



MARY MOTHER OF GOD

CATHOLIC CHURCH • HARRISON, AR

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



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 21, 2026

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

~~9-10AM~~ NO Confessions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS SI Tom & Dianne Hoberock
(60th Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS †Valentine & †Mary Stechly

MONDAY, JUNE 22

— NO MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

~~5:00PM~~ NO Rosary & Confessions
~~5:30PM~~ NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

4:30PM Evening Prayer & Adoration
5:00PM Confession & Benediction
5:30PM MASS SI Fr. Duwan Booker

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS SI Fr. Steven Elser

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS SI All Parishioners
9:00AM Patriotic Rosary

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

9-10AM Confessions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS †Vukasin Perovich

OFFICE INFO

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an “indignant despair.” Haven’t we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel: “Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.” (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow’s fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, “Do not be afraid,” hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father’s care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— *Father John Muir*, ©LPI

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, parish, and community.

CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & SERVICES PARISH CALENDAR

Pastor	Fr. Ben Riley	870-741-5234
Deacon	Mark Scouten	870-741-1579
Parish Manager	Melissa Garrison	870-741-5234
Secretary	Holly Coffman	870-741-5234

View the updated parish calendar anytime at: harrisoncatholic.org/resources/calendar

Pastoral Council (Chair)	Stacy Burge
Finance Council (Chair)	Joe Koenig
Parish Life Council (Chair)	Holly Coffman
Pro-Life Council (Chair)	Sandra Guidry
Cemetery Council (Chair)	Richard Criger

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you're new, please register at: osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicmmg/direct/ory/register

Communications Committee	Adam Lampe
Faith Formation Committee	Carrie Culhane
Social Committee	Chad Coffman
Spirituality Committee	Carmen Andrade

ONLINE GIVING

Thank you to all who have set up new accounts! Online giving is available at: osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicmmg/giving/funds

Adult Scripture Study	Jerry Hogue	870-378-2605
Annulment Advocacy	Mark Scouten	870-741-1579
Building/Maintenance	Joe McFadden	870-741-5234
Catholic Christian Women (CCW)	Judy Keith	870-365-3570
Cemetery Committee	Marlene Rowe	870-715-9962
Communion to Sick/Legion of Mary	Pat Knickerbocker	405-824-3454
Eucharistic Adoration	Carmen Andrade	305-815-1795
Finance Council	Joe Koenig	870-741-5647
Flocknote	Holly Coffman	870-741-5234
Knights of Columbus	Jerry Hogue	870-378-2605
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Libraries	Jennifer Johnson	870-416-9930
Music Ministry	Julie Jasper	870-688-9369
PRE/CYM/Safe Environment	Holly Coffman	870-741-5234
Seven Sisters / Lectio Divina	Carmen Andrade	305-815-1795
Trail Life USA	Wes Bradford	870-743-6103
Wedding Coordinator	Bonnie Tauer	870-688-1084
Welcome New Catholics (OCIA)	Wayne/Judy Keith	870-365-3570

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Subscribe to our parish YouTube: *Harrison Catholic*. Find videos, updates, and parish content. Search "Harrison Catholic" on YouTube.

FORMED: FAMILY RESOURCE

Formed.org, a Catholic streaming service, offers movies, audiobooks, and daily reflections. Visit harrisoncatholic.formed.org, search for "Mary Mother of God", select "Harrison" location, and create an account. Enjoy!

COMMUNITY DEVOTIONS

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 & SATURDAY, JUNE 27

9:00AM Holy Hour, Intercession for Papal Consistory.

We offer many spiritual opportunities. Call/text Carmen at 305-815-1795 for details.

MASS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Eucharistic Ministers: Call Dcn. Mark, 870-741-1579

Lectors/Rosary Leaders: Call Greg or Julie Jasper, 870-688-9369 / 688-3354

Ushers: Call Jerry Hogue, 870-378-2605

Thank you to all Mass volunteers! New volunteers are welcome, and training is provided.

PRAYER CLOTHS

Prayer cloths blessed with Holy Water and special prayers for healing are available in the vestibule. To request one, please contact Laura at 870-360-8055.

