



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 Jim 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 acts of faith, hope and love in our families, in our parish, in our work places 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.

TRANSPORTATION TO SATURDAY 5 PM MASS

If you live within the Harrison city limits and need a ride to 5 PM Saturday Mass, please call Cathy Phipps at 870-416-9357 by Friday.

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Please contact Father Jim.

Pastor: Rev. James M. Fanrak
Deacon: Dc. Mark Scouten
 Church Secretary: Robin Markham

Adult Faith Formation: Michael Ukpong
 Adult Scripture Study: Tom Hoberock
 Altar & Rosary Society: Carrie Culhane
 Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM): Terra Atkinson
 Cemetery Committee: Marlene Rowe
 Custodian: Doherty Family
 Diocesan Tribunal Advocates: Dc. Mark Scouten

Eucharistic Adoration: Teresa Rotkowski
 Flocknote: Legion of Mary
 Julie Maguire
 Robin Markham
 Val Stechly

Knights of Columbus: Ron Schoborg
 Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree: Teresa Rotkowski
 Legion of Mary: Julie Maguire
 Libraries: David Durand
 Maintenance: Julie Jasper
 Music Ministry: Audrey Charbonneau

Parish Religious Ed. (PREP): Beverly Frankowski
 People Helping People: Carla Zavala
 Pro-Life Coordinator: Julie Maguire
 VIRTUS Coordinator: Bonnie Tauer
 Wedding Coordinator: Teresa Rotkowski
 Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

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: _____

Moved From Parish: _____

Parish Town: _____

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

We welcome all visitors to Mary Mother of God Catholic Church this weekend. We hope you enjoy your stay in this area and may God be with you on your trip home.

2017 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	December 31 Rosary: Led by Knights of Columbus MASS: +Taylor & Presley Hudson
Sunday, 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	January 1, 2017 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Parish Feast Day! Rosary: Led by CCW MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Monday,	January 2 – NO MASS
Tuesday, 5:15 PM 5:30 PM	January 3 Evening Prayer MASS: +Edath Fay Smith
Wednesday, 5:15 PM 5:30 PM	January 4 Evening Prayer MASS: SI – Tuazon Family
Thursday, 8:15 AM 8:30 AM	January 5 Morning Prayer MASS: +Tom Wilcox, 2 nd Anniv.
First Friday, 8:15 AM 8:30 AM	January 6 Morning Prayer MASS: +Bob Chittenden, 12 th Anniv (1-5)
First Saturday, 8:10 AM 8:30 AM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	January 7 Rosary MASS: +Eric Zavala Rosary: Led by Knights of Columbus MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Sunday, 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	January 8 – The Epiphany of the Lord Rosary: Led by CCW MASS: +Tom Ward, 1 st Anniv.

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



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for Building Maintenance.

NO BINGO TODAY – See you on January 8 & 22!

MUSIC MINISTRY

MMG Ding-Dongers – No practice this week.
Youth Choir will meet this Wednesday at 7:30 PM
Adult Sunday Choir will meet this Thursday at 6:30 PM.



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) –

This Wednesday's schedule is as follows:

5:15 PM	Evening Prayer
5:30 PM	MASS – Led by 5 th & 6 th Grades
6:00 PM	Dinner for PREP Families
6:30-7:30 PM	Classes



The Legion of Mary meets every Thursday at 6 PM in the Altar Server Sacristy (room behind the church altar). It is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend and pray with us.

CCW (Catholic Christian Women) will meet next Sunday, December 8 at 1 PM. All women are always welcome to attend!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to take down Christmas decorations next Sunday, January 8 at 2 PM.

CHRISTMAS BOOK TREE – In the spirit of Christmas, won't you help us fill the church and youth library bookshelves? Tags are on the tree in the vestibule for your choosing. Please return the tag in an envelope with your donation in the collection basket or mail to the church office. Any questions, contact Julie Maguire at 688-3183.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - ADORERS NEEDED!

He welcomes all visitors! Jesus will spend all eternity thanking you and loving you in heaven for your faithful commitment on earth of spending one hour each week with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Call the Legion of Mary or church office if you can help.

