:30 PM: Evening Prayer & Confessions**

**5:15 PM: Benediction**

**5:30 PM: Mass**

**6:00 PM: PRE Dinner for Families & Catechists**

**6:30-7:30 PM: PRE Classes**



**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.



### FINAL WEEKEND !!

**CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN WOMEN FUNDRAISER:** The CCW will be taking orders for **Homemade Pies through TODAY, Sunday, November 12.**

The following pies are offered; Cranberry Apple, Apple, Pecan, Pumpkin, Buttermilk- Coconut, and Sugar Free Chocolate. 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.

**Second Collection Next Weekend is for the Campaign for Human Development.** Through this appeal, you can help people living in poverty and struggling on the margins of society by giving them a hand up. One-fourth (25%) of the funds received remain with Catholic Charities of Arkansas to assist the poor and vulnerable. Thank you for being generous in your response to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Nov 12:	Wis 6:12-16 / 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Mt 25:1-13
Nov 13:	Wis 1:1-7 / Lk 17:1-6
Nov 14:	Wis 2:23-3:9 / Lk 17:7-10
Nov 15:	Wis 6:1-11 / Lk 17:11-19
Nov 16:	Wis 7:22b-8:1 / Lk 17:20-25
Nov 17:	Wis 13:1-9 / Lk 17:26-37
Nov 18:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 / Lk 18:1-8
Nov 19:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-22, 30-31 / 1 Thes 5:1-6 / Mt 25:14-30

### \*\* NOVEMBER CALENDAR \*\*

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

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES** – If you do not receive envelopes for the weekly collections, please contact the church office by email, phone, or drop a note in the collection. Thanks!





## MOVIE MATINEE AT ST. ANDREW'S

### In Yellville

Lunch will be  
provided.

Sun. Nov. 19

Please RSVP in the  
vestibule.

Be sure to check out the  
flyers hanging throughout  
the church for details.

**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. 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**



**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.

### 2023 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)

To date, our parishioners have given **\$12,354 or 59%** 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.

### 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.



**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.



### The Eucharistic Heart of Mary

**A Retreat for Women** will be held December 8-10 at Subiaco Abbey's Courty House Retreat Center. The retreat director/speakers are Debbie Eckert, spiritual director and business owner, and Fr. John Marconi, spiritual director, and priest of the Diocese of Little Rock. The cost per person is \$205 for double occupancy, \$245 for a private room or \$110 for commuters. The fee includes six meals for overnight guests and four meals for commuters. Limited scholarships are available. To register or for more information, contact Nancy Unverferth at 281-381-8645 or [nunverferth@gmail.com](mailto:nunverferth@gmail.com).



**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.



## 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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From \$20.00



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

### COFFMAN FUNERAL HOME

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

## Selling 726 REALTY

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selling726.com  
128 N Willow Street, Harrison, AR 72601

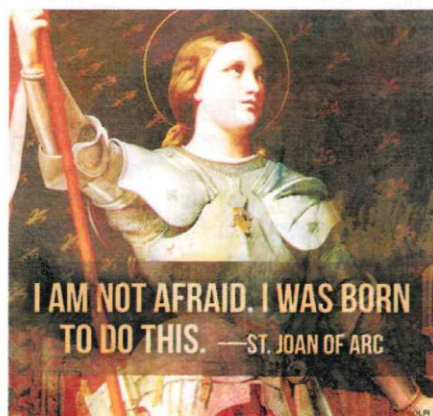
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**Lector:** Read the Scripture readings during Mass.  
**Rosary Leader:** Lead before Mass.  
**Musician:** See or call Julie Jasper.  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Distribute Body & Blood of Christ during Communion.  
**Altar Servers:** All youth who 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!**

