

# Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

## COLD & FLU PRECAUTIONS

If you have a cold or any symptoms of the flu, then you are to stay at home and not go to Mass. The sick are excused from the obligation to go to Mass, and those who might be contagious have a moral duty to not expose others to their illness.

Our response to cold and flu should continue to be guided by recommendations from our health officials. During 'flu seasons', they are recommending extra caution which includes:

- ◆ Those who are feeling ill stay at home so as not to spread the disease;
- ◆ Increased vigilance in washing hands and not touching our own eyes, mouth, or nose;
- ◆ Coughing and sneezing into disposable tissues (and washing one's hands afterwards), or if none available, the inside of one's forearm to reduce spreading any virus;
- ◆ Getting the current flu and pneumonia vaccination;



Whenever there is a report of a disease outbreak, it is often asked if we would stop the shaking of hands at the Sign of Peace. However, that 'solution' ignores the fact that colds and flu are also airborne viruses. Those who are infected can spread such viruses simply through breathing, let alone sneezing and coughing. Also, if someone's hands are infected, then those hands also touch door handles, tops of pews, hymnals, etc... and spread the virus to those surfaces. If the touch of hands is to be excluded at the Sign of Peace to avoid 'contact germs,' then one would also have to refrain from touching *anything* in the church that those infected hands have also touched, which is nearly impossible to do. The absolutely best way for colds and flu to be kept from spreading is for those who have them to self-quarantine.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament should no longer be considered exclusively for the dying, as in "last rites". It is to be celebrated by and for those whose health has been seriously impaired by illness or old age. Anyone may be anointed before surgery or an invasive test or medical procedure. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious. This is one more way that God imparts to each of us, and in particular at this time to the seriously ill and elderly his endless love and grace. Please contact Fr. Paul if you would like to be anointed.

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## OF COUNSEL TO THE PASTOR

### Pastoral Council

Chair: Deborah Bess  
 Brinda Edwards, Brad Gadel, Priscilla Gadel,  
 Runnie Hunter, Bobbie Long, Rachel Patin,  
 Cindy Sayes, Katie Upton

### Finance Council

Chair: Marshall Long (Trustee)  
 Gary Delaney, Bernard Patty,  
 Kenny Sayes (Trustee), Kevin Switzer



## ALL ARE WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., you are invited, welcomed, loved and respected here.



### PRO LIFE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 9 - 5:30 p.m.

### VBS MEETING

Monday, April 9 - 6:30 p.m.

### SACRISTANS' MEETING

Tuesday, April 10 - 6:00 p.m.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To live, love, forgive, and serve the needs of others in the example of Jesus Christ.

**PARISH OFFICES**

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Website: [mmjchurch.org](http://mmjchurch.org)

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION****CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

A program of religious education for children ages 2-4. They meet every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Center. Please call facilitator Rachel Patin at (318) 625-5614 with any questions or if you would like to teach or register your child(ren).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, children ages 4-7 are dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word. Led by a trained adult, these children reflect on the scriptures at a level and in a manner appropriate for them. They return to the worshipping community for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST**

If you have a child who is or will be 7 years old in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate their first Penance (Confession) and receive their first Eucharist (Communion) in the Spring of the next year, the following conditions must be met:

- ◆ A personal interview with the child and their parent(s)/guardian(s) with the pastor;
- ◆ Attend Sunday class 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.;
- ◆ One year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School;
- ◆ Complete and submit a religious education/CCD registration form;

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

If you are or have a child who will be entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring, the following conditions must be met:

- ◆ A letter handwritten by the candidate submitted to the Pastor by October 1 requesting the Sacrament;
- ◆ Submit a completed and signed Sponsor eligibility form;
- ◆ One year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School;
- ◆ Attend Wednesday classes 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.;

**REGISTRATION/CENSUS**

Do you consider Mary, Mother of Jesus Parish "home"? Do you worship with us regularly? If you have not done so already, we ask that you please register in our parish. Forms for this purpose are available in the church or online at [www.mmjchurch.org](http://www.mmjchurch.org). Adult children no longer living at home and recently married couples are especially encouraged to register. In this way we can serve you better. It also facilitates sponsorship for baptisms and confirmations, religious education registration, etc.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES****SACRISTAN**

A family, couple or person that arrives at least 30 minutes before mass to open up the church and make sure everything is set up for Mass. That the Lector, Altar Server, Eucharist Ministers and Ushers have arrived, if not find their replacement – Father Paul can help with this. Please contact head sacristan Ada Choate (318) 484-3529 if you are interested.

