



**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.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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**

**Knights of Columbus:**

**Julie Maguire**

**Knights of Columbus, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree:**

**Robin Markham**

**Legion of Mary:**

**Val Stechly**

**Libraries:**

**Ron Schoborg**

**Maintenance:**

**Teresa Rotkowski**

**Music Ministry:**

**Julie Maguire**

**Parish Religious Ed. (PREP):**

**David Durand**

**People Helping People**

**Julie Jasper**

**Pro-Life Coordinator:**

**Audrey Charbonneau**

**VIRTUS Coordinator:**

**Beverly Frankowski**

**Wedding Coordinator:**

**Carla Zavala**

**Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):**

**Julie Maguire**

**Bonnie Tauer**

**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.**



**BINGO TODAY!** Invite a friend to bingo on **Sunday, March 19**, at 2 PM. Doors open at 1 PM. Proceeds benefit local charities. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

### 2017 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	<b>March 18</b> Rosary: Led by Knights of Columbus MASS: +Joseph Feldman, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	<b>March 19 – Third Sunday of Lent</b> Rosary: Led by Catholic Christian Women MASS: SI – All Parishioners
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>March 20 – NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>March 21 – NO MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>March 22 – NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>March 23 – NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday,</b> 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM	<b>March 24</b> Morning Prayer MASS: +Patricia Long <b>Holy Hour w/Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Saturday,</b> 8:10 AM 8:30 AM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	<b>March 25</b> Rosary MASS: +Steve Tarochione Rosary: Led by Knights of Columbus MASS: +Gary Webb
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	<b>March 26 – Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Rosary: Led by Catholic Christian Women MASS: +Bob Bodson

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



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – All men and women in the military · Victims of Natural Disasters & Terrorism · Charlotte Amrhein · Carla Tuttle Bailey · Barb · Wilma Bates · Paula Bellinghausen · Jim Brain · Shari Broscovak · Andy Brown · Rachel Callahan-West · Gladys Cheri · Chua Family · Tom/Mary Clark · Loretta Clements · Maureen Cline · Ken Clouse · Donald Coffman · Jim Conner · Lisa/Floyd Crawford · Mike Dalton · Salvadore D'Amico · Catherine Dandurand · Decker Family · Mel Dezort · Len/Angela Ernhart · Newt Foster · Barb Fraizer · Marie Gaston · Linda Glover · Mary Goralski · Leo Gotsky · Edmund Griggs · Gary Grisham · Dianne Hoberock · Susan Houston · Janice Humbarger · Larry Hunter · Walt/Connie Israel · Chris Jasper · Virray Karlovic · Marge Kelly · Mary Koenig · Sylvia LaFrancis · Anna Marie Leimberg · Bernadette Lemon · Justin Marshall · Ann May · Jody Mellien · Nikki Patten · Mel/Eliska Pollock · Bryce Pratt · Nancy Ralston · Maezeatta Ramsey · Melvin Raney · Reding Family · Debbie Hoberock Rhodes · Helen Roberts · Ron Rotkowski · Norm Rowe · Vita Saville · Faye Schneider · Ed Servis · Billie Signer · Sutton Family · Loretta Tarochione · Jill Thompson · Tuazon Family · Jean Williams. Please contact the office to add/delete any names.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Handbell Choir will not meet this Monday.  
Youth Choir will not meet this Wednesday.  
Adult Sunday Choir will meet this Thursday at 6:30 PM.



**NO PREP THIS WEDNESDAY DUE TO SPRING BREAK.**

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.



**Pro-Life Adoration Holy Hour** will be celebrated during the Lenten Season on **Fridays at 6 PM**. Please consider joining us for this holy hour. If you have any questions or just want to confirm your attendance, please contact Carla Zavala.

**FRIDAYS OF LENT** are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age. The Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by law.

