



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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www.harrisoncatholic.org

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays As Scheduled

Tuesday & Wednesday – 5:30 PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

As Announced

CONFESSIONS

One-Half Hour Before All Masses

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

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

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Father Ben.

Pastor:

Deacon:

Secretary:

Adult Scripture Study:

Buildings, Maintenance:

Catholic Christian Women:

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Cemetery Committee:

Communion to Sick/Legion of 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Saturday,	December 2
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Margaret & +Jack Gilmore
9:00 AM	Fatima Advent Retreat
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Tom Jamison, 10 th Anniv.
Sunday,	December 3 – First Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Mark Rowe, 1 st Anniv
Monday,	December 4 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	December 5
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Wednesday,	December 6
4:30 PM	Evening Prayer & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: +Dick & Linda Hoyet
Thursday,	December 7 – St. Ambrose
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Charles Sippel, Sr.
Friday,	December 8 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Edath Smith
9:00 AM	Fatima Rosary
5:30 PM	+Bob Stephens
Saturday,	December 9
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Martin & Petra Cervantes
Sunday,	December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Dan Allen
4:00 PM	Lessons & Carols, An Advent Concert



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 Available 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!! 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 we will contact you for training!



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.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Please be sure to thank and congratulate our beloved **Deacon Mark** on the anniversary of his Ordination!! Thank you, Deacon, for all your hard work, for your service, and for your ongoing dedication to the Mary Mother of God Community !!

Advent Reconciliation Service

Several Priests will be Available for Confession
Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 AM to 11 AM.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Nativity Play Rehearsal Wednesday, 7:30-8 PM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal Monday, 7-8 PM.
Praise & Worship Rehearsal Thursday, 5:30-6:30 PM
MMG CHOIR Rehearsal Thursday, 6:30-8 PM



RCIA Classes in December

Dec. 12 and Dec. 19
6 PM Dinner / 6:30 PM Class

PREP Classes in December

Keep Christ in Christmas ARTWORK – Wed. Dec. 6
6 PM Dinner / 6:30 PM Class

Legion of Mary Meets on Thursdays

Everyone is welcome to attend. Meeting starts at 3:30pm



Caroling for the Homebound

Sun. Dec. 3 – Meet at 3:30 PM in Vestibule
Return for Chili/Soup Supper

Catholic Christian Women

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK PARTY

ALL LADIES are Welcome !!

Sat, Dec 9 at 11 AM

Sign-Up ASAP in the Vestibule.

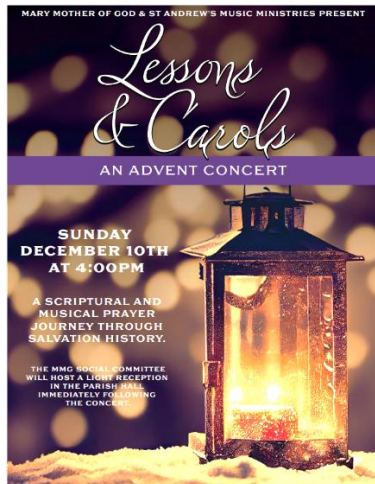
CCW will furnish drinks, bread and dessert.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 3:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / Lk 19:45-48
Dec 4:	Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11
Dec 5:	Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24
Dec 6:	Is 25:6-10 / Mt 15:29-37
Dec 7:	Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27
Dec 8:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
Dec 9:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / Lk 19:45-48
Dec 10:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / Lk 19:45-48

****Second Collection This Week ****
The Retirement Fund for Religious



LESSONS & CAROLS AN ADVENT CONCERT

Join us for a Beautiful
Scriptural and Musical
Prayer Journey
Through
Salvation History

Sun. Dec. 10, 4pm
Light Refreshments
Will Follow

** CHRISTMAS **

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Available for a \$10 donation. Envelopes are in the vestibule, please return no later than **Fri, Dec. 15**. Poinsettias & decorations remain on the Altar throughout the Christmas Season, and an acknowledgement will be sent to the family or loved one that you wish to honor.