Sunday @ 11 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM & 4 PM
Monday @ Noon, 1 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM & 7 PM
Tuesday @ 2 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM
Thursday @ Noon, 4 PM, 6 PM & 7 PM
Friday @ 6 PM
Saturday @ 11 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM & 6 PM



FLOCKNOTE - Parish communications, such as prayer requests, updates, mass cancellations...you name it...now arrives 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 currently do not receive prayer request emails and would like to, now is the time to sign up! Registration is short and sweet. There are two easy 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. For more info or help, contact Julie Maguire at 688-3173.

The Offertory Gift Bearers have the privilege of bringing to the altar the bread, wine and water that will be miraculously transformed into the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We encourage you, or you and your family, to consider participating in this ministry. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. If you have any questions, see an usher.

THE BULLETINS ARE BACK ON-LINE! Visit harrisoncatholic.org and click resources. Many thanks to Adam Lampe!

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation is the process by which persons are prepared for full initiation into the Catholic Faith. If you have a spouse or friend who is not Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic Church, please contact Teresa Rotkowski at 577-7018.

The Diocesan Tribunal - It is the mission of the Diocesan Tribunal to hear the cases of those who are divorced and who are petitioning the Church to make judgment on the possible invalidity of their marriage, due to some impediment, inadequate consent or the inability to fulfill the duties of the married state. The Tribunal makes every effort to carry out its pastoral ministry in this process.

Petitions for decrees of nullity may be obtained from recognized Diocesan Tribunal advocates. These persons are specially trained in this work. Please contact our local advocates, **Deacon Mark Scouten at 741-1579, or Teresa Rotkowski at 577-7018**, for more information and the necessary paperwork in order to present a petition.

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



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – All men and women in the military · Victims of Natural Disasters & Terrorism · Mary Allen · Charlotte Amrhein · Carla Tuttle Bailey · Carl Bell · Paula Bellinghausen · Jim Brain · Shari Broscovak · Andy Brown · Tom/Mary Clark · Maureen Cline · Donald Coffman · Salvadore D'Amico · Mel Dezort · Len/Angela Ernhart · Josie Falterman · Newt Foster · Marie Gaston · Linda Glover · Mary Goralski · Leo Gotsky · Edmund Griggs · Gary Grisham · Dianne Hoberock · Janice Humbarger · Walt/Connie Israel · Chris Jasper · Virray Karlovic · Tricia Kensinger · Sylvia LaFrancis · Anna Marie Leimberg · Patricia Long · Ann May · McAtee Family · Nikki Patten · Mel/Eliska Pollock · Bryce Pratt · Melvin Raney · Reding Family · Ron Rotkowski · Norm Rowe · Vita Saville · Faye Schneider · Ed Servis · Billie Signer. Please contact the office to add/delete any names.

DURING THE COLD & FLU SEASON, be mindful of others when receiving the cup if you are ill or recovering from a cold or flu. Also, please do not be offended if parishioners do not wish to exchange a handshake of peace until after the flu season.

SHARING KITCHEN - Joy Prater of Ozark Share and Care has asked local churches to help staff the Sharing Kitchen each Saturday and Sunday. The Sharing Kitchen, our local soup kitchen, is open every Saturday and Sunday providing lunch to those in need of a good meal. Currently about 60 meals are served each day. Mary Mother of God parishioners have the opportunity to support this mission the second Sunday of every month. Only three people are needed on these Sundays, 7:30 AM to 1 PM, for simple food prep, serving and clean up. Some Saturdays are open as well if you would like to help if Sunday doesn't work for you. Please call or text Lucia Krone at 870.365.8984 to sign up for a Sunday or for more info. This is a great opportunity to help those in need in our community.