MAY INCOME & EXPENSE

General	\$28,941.00
Building	\$2,185.00
Gifts/Memorials	\$100.00
Other	\$2,631.00
TOTAL	\$33,857.00
EXPENSES	-\$29,239.00
DIFFERENCE	+\$4,618.00



MUSIC MINISTRY

All musical skill levels are welcome! If you are interested in joining any of the groups below, please contact Julie Jasper at 870-688-9369 or juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com.

- MMG CHOIR
- ANGELI CHORUS
- FAITH TROUBADOURS
- SILVER BELLS
- YOUTH & HANDCHIMES CHOIR
- HANDBELL CHOIR

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of rising secularism, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity helps our brothers and sisters share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in this special collection. To learn more, visit usccb.org/latin-america.

CCW RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS

The CCW is now accepting donations for its annual Rummage Sale. Please drop off clean items at the Parish Hall **Monday through Friday** from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Please, no electronics.

PRE 2026–2027 REGISTRATION

Registration for Parish Religious Education (PREP) for the 2026–2027 year is now open. Religious education plays an important role in helping youth grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith, deepen their relationship with God, and prepare for the sacraments. Early registration also helps us plan effectively and ensure we have enough materials and supplies for all participants. Please visit harrisoncatholic.org, select “Groups,” scroll down to PREP, click on it, and register your youth today.

JUBILEE MASS

A Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **June 23**, at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock to honor priests celebrating anniversaries of ordination.

Those being recognized include Fr. John Oswald (65 years), Msgr. Lawrence Frederick (60 years), Msgr. David LeSieur (50 years), and Fr. Joseph Marconi, Fr. Salvador Vega-Alvarenga, and Fr. Arokiasamy M. Irudayaraj (25 years). Senior priests will also be honored.

A dinner reception in McDonald Hall will follow and is open to all. For more information, contact María Velázquez at 501-664-0340, ext. 340.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

In our recent parish survey, many parishioners shared that they would like to better understand the Mass. We heard you—and we listened.

Following the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass on **June 20–21** and **June 27–28**, we will show a video series featuring Fr. Mike Schmitz explaining the beauty and meaning of the Mass. The series will be presented over two weekends, with each session lasting approximately 15–20 minutes.

We know your time is valuable, and we understand that staying after Mass may affect dinner, brunch, or other family plans. Even so, we hope you will consider joining us for these brief but meaningful presentations as we grow together in our understanding and love of the Mass.

Thank you for your participation and commitment to our parish community. We would truly love for you to stay and join us.

MIDSUMMER BONFIRE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Calling all college-age young adults (ages 18–27)! Join us for a Midsummer Bonfire on Saturday, **June 27**, at 7 p.m. at 1100 Shaddox Lane in Harrison. Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun. For questions, text Erin Tabor at 410-948-5956.



TASTE OF FAITH DINNER

Please join us for a special Taste of Faith Dinner as we celebrate two seminarians, Parker and Graham, who are visiting our parish for the month of June before returning to the Diocese of Little Rock. This is a wonderful opportunity to share a meal, hear about their vocational journeys, and support the formation of future priests.

The dinner is free, and all are welcome. While there is no cost to attend, donations will be gratefully accepted and forwarded to the Diocese of Little Rock to support seminarian education and formation.

Did you know the average cost to educate and form one seminarian is approximately \$40,000–\$50,000 per year? These expenses include tuition, room and board, books, spiritual formation, and pastoral training. Your generosity helps these young men continue answering God's call to serve the Church.

Date: **Friday, June 26**

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Mary Mother of God Parish Hall

Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule or by contacting the church office. Come enjoy food, fellowship, and faith while supporting vocations in our diocese.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

We invite you to join the Knights of Columbus Council's Baby Bottle campaign which began last weekend. We kindly ask that you take a bottle home, fill it with spare change, bills, or a check, and return it to the church by **July 5, 2026**. All donations directly support young mothers and fathers by providing essential services and resources through Informed Choices in Harrison.



BULLETIN ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

The church is pleased to announce the availability of advertising space on the back of our weekly bulletin. This offers businesses a valuable opportunity to reach members of our congregation while supporting the parish's mission. Current advertisers will soon receive a renewal letter with details for continued partnership. We sincerely appreciate your support and engagement.

If you are interested in becoming a new advertiser, please contact the church office for information on ad formats, pricing, and submission deadlines. We look forward to working with you and fostering meaningful connections within our parish community.