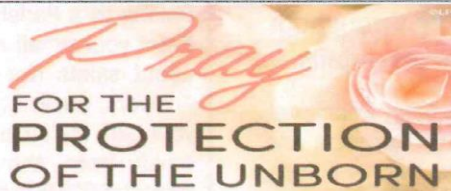


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Dates & Times

**November 12, 2023 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** — Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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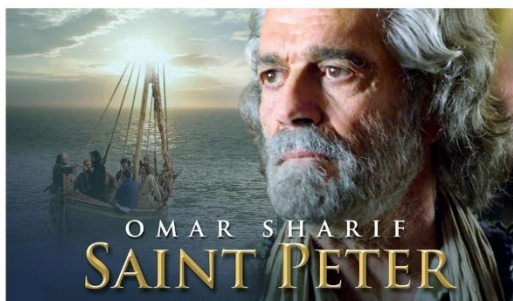
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## Week of November 12, 2023



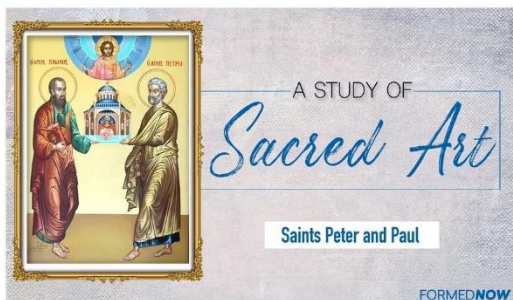
### Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.



### Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



### Saints Peter and Paul

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss an icon depicting Sts. Peter and Paul.

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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)**





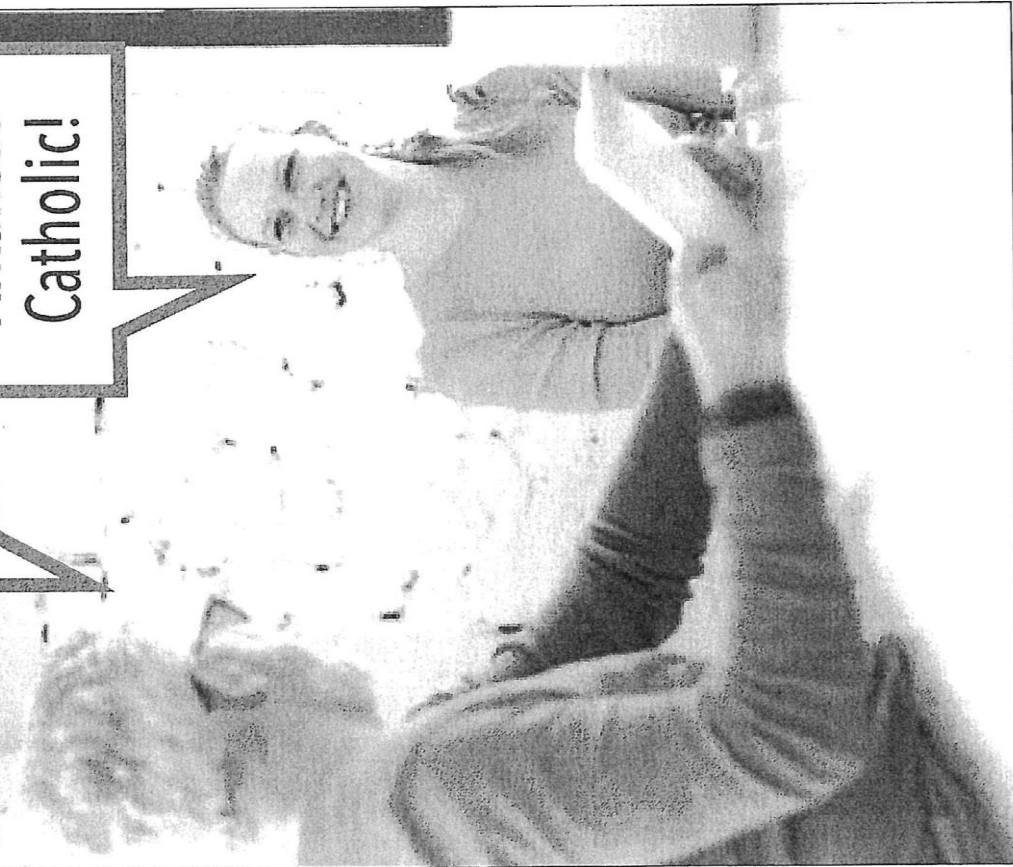
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# MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



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.
- 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.