2017 CATHOLIC CALENDARS are available in the vestibule. Please, only one per family. Many thanks to Holt Memorial Chapel for providing these calendars to our parishioners.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 1:	Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21
Jan 2:	1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28
Jan 3:	1 Jn 2:29–3:6 / Jn 1:29-34
Jan 4:	1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42
Jan 5:	1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51
Jan 6:	1 Jn 5:5-13 / Mk 1:7-11
Jan 7:	1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 2:1-11
Jan 8:	Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Finding Your YES to God: A Women's Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat will be held January 6-7, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2500 N. Tyler St., Little Rock, AR. *Come see that Sisters are Real People!* The retreat is for young women 16-35 years of age who want to learn and discern about Religious Life. Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices of Youth & Campus Ministry & Minister for Religious, the retreat will include talks on Religious Life by Sisters from congregations serving in Arkansas; time for prayer & reflection; and opportunity to speak with the Sisters. The Retreat is free. **Registration deadline is January 2.** For Registration form and more information see <http://bit.ly/womenretreat2017> or contact Sr. Joan Pytlik, Minister for Religious jpytlik@dolr.org or 501-664-0340 ext. 384.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN LITTLE ROCK will be Sunday, January 22. More info will be posted in a future bulletin.

NWA's Second Annual MARCH FOR LIFE - NWA Catholic Respect Life will be sponsoring the NWA's 2nd Annual March for Life on Sunday, January 22nd at 2:30 in Fayetteville. If you're not able to make the flight to Washington D.C., or the long drive to Little Rock, and want to make a public witness for the Sacredness of Life, then plan to meet in the parking lot at St. Joseph's Church (1722 N. Starr Drive in Fayetteville) at 2:30 PM. We will walk 2.9 miles to Planned Parenthood abortion center for a short rally and prayer in thanksgiving for the Sacredness of Human Life and an end to abortion. Following the gathering, we will meet back at St. Joseph for a social and hot cocoa.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES: Couples..... want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are at Subiaco, Arkansas, **February 10-12**, and at Memphis–Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center, **April 28-30**. Space is limited. For more info or to apply call Ben & Leah Brewer at 501-733-1235 or email apply@arkansaswwme.org or apply online at www.arkansaswwme.org/apply.


POST-ABORTION SUPPORT GROUP: Do you feel alone, hurting or unforgiven from a past abortion? The Respect Life Office, through Project Rachel, is starting a support group, beginning February 13, 2017. The spiritual journey lasts 11 weeks, with small groups of 6-8. Groups will be formed in **Little Rock, Fayetteville/Rogers, and the Hot Springs area.** All names and meeting places are strictly confidential. For details call 501-664-0340, ext. 357. **All inquiries must be made by February 13.**

All Things Are Possible Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with John Michael Talbot and Fr. Gary Janak – March 9-18. **There's still time to register!** For a brochure contact Robin in the office. For more information, visit www.selectinternationaltours.com or susan@select-intl.com or call 800-842-4842.

Home visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue will resume in March 2017.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>December 25 <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i></p> <p>Nativity of the Lord 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Diocesan Clergy Welfare Fund Collection</p> 	<p>December 26</p> <p>NO MASS NO BELL CHOIR</p>	<p>December 27</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p>December 28 <i>Feast of Holy Innocents</i></p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass NO PREP TONIGHT NO YOUTH CHOIR</p>	<p>December 29</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass ++ Legion of Mary Mtg. 6 PM Behind Altar ++ 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>December 30 <i>Feast of Holy Family</i></p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass</p>	<p>December 31</p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund</p>
<p>January 1, 2017 <i>Solemnity of Mary</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ NO BINGO TODAY</p>	<p>January 2</p> <p>NO MASS NO BELL CHOIR</p>	<p>January 3</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p>January 4</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PREP 7:30-8:15 Youth Choir</p>	<p>January 5</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass ++ Legion of Mary Mtg. 6 PM Behind Altar ++ 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>January 6</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass</p>	<p>January 7</p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass</p>
<p>January 8 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 2 PM BINGO ++ 1 PM CCW Mtg See Bulletin for Details ++ 2 PM Take Down Christmas Decorations</p>	<p>January 9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i></p> <p>NO MASS NO BELL CHOIR ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 Meeting</p>	<p>January 10</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p>January 11</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PREP 7:30-8:15 Youth Choir</p>	<p>January 12</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Rosary Coffee/Sweets Follow ++ Legion of Mary Mtg. 6 PM Behind Altar ++ 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>January 13</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass</p>	<p>January 14</p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass</p>
<p>January 15 <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ NO BINGO TODAY</p>	<p>January 16</p> <p>NO MASS ++ 6 PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>January 17</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p>January 18</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PREP 7:30-8:15 Youth Choir</p>	<p>January 19</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass ++ Legion of Mary Mtg. 6 PM Behind Altar ++ 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>January 20</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass</p>	<p>January 21</p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass</p>
<p>January 22 <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Youth Mass ++ LRSS Begins After Mass ++ Mass & March for Life in Little Rock ++ 2 PM BINGO</p>	<p>January 23</p> <p>NO MASS ++ 6 PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>January 24</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM LRSS Begins</p>	<p>January 25</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Dinner 6 PM LRSS Begins 6:30-7:30 PM PREP 7:30-8:15 Youth Choir</p>	<p>January 26</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass ++ Legion of Mary Mtg. 6 PM Behind Altar ++ 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>January 27</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass</p>	<p>January 28</p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass</p>
<p>January 29 <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions ++ LRSS Following Mass</p>	<p>January 30</p> <p>NO MASS ++ 6 PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>January 31</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM LRSS In Conference Room</p>	<p>February 1, 2017</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM LRSS 6 PM LRSS 6:30-7:30 PM PREP 7:30-8:15 Youth Choir</p>	<p>February 2</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass Blessing of Candles ++ Legion of Mary Mtg. 6 PM Behind Altar ++ 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>February 3</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass Blessing of Throats</p>	<p>February 4</p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass Blessing of Throats</p>