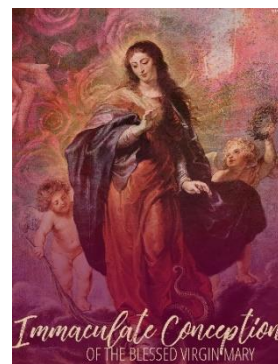
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Veterans, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, Logan Anthony Baker, Patricia Bel, Donnie Billups, Shari Broscovak, Betty Burge, Norma Calhoun, Anette Chaney, Brian Coffman, Donald Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, 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, Dr. Charles Klepper, Mary Koenig, Jane Krone, Martha Lamboy, Sandy/Mike Luckenbill, Lynn & Glenn, Courtney Martin, Mary 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 Schwarzmans, 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.**

Pilgrimage to Ireland

The deadline to save \$100 on a 10-day pilgrimage to Ireland is December 10. *Arkansas Catholic* is hosting the pilgrimage **September 11-20, 2024**, with vicar general Father John Connell. Visits to Dublin, Galway and Knock, one of the world's most well-known Marian apparition sites. The land portion costs \$3,788 per person, including eight nights' accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, deluxe motorcoach transportation, a professional tour escort and entrance fees to scheduled sites. A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration. For more information, contact Kathy Primm of Sue Smith Vacations at (501) 771-0987 or kathy@suesmithvacations.com.

Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, Dec. 8
Holy Day of Obligation
8:30 AM Mass
5:30 PM Mass
(Dec. 7 – VIGIL at Yellville)



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.**

THANK YOU

To all those who helped with the success of the Advent Retreat! Lots of moving parts, you are all **so very much** appreciated!!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THE LORD WAITS FOR YOU!

“It is through the meditative prayer of Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament that the Kingdom of God will come to earth, transforming the lives of our entire societies as they come closer to God.”

(Prof. Americo Lopez-Ortiz, Int'l. President, World Apostolate of Fatima). To register to adore during daytime hours,

please write to g.carmen.8786@gmail.com. **Below are available times.** To inquire, please call or text Carmen, 305-815-1795.

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

Monday @ 7 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM

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

Wednesday @ 7 AM, 8 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM

Thursday @ 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM & 6 PM

Friday @ 7 AM, Noon, 1 PM & 5 PM

Saturday @ 10 AM, 11 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM

Check out FORMED.org

FREE to Register! Visit FORMED.org. Click Sign Up. Select “I Belong to a Parish or Organization”. Find your parish 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! **Deepen your faith**, 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>