**LENTEN SERVICES** – Throughout Lent the Stations of the Cross are said on Wednesdays at 5 PM and Fridays at 9 AM. Rosary is prayed before Saturday and Sunday Mass. Please choose one or more of these Lenten practices for your sacrifice of prayer.

**NEXT WEEKEND**, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. To learn more visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**PENANCE SERVICE** will be **next Thursday, March 30** at 6:30 PM. Several priests will be available to hear your confession.

**ABOUT SIN** – *Sin is a failure in genuine love of God and neighbor... It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), no. 1849)*

*Sins are rightly evaluated according to their gravity. The distinction between mortal and venial sin, already evident in Scripture,<sup>129</sup> became part of the tradition of the Church... Mortal sin destroys charity in the heart of man. (CCC, nos. 1854-1855)*

*For a sin to be mortal, three conditions must together be met: "Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent."<sup>131</sup> Grave matter is specified by the Ten Commandments. (CCC, nos. 1857-1858)*

*One commits venial sin when, in a less serious matter, he does not observe the standard prescribed by the moral law, or when he disobeys the moral law in a grave matter, but without full knowledge or without complete consent. (CCC, no. 1862)*

**Two Timely Precepts of the Church  
From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)**

The Church lists specific duties of Catholics as precepts. These are basic objectives we have as Catholics.

One precept is that we shall confess our sins at least once a year (CCC 2042). This is a reminder to receive the Sacrament of Penance on a regular basis. **But if no grave (mortal) sin has been committed in that time, confession is not necessary** (CCC 1493). However, frequent confession is of great value, it helps us to be better Christians and to hear and follow the voice of the Holy Spirit better (CCC 2042).

Another precept is that we shall receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter season, "the Easter Duty" (CCC 2042). The Easter Season goes from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

**"The Best Lent Ever"** - Go to BestLentEver.com and sign up for a daily email that contains videos, stories, reflections that will truly make this your best Lent ever. This is a service of Dynamic Catholic and it's FREE.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE  
40 CANS OR 40 BUCKS**

Council 8410 is asking each family of the parish to consider contributing to our local food pantries during this Lenten season. One can of food or one dollar for each day of Lent. Food donations may be brought to the designated area in the church vestibule before Holy Thursday. Checks for \$40 may be written to "Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive" and given to any Knight or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Your assistance to the less fortunate is deeply appreciated. May God Bless You!

**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 @ 8 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM & 7 PM**
- Tuesday @ 8 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM**
- Wednesday @ 8 AM**
- Thursday @ Noon, 4 PM, 6 PM & 7 PM**
- Friday @ 7 AM & 6 PM**
- Saturday @ 7 AM, 11 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM & 6 PM**



**Mary Mother of God College Scholarship Applications**

for high school seniors are due in the church office no later than **April 15**. If you need an application, contact the church office or Audrey Charbonneau.



**The Knights of Columbus** will also award a college scholarship this spring for the 2017-2018 academic year. Please submit your application to the church office no later than **April 15**. Any questions, contact Nick Simon at 688-7700.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mar 19: Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42
- Mar 20: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Mar 21: Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35
- Mar 22: Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19
- Mar 23: Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23
- Mar 24: Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34
- Mar 25: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38
- Mar 26: 1 Sm 16:1bb, 6-7, 10-13a / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41



Keep praying for me. I am 2 months old now and about 2 inches long. Look! You can see my eyes, nose and mouth. I hope I can use these to experience God's world after I'm born.

**TWO MONTH DEVELOPING BABY** – From this moment on, your baby grows and refines his body. Everything he needs to survive once he is born is already present by the end of the eighth week.

**"Adopted in Love"** – Please sign in your spiritually adopted baby's name in the Book of Spiritually Adopted Babies located in the vestibule. This book will then be placed on the altar during the Masses scheduled for these babies.

**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](http://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 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.**

**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, contact Teresa at 577-7018.

**2017 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** - To date, our parishioners have given **\$1,799** or **6%** of our designated goal of **\$25,898.25**. Thank you for your support in helping our diocese to continue to carry on the missionary work of Jesus.