TRAVELING STATUE & SACRED HEART ENTHRONEMENT

The Legion of Mary invites parishioners to sign up for the Traveling Statue of Our Lady and for an Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your home. Choose a date and sign up in the church vestibule.

LAUDATO SI'

"When we contemplate with wonder the universe in all its grandeur and beauty, we must praise the whole Trinity." (Pope Francis Laudato Si para 238)

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Happy Father's Day!

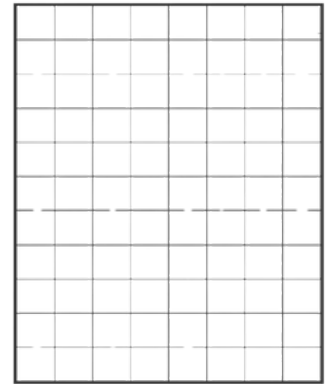
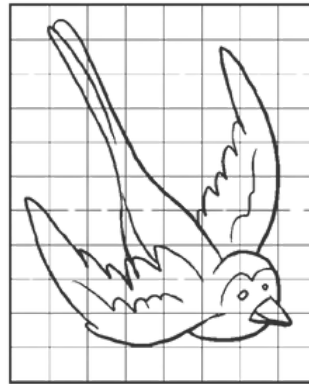


Let's thank God for the fathers and father figures who care for their families and help build loving homes. St. Joseph, pray for us, and especially for our fathers!

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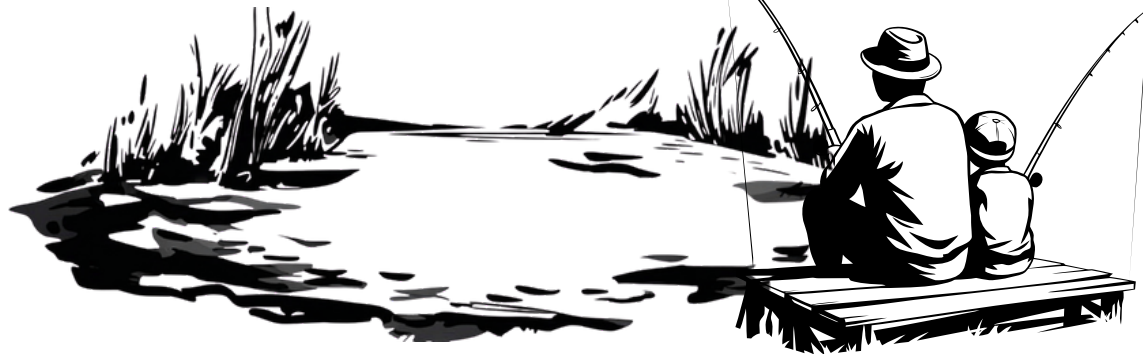
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MISSION

After you brush your hair, count the hairs in the brush. God knows how many hairs you lost!

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HAPPY
Father's
day



PRAYER LIST

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Military & emergency personnel, veterans, victims of terrorism, war, and other violence, victims of natural disasters, the sick & injured, all others in need of prayer, and for an increase in vocations.

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

David Allen, Larry Benner & family, Patricia Bel, Sandi Black, Terry Bodson, Kyle Bowling, Betty Burge, Norma Calhoun, Brian Coffman, Darlene Coffman, Larry & Rita Coffman, †David Decker, Mary Decker, Meghan Decker, Wayne Dixon, John & Wink Duncan, Heather Faught, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Becky & Hank Hartman, Pat Heinen, Sheila Hight, Dianne Hoberock, Derek Holden, Connie Israel, Ed & Virray Karlovic, Darby Kester, Lavonne Keehn, Scott Kennebec, Mary Koenig, Dennis Kyler, Eleanor Lipsmeyer, Mary Lynam, Mike & Sandy Luckenbill, Andi Miller, Shane & Esther Neeley, Christine Neely, Tina Pietrabella, Jimmy Pierce, Baby Guy Reading, Seamus Roche, Teresa Rotkowski, Giovanna Sandri, Liz Smalley, Betty Stechly, Greg Stephens, Dr. Grace St. Pierre, Linda Utaski, Nettie Virnig, Carly Webb, Cooper Webb, Ray Wood.

To add a name or ensure a name remains, please contact the parish office.



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor | General Counsel, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 499-9110. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

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