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

Sunday <i>November 26</i> <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	Monday <i>November 27</i>	Tuesday <i>November 28</i>	Wednesday <i>November 29</i>	Thursday <i>November 30</i>	Friday <i>December 1, 2023</i> <i>First Friday</i>	Saturday <i>December 2</i> <i>First Saturday</i>
8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass w/Handbell Choir	NO MASS ++ Handbells & Handchimes During Christmas Parade <i>on SW Corner of the Harrison Square</i>	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:30 PM RCIA Class	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	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 MMG Choir	8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary w/ Exposition & Adoration	8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass Fatima Advent Retreat 9-10 AM Confessions 9 AM First Sat Devotions Conference in Parish Hall, Light Refreshments ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<i>December 3</i> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: National Retirement Fund for Religious ++ 3:30 PM Christmas Caroling to Homebound & Nursing Homes ++ 2 PM BINGO	<i>December 4</i> NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells	<i>December 5</i> 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ NO RCIA TONIGHT ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	<i>December 6</i> 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	<i>December 7</i> 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 MMG Choir	<i>December 8</i> <i>Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Holy Day Mass ++ 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Holy Day Mass	<i>December 9</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9-11 AM Reconciliation Service w/Fr. Norbert, Fr. Naz & Fr. Ben ++ 11 AM CCW Christmas Soup/Salad Potluck Optional Gift Exchange ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Praise & Worship Mass
<i>December 10</i> <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4 PM Lessons & Carols: An Advent Concert Reception Follows in Parish Hall	<i>December 11</i> NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells	<i>December 12</i> 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:30 PM RCIA Class	<i>December 13</i> 11 AM Silver Bells Christmas Potluck ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Christmas Potluck Party A-F: Side Dish G-Z: Dessert	<i>December 14</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee & Sweets Follow ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM ++ 6:30 PM MMG Choir	<i>December 15</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary ++ 6:30-8 PM Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal in Church w/Costumes	<i>December 16</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:15 PM Nativity Play ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ 9 AM Decorate The Church for Christmas Volunteers Needed!!
<i>December 17</i> <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 2 PM BINGO	<i>December 18</i> NO MASS ++ 7 PM Handbells	<i>December 19</i> 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:30 PM RCIA Class	<i>December 20</i> 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 6:15-7:30 PM	<i>December 21</i> 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 MMG Choir w/Handbells	<i>December 22</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	<i>December 23</i> 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<i>December 24</i> <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Sunday Mass ++ 3:30 Christmas Concert 4 PM Christmas Vigil Mass ++ 11:30 Christmas Concert Midnight Christmas Mass Christmas Collection: Diocesan Clergy Welfare Fund Coll.	<i>December 25</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation Nativity of the Lord</i> 8:30 AM Mass Christmas Collection: Diocesan Clergy Welfare Fund Coll. ++ Noon Mass in Yellville Christmas Dinner Follows - RSVP in MMG Vestibule	<i>December 26</i> NO 5:30 PM MASS ++ NO RCIA TONIGHT	<i>December 27</i> NO 5:30 PM MASS ++ NO PRE CLASSES NO Youth Choir NO Handchimes	<i>December 28</i> NO 8:30 AM MASS ++ NO Legion of Mary Mtg. NO Praise & Worship Band NO MMG Choir	<i>December 29</i> NO 8:30 AM MASS	<i>December 30</i> 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass Please Welcome Father Vujs <i>(Food for the Poor)</i>
<i>December 31</i> <i>The Holy Family</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass Please Welcome Father Vujs <i>(Food for the Poor)</i>	<i>January 1, 2024</i> <i>Solemnity of Mary</i> NO MASS Not A Holy Day of Obligation This Year	<i>January 2</i> NO MASS	<i>January 3</i> NO MASS ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes	<i>January 4</i> NO MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 PM ++ 6:30 PM MMG Choir	<i>January 5</i> <i>First Friday</i> NO MASS	<i>January 6</i> <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: DECEMBER 2023

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Roy Arnold

Lector: Joan Lipsmeyer

E/M: Roy Arnold
Elisabeth Scouten

Ushers: Everett Burr
Chuck Draper
Terry Draper
Chad Coffman

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper

Lector: Greg Jasper

E/M: Mary Billups
Mike Galligan
Bob Lowery

Ushers: Alvin Hanson
Regina Hanson
James Virnig
Gerry Gokenbach

ALTAR SERVERS: NOVEMBER 25, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

Nov. 25 Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Isaac Jasper
Candle: Kate Sidfrid

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

Dec. 2 Book/Cross: Erin Culhane
Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Kate Sidfrid

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

Dec. 9 Book/Cross: Isaac Jasper
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Dec. 10 Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Michael Adamos
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston

Dec. 16 Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Adam Coffman

Dec. 17 Book/Cross: Keeley Culpepper
Candle: Lily Pinson
Candle: Kayleigh Culpepper

Dec. 23 Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Isaac Jasper
Candle: Kate Sidfrid

Dec. 24 Book/Cross: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kori Eddings
Candle: Laurel Eddings

Christmas 4 PM Vigil Mass Thurifer: Matthew Bradford
Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Kate Sidfrid

Christmas Midnight Mass Thurifer: **Servers Needed --**
Book/Cross: **Sign-Up Sheet**
Candle: **In the Vestibule**
Candle:

Christmas 8:30 AM Mass Thurifer: **Servers Needed --**
Book/Cross: **Sign-Up Sheet**
Candle: **In the Vestibule**
Candle:

Dec. 30 Book/Cross: Erin Culhane
Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Adam Coffman

Dec. 31 Thurifer: Jacob Simon
Book/Cross: June Simon
Candle: Julia McFadden
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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December 3, 2023 — First Sunday of Advent

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cock-crow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters. May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

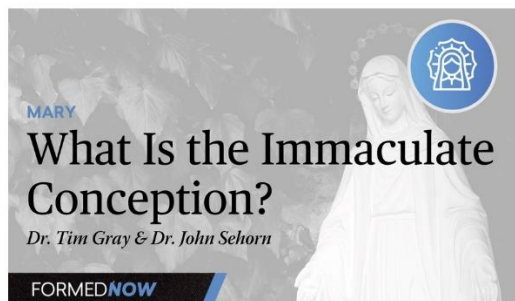
— Father John Muir ©LPi

Prepare the Way of the Lord!