JANUARY 2017 MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper
 Lector: Greg Jasper

E/M: Bill Devlin
 Elisabeth Scouten

Servers: Bernice Rubio
 Kaylee Charbonneau
 Colton Charbonneau

Ushers: Ron Schoborg
 Tim Reeves
 Jim Conner
 Jimmy Luyet

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Janet Doud
 Lector: Dan Roberts
 Andrew Gratton

E/M: Janet Doud
 Calvin Cline
 Mary Billups

Servers: Brody Burge
 Mariah Lizarda
 Caleb Parrish

Ushers: Leon Doud
 David Krueger
 James Virnig
 Jim Virnig

If you are unable to serve, please find your replacement. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Jan 3	Judith Penquite	Jan 12	Ken Heuschmidt	Jan 21	Mary Zimmer
Jan 4	Cynthia Durand	Jan 13	Red Millis	Jan 22	Jeffery DeWitt
Jan 4	Liam Lampe	Jan 13	Joshua Taylor	Jan 23	Robin Markham
Jan 4	Seychelle Mahoney	Jan 14	Johnny Nichols	Jan 25	Sophia Parrish
Jan 5	Melba Bruton	Jan 14	Weston Rogers	Jan 25	Ana van Leeuwen
Jan 5	Joe Faria	Jan 16	Amy Aldrete	Jan 26	Rickey Amerson
Jan 6	Paula Bellinghausen	Jan 16	Allison Ford	Jan 26	Stacie Klott
Jan 6	Cris Teague	Jan 17	Jordan Reeves	Jan 26	Dolly Leach
Jan 7	Charlene DeVito	Jan 18	Madelynne Barnard	Jan 26	Jorge Ramirez
Jan 8	Julie Milburn	Jan 18	Rita Ward	Jan 27	Joy Lizarda
Jan 9	Bill Burge	Jan 19	Madyson Ray	Jan 28	Stephen Doherty
Jan 9	Pennie Veach	Jan 20	Tina Bohannon	Jan 29	Patti Mole
Jan 10	Wes Bradford	Jan 21	Abi Dardas	Jan 29	Parker Nabors
Jan 11	Steve DeVito	Jan 21	Samuel Luyet	Jan 30	Janice Humbarger
Jan 11	Roger Lizarda	Jan 21	Elizabeth Surber	Jan 30	Sarah Hancock
				Jan 31	John Hargett

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan 1	Wes & Carol Bradford	Jan 13	Mike & Jaque Radisch
Jan 2	Ed & Mary Griggs	Jan 24	Tim & Robin Reeves
Jan 9	Richard & Mary Crosley	Jan 27	David & Eva Krueger
Jan 10	Gerry & Carolyn Gokenbach	Jan 29	Chuck & Terry Draper