**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.



**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 6:30pm and sings at the Sunday 8:30am Mass and other Holy Days of Obligation.

**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. They also use hand chimes and other instruments.

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

### *What does Music Ministry mean to me?*

"St. Augustine says, '...singing belongs to one who loves.' We started choir together to fulfill our call to a ministry within our amazing parish. Not only has music deepened our faith, in general, but also our friendship with each other and fellowship with other members in the choir and church. Choir has become a beautiful extension of family for us."—Carrie Culhane & Lydia Gratton (Adult Choir members)

"I am very blessed to be able to be a part of MMG Youth Choir. I am thankful that I have a great director. I would recommend joining choir because it helps you to further praise God in your daily life."—RJ Atkinson (Youth Choir member)

"I am a full-time grad student who spends a significant amount of time staring at a computer completing homework assignments, reading textbooks, studying, & in clinical rotation. Playing the bells forces me to take a pause in my hectic & often overwhelming academic life, to actively engage in real life, and to decompress mental stress. They are simply beautiful to listen to, and I love that I am part of something that brings so much joy to our Mass. It can be quite challenging, but it is also fun. We 'Ding-Dongers' laugh a lot at rehearsal which is something my soul needs. I am sharing my God-given gift of music literacy with others. It has brought new friendships into my life, and allows me to share music with my teenage daughter who plays on occasion, as well."—Heather Dearing (Hand Bell Choir member)

**If you are interested in sharing your musical talents, contact  
Julie Jasper, Director of Music Ministry at 743-2961 or [julesjasper@windstream.net](mailto:julesjasper@windstream.net)**

## The Many Graces Obtained from Eucharistic Adoration

There are many treasures of our faith available to us here at Mary Mother of God Church. As Catholic Christians, we know that our faith pilgrimage through this short life should be all about obtaining as many graces from God as we can to achieve a more important eternal life with Him, His Son our savior Jesus Christ, and our Blessed Mother Mary. There are many means available to us to achieve the graces we need to get us to Heaven.

One of them is by doing what all of us do here every weekend: attend Mass. One of the evangelical speakers of our Church recently said that going to Mass is like going to Heaven. When Father consecrates the Host and it truly becomes the body and blood of our savior Jesus Christ, and when we take Jesus into our body, it is like experiencing a glimpse of Heaven. Our “amen” after receiving this Blessed Sacrament is our saying yes to God, to be apostolic and evangelical in service to one another and to family, friends and total strangers thereby obtaining even more graces; to give of our time, talents, and treasure to the Church to ensure it continues to grow in our parish and throughout the world. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that “whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.” When Father Jim or Deacon Mark tells us at the end of the mass to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord,” those are not just words. They are a command from God to be apostolic and evangelical and to live our faith by example and deed. After all, you and I are the Body of Christ here on earth.

Our participation in the other sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation, is an important part of the building blocks to our stairway of graces to Heaven. When we go to confession with a humble and contrite heart and, through the power of God, Father absolves us of our sins, we feel truly forgiven and at peace with our God and our self. Veneration of our Blessed Mother Mary through prayers of petition to Her and saying of the Most Holy Rosary daily or as often as we can is another important gainer of many graces.

A particular blessing we have here at Mary Mother of God, and one that is a means of obtaining many graces, is our Adoration Chapel. What if one of our relatives or friends called us up one day and excitedly said, “Come quickly to my house, our savior Jesus Christ is here right now!” We, no doubt, would drop everything we were doing and rush to that person’s house as fast as we possibly could. We don’t have to wait for such a call, because Jesus in His body and blood, soul and divinity is right here all day in our Adoration Chapel in the consecrated Most Holy Eucharist. His presence in the monstrance on the altar in that small chapel is as real as ours here today in this church.