In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 03, 2023



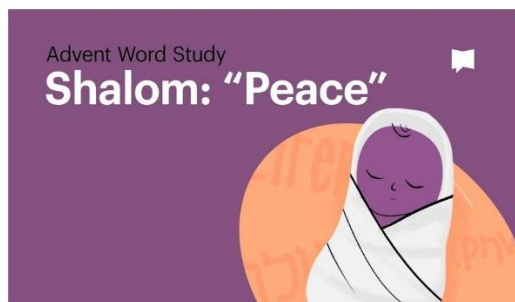
What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!). Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs



Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

"Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3: Top Three Revealing Discoveries:

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

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

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

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

1) Continued

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

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

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

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

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

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

<u>MINISTRIES</u>	<u>Sat Mass</u>	<u>Sun Mass</u>	<u>Name & Phone #:</u>
<u>Rosary Leader:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/>
<u>Lectors:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/>
<u>Extraordinary (Communion) Minister:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/>
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Ushers:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/>

Please complete and return to the church office or in next weekend's collection basket.
If you are new to serving in any of these ministries, someone will contact you for a brief training meeting. Thank you!



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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

Informed Choices provides:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Pregnancy options education
- Healthy pregnancy education
- Limited ultrasounds
- Post abortion recovery
- Referrals for
 - Pre-natal care
 - Social services
 - Adoption
- Parenting Skills
 - Support mothers & fathers beyond pregnancy
 - "Earn While You Learn" program where clients earn items and resources to provide a healthy environment for their child

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

- PRAYER PARTNER
- FINANCIAL SUPPORTER
 - One Time Gifts
 - Monthly Gift
- DONATE ITEMS
- VOLUNTEER
 - Men/Women Volunteers
 - Youth Group Service Projects: yard work, sort baby items
- PROMOTE & PARTICIPATE
 - Baby Bottle Campaign
 - Annual Banquet(s)
 - 100-Hole Golf Marathon
 - Community Events

CURRENT NEEDS

- Diapers sizes 1&2
- New baby items
- New (unused) car seats



Informed Choices
Women's Center of the Ozarks

312 E 3rd St., Mountain Home 870-424-4573
Monday – Thursday 10:00a – 6:00p
Closed Fridays

715 W Sherman, Harrison 870-280-3169
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Closed Wednesdays

Informedchoiceswomenscenter.org



Do you love to sing?

Do you love to make music for the Lord?

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MUSIC MINISTRY?

Adult Choir—The Adult Choir meets every Thursday at 6:00pm and sings at the Sunday 8:30am Mass and other Holy Days of Obligation, as well as Advent and Lent concerts.

Youth Choir—The Youth Choir consists of students grades K-12. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm immediately following PREP class. They sing at the scheduled Youth Masses throughout the academic year. Hand chimes and other instruments are used, as well.

Hand Bell Choir—The Handbell Choir meets on Monday evenings at 6PM and plays at approximately 7 Masses throughout the year and other parish events.

Silver Bells—Silver Bells is a group, specifically for the senior members of our parish. Opportunities for food, fellowship, and fun are guaranteed!

What does Music Ministry mean to me?

"Singing in church has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. I was such a natural routine for me that I would feel as if I had not participated in Mass if no singing was involved. Music ministry continues to be a meaningful part of my life even as a senior member of the parish. It is only through God's blessings that I continue in this ministry and gain a greater connection to my fellow choir members and our church congregation. I would strongly encourage others who appreciate music during church services to seriously consider giving music ministry a try."—Kevin Cheri (Adult Choir member)

"I like singing in the church choir because it lets me glorify God in a way that I enjoy. I also like the choir because it makes me feel peaceful especially when I am singing about God."—Eliana & Charlize Adamos (Youth Choir members)

"I have been a part of this amazing handbell group since it started three years ago. Even though I do have a music background, I find playing handbells challenging. Instead of playing all the notes in a song, each bell is a part of the whole that makes the music. I am thankful that I have been able to use my talents to bring more to our Mass celebration. Being a part of our music ministry has been a blessing to me."—Bonnie Tauer (Hand Bell Choir member)

"These bells make our old souls sing!"—Silver Bells members

If you are interested in sharing your musical talents, contact

Julie Jasper, Director of Music Ministry at (870)688-9369 or juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com



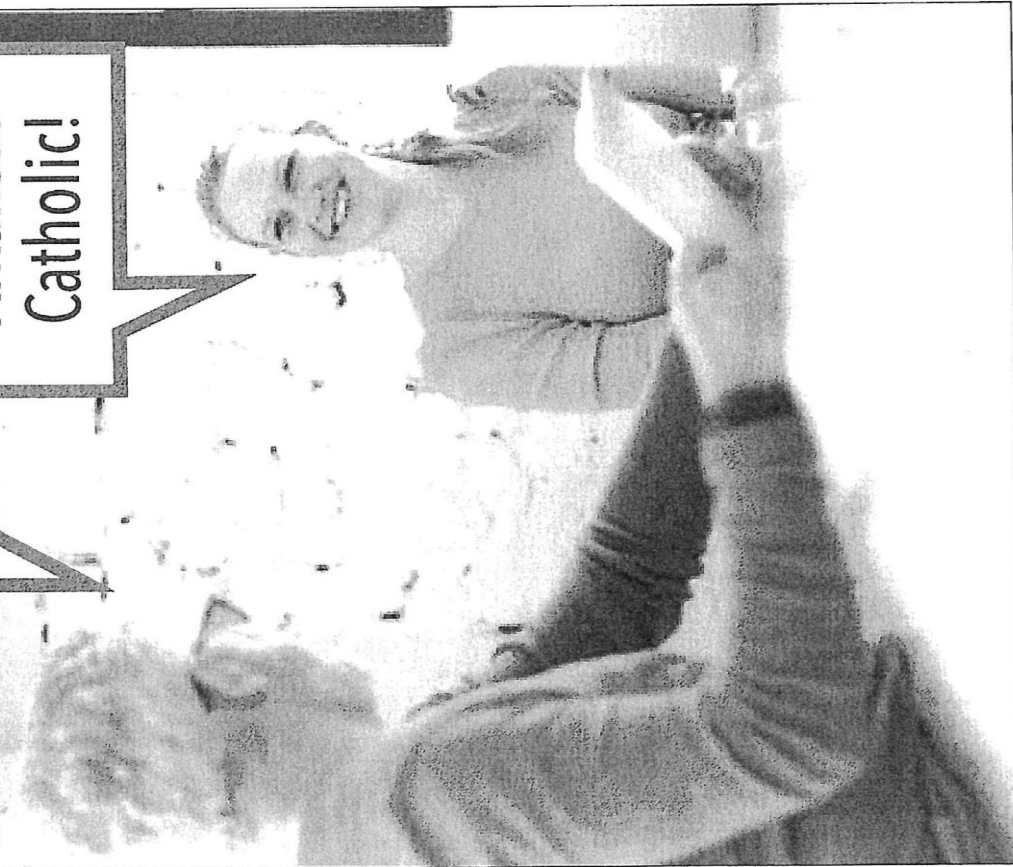
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\$25	Provides religious education book for two people.
\$50	Provides a partial scholarship for a student to attend a Campus Ministry retreat.
\$135	Provides a scholarship for one youth to attend a Search weekend.
\$150	Provides utility bill assistance for a family through our Family Assistance Program.
\$250	Provides dental care for a patient of the Westside Free Medical Clinic.
\$500	Covers the cost of an application for a work permit for an eligible immigrant.
\$700	Provides assistance in updating equipment for religious education.
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\$1,500	Provides Bibles and rosaries for people incarcerated in the criminal justice system for six months.
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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.