During the history of our Church there have been many miracles associated with adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist. I would like to relate to you a small miracle I experienced personally. My wife, Loretta, and I came here to your beautiful country from the small parish of St. Mark in Gonzales, Louisiana, just southeast of Baton Rouge. We were greatly blessed at St. Mark in having a Perpetual Adoration Chapel that began in March of 1993. Many of the parishioners volunteered as committed adorers throughout the 24-hour day, some hours having two or more “prayer partners.” My wife and I committed to times in the wee hours of the morning, my particular hour being from 2:00 to 3:00 o’clock on Tuesday morning. Having to get up and go to work that same morning and getting broken sleep in the middle of the night was sometimes challenging, but the rewards of sitting in that quiet chapel with Jesus in prayerful reflection, walking the Stations of the Cross, saying the rosary, reading the Bible or spiritual books was well worth the small sacrifice of our losing a little sleep.

At the same time the chapel was started, my father was in the last three months of his life in a losing battle with non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma cancer. Several years before he and one of my brothers had a falling out and had not spoken to each other in all that time. My dad was very grieved that he might die without being reconciled with one of his children. My daily prayer, and especially during my weekly Adoration Hour, was that my brother could find it in his heart to go and see our dad before he left this world. Two weeks before my dad passed away, my brother came to his hospital room and for two hours they had a wonderful reunion. Shortly before he died peacefully in his sleep at the same hospital, dad told me that his reunion with my brother was the happiest day of his life! I will always believe that my heart-felt petitions to our Savior and his Most Blessed Mother during my Holy Hour was a wonderful grace from God in helping bring my brother and father together again.

In one of his last encyclicals while with us here on earth, Pope (now Saint) John Paul II, who was a firm believer in the graces obtained from Eucharistic Adoration, said, "To grow you must adore." Saint John Paul spent six hours each day in Eucharistic Adoration, and once a week stayed all night in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Pope Benedict XVI echoed St. John Paul's thoughts about Eucharistic Adoration during his papacy. Adoration chapels spread throughout the world during the reign of these two Popes and continue to grow today. St. Alphonsus Liguori, one of the great doctors of our Church, once wrote, "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us. The Eucharist is a priceless treasure instituted by Jesus Himself and unique to our Church. By not only celebrating it, but also by praying before it outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace." What a beautiful thought!

Many of us know the story of Our Lady of Fatima where in 1917 our Blessed Mother appeared to three young children asking them to pray the rosary each day for peace and conversion. She told the two youngest children that she would take them to Heaven very soon which She did. But Lucia, the oldest of the three who was nine years old at the time, She told would live a very long life. Lucia became a nun and wrote later in her life that one of the central messages of Fatima was Eucharistic Adoration and making reparation to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. She said, Mary was trying to tell the world that God is truly present in the Eucharist.

There is a recent story of a young 8-year old boy in the Yucatan of Mexico who was living the tormented life of growing up in a family torn by domestic violence, drugs, alcohol, and poverty. He heard his parish priest say one day at mass that adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament just before dawn would answer prayers and gain one many graces. So, this little boy got up every morning at 3:00 o'clock, went to his church's Adoration Chapel and prayed from the heart that his family may be healed. His parents were amazed at the fortitude of their young child to do such a thing. During the first week, his mother joined him in the chapel, and in the second week his father began joining them. His parents stopped being abusive to one another and alcohol and drugs and fell in love with each other again. All from the faith of an 8-year old child praying to Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

We are truly blessed here at our parish to have this treasure of an Adoration Chapel. Lent is the holiest of seasons in the calendar of our Church, a season of sacrifice, renewal, and a new commitment to live our faith as Jesus taught us. He sacrificed His body and blood for us, and that body and blood, His soul and divinity are available to us in our Adoration Chapel to worship and adore. Jesus took three of his disciples with Him when He went through His agony in the garden before his crucifixion. He went back to them twice and they were asleep. He asked them, "could you not spend one hour with me?" Can we?



Your fellow parishioners who are committed adorers at our Adoration Chapel during the week ask that you prayerfully consider joining us for an hour each week in the presence of the Most Holy Eucharist. More importantly, JESUS asks you to join Him. There are several open hours available, and if you are a homemaker, a young person who is a student that has some time during the week or week-end, a retired person, or anyone else who wishes to spend an hour in the presence of our Savior, rest assured, it will be the best (and most blessed) hour of your day. If you cannot commit to one of the open adoration hours available, please consider committing an hour of your time as a substitute when one of our committed adorers is not available for his or her hour. We are also in need of Team Leaders to coordinate the manning of certain hours during the week. After mass, sign-up sheets and a pamphlet on Eucharistic Adoration will be passed out in the vestibule of the church along with telephone numbers you can call should you have questions.

As a final note the Adoration Chapel is available to anyone during the day who may be in need of comfort through prayer before the Most Holy Sacrament. Come and spend some time in the very presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and he will give you that comfort and many graces.

Thank you, and God Bless your commitment to Him and His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

A. K. Clements  
Mary Mother of God Church  
March 12, 2017

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center"><b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE - 40 CANS OR 40 BUCKS</b> Council 8410 is asking each family of the parish to consider making a contribution to our local food pantries during the Lenten season. ONE can of food or ONE dollar for each day of Lent. Food donations may be brought to the designated area in the church vestibule before Holy Thursday. Checks for \$40 may be written to "Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive" and given to any Knight or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Your assistance to the less fortunate is deeply appreciated. May God Bless You!</p>			<p align="center"><b>March 1, 2017</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> ✠</p> <p>8:30 AM Mass w/ <b>Imposition of Ashes</b> 5:30 PM Mass w/ <b>Imposition of Ashes</b> ++ <b>NO PREP/NO CHOIR</b> ++ <b>Knights of Columbus Annual Fish Fry Following 5:30 PM Mass</b></p> <p align="center"><b>FAST &amp; ABSTINENCE</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>March 2</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass ++ Legion of Mary Mtg. 6 PM Behind Altar ++ 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 3</b> <i>First Friday</i></p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Stations ++ 6 PM Pro-Life Holy Hour in Chapel</p> <p align="center"><b>ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>March 4</b> <i>First Saturday</i></p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass</p>
<p align="center"><b>March 5</b> <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ BINGO - 2 PM</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 6</b></p> <p><b>NO MASS</b> ++ 6 PM Handbell Choir ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 7</b></p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 8</b></p> <p>5 PM Stations 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PREP 7:30-8:15 Youth Choir</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 9</b></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 align="center"><b>March 10</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Stations ++ 6 PM Pro-Life Holy Hour in Chapel</p> <p align="center"><b>ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>March 11</b></p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass</p>
<p align="center"> <b>March 12</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 1 PM CCW Mtg All Ladies Are Invited! ++ <b>*NEW*</b> 2-4 PM Games for Adult Parishioners In Parish Hall</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 13</b></p> <p><b>NO MASS</b> ++ 6 PM Handbell Choir</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 14</b></p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 15</b></p> <p>5 PM Stations 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PREP 7:30-8:15 Youth Choir</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 16</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass ++ Legion of Mary Mtg. 6 PM Behind Altar ++ 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p align="center"> <b>March 17</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Stations ++ 6 PM Pro-Life Holy Hour in Chapel</p> <p align="center"><b>ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>March 18</b></p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass</p>
<p align="center"><b>March 19</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ BINGO - 2 PM</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 20</b></p> <p><b>NO MASS</b> ++ <b>NO Handbell Choir</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>March 21</b></p> <p><b>NO 5:30 PM Mass</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>March 22</b></p> <p><b>NO 5:30 PM Mass</b> ++ <b>NO PREP CLASSES</b> <b>NO YOUTH CHOIR</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>March 23</b></p> <p><b>NO 8:30 AM Mass</b> ++ Legion of Mary Mtg. 6 PM Behind Altar ++ 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 24</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Stations ++ 6 PM Pro-Life Holy Hour in Chapel</p> <p align="center"><b>ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>March 25</b></p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass</p>
<p align="center"><b>March 26</b> <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 27</b></p> <p><b>NO MASS</b> ++ 6 PM Handbell Choir</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 28</b></p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 29</b></p> <p>5 PM Stations 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PREP <b>Confirmation Practice During Class</b> 7:30-8:15 Youth Choir</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 30</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass ++ <b>6:30 PM Penance Service - Several Priests Will Be Available for Individual Confession</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>March 31</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Stations ++ <b>NO 6 PM Holy Hour</b> 6:30 Adult Choir</p> <p align="center"><b>ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>April 1, 2017</b></p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass</p>

**As the season of Lent approaches, it is helpful to recall the discipline of the Church with regard to fast, abstinence and other forms of penance.**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones.

The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.

The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59.

Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.

All members of the Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by Law.

## MARCH 2017 MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

### 5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: ***Volunteer Needed for March***  
 Lector: Ben Krone

E/M: Elisabeth Scouten  
 Bill Devlin

Servers: Hunter Wallace  
 Jared Chua  
 Samuel Luyet

Ushers: Ron Schoborg  
 Tim Reeves  
 Jim Conner  
 Jimmy Luyet

### 8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Angela Allen  
 Lector: Dan Allen  
 Dan Roberts

E/M: Mary Billups  
 Calvin Cline  
 Janet Doud

Servers: Meadow Whiteside  
 Kyle Whiteside  
 Jacob Simon

Ushers: Leon Doud  
 David Krueger  
 James Virnig  
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***If you are unable to serve, please find your replacement. Thank you.***

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Mar 1	Jon Dezort	Mar 12	Fr. Greg Hart	Mar 23	David Fesenmyer
Mar 1	Meadow Whiteside	Mar 13	Brody Burge	Mar 25	Eamonn Clark
Mar 2	Charlotte McKnight	Mar 13	Jaidon Lamb	Mar 25	Leo Gotsky
Mar 2	Pepe Ramirez	Mar 13	Bob Maguire	Mar 26	Mary Bausch
Mar 4	Breanna Cheri	Mar 13	Caleb Parrish	Mar 26	June Simon
Mar 4	Bill Markham	Mar 14	Lauren Dearing	Mar 26	Christine Teague
Mar 6	Lori Goulet	Mar 14	Belin Juantos	Mar 27	Laura Burge
Mar 6	Carlee Wilson	Mar 15	R.J. Atkinson	Mar 27	Emily Hargett
Mar 7	Tiffany Coffman	Mar 15	Lily Hodges	Mar 27	Elyssa Weisman
Mar 8	Bob Patterson	Mar 15	Elisabeth Scouten	Mar 28	Aalyhia Simpson
Mar 9	Justin Applegate	Mar 16	Ricky Crosley	Mar 29	Parker Atkinson
Mar 9	Mary Kate Maguire	Mar 16	Brooxie Rogers	Mar 29	Brandon Frasier
Mar 9	Paul Styles	Mar 17	Ron Schoborg	Mar 30	Kathy Flury
Mar 10	Matthew Bradford	Mar 18	Michael Adamos	Mar 30	Michael Ford
Mar 11	Nancy Bax	Mar 18	Chuck Draper	Mar 31	Charity Luyet
Mar 12	Erin Culhane	Mar 20	Evangeline McKnight	Mar 31	Jerome Tauer

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mar 8	James & Shari Broscovak	Mar 20	David & Lynn Hancock
Mar 13	Daniel & Mary Christner	Mar 20	Ed & Virray Karlovic
Mar 13	Nick & Becca Simon	Mar 22	Tim & Stephanie Huddleston
Mar 19	Antonio & Michelle Aldrete	Mar 23	Robert & Patsy Astorino
Mar 19	David & Mary Decker	Mar 29	Rudy & Martha Sandoval