**ALTAR SERVER**

Any young person in at least the 3rd grade, or adult, is invited to serve at the altar during Mass. Training is provided. There are also social events planned throughout the year. Anyone interested should contact lay leader Jennifer Montalvo (337) 704-1892

**LECTOR/READER**

The ministry of proclaiming the Word of God is a real gift and blessing. We welcome any adult who has a strong voice and is comfortable in front of people to share God's word in scripture. Please contact Fr. Paul if you would like to share your gifts and talents.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

If you have been confirmed and are in a valid Catholic marriage, you may distribute Communion. All ministers are recommended by the pastor and approved by the bishop for a three year term which is indefinitely renewable.

**Rev. Paul M. LaPalme KHS, Pastor**

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**DIVINE WORSHIP**

Monday - Thursday  
7:00 a.m.

Saturday Anticipated  
4:00 p.m.

Sunday  
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

**SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH****Reconciliation/Confession**

30 minutes before every weekend Mass for 15 minutes.

**Baptism**

Celebrated during any weekend Mass or other convenient time. Contact the church office.

**Holy Matrimony**

Contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls**

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought weekly to all shut-ins.

**Mass of Christian Burial**

All arrangements should be made directly with the funeral home who will then contact the church.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**ORIGIN OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. Bl. John Paul explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy - the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church. ~ Bl. Pope John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

**PRAYER/SOCIAL/OUTREACH**

**ST. DYMPHNA NOVENA**

The first Monday of each month for nine months, beginning September 2017, we will gather at 6:30 p.m. to pray for those whose lives are impacted by nervous disorders, Alzheimer's, incest and/or sexual abuse.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

On the fourth Sunday of every month beginning in September and ending in May, the 10:30 a.m. Mass concludes with exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the sung Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

**SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

The second Sunday of every month, a complimentary breakfast is served following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
10:00 a.m. - Cumella Hall  
Contact Gerry Craft at (318) 448-3152

During construction, whether of a shawl, blanket or infant baptism gift, the committee begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient.

**PRO LIFE COMMITTEE**

Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month to address various pro life issues. We help Cenla Homeless Coalition, local crisis pregnancy centers, nursing homes, hospices, etc. Call Cindy Sayes at (318) 446-2893 if you would like to join us in this ministry.

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Every Sunday  
Ages 2-4  
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Youth Center

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Every Sunday  
10:30 a.m. Mass  
During the Liturgy of the Word  
Ages 4-7  
Youth Center

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2018**

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7**

4:00PM - Barbara Reich

Lector: S. Cranford  
Server: K. Sayes

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8**

8:00AM - Deceased Members of the Bess and Lowe Families

Lector: K. Chapman  
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Alfred & Betty Mathews

Lector: J. Antee  
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Louviere  
Server: V. Montalvo

**MONDAY, APRIL 9**

7:00AM - Buddy Normand

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10**

7:00AM - Barbara Reich

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11**

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12**

7:00AM - James Doiron

**WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2018**

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14**

4:00PM - Barbara Reich

Lector: G. Patty  
Server: B. Gadel

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

8:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr. 36<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance

Lector: T. Ogaard  
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Nancy Weidner

Lector: K. Bellard  
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: E. Lohman  
Server: M. Mallach

**MONDAY, APRIL 16**

7:00AM - Ernestine A. Moras 46<sup>th</sup> anniv.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17**

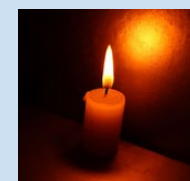
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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**

**NO MASS**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19**

**NO MASS**



**SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK**

*In loving memory of  
Nancy Weidner  
by the Reich Family*

If you would like to have a loved one or special intention remembered by providing for the sanctuary candle, please contact the parish office. The cost is \$7.00 per candle.

If you are a victim or survivor of sexual abuse by members of the Catholic clergy or representatives of the Catholic Church and you want to make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, and/or to obtain support for the needs of the individual and families, call Dr. Lee Kneipp, Victim Assistance Coordinator (318) 623-3804 or the Diocesan **HOTLINE** (318) 445-1427. Diocesan Protecting our Children - Understanding, Reporting, and Preventing Child Abuse" brochures are available in the narthex bookcase. Both the Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Minors, and the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct are in the safe environment section at [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org)

**STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 04/01/18**

Total # of envelopes	56
Avg. identifiable gift	\$ 85.68
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,323.00
EFT Collection	\$ 475.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 532.00</b>
Goal for April (5 wks)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for April	\$ 4,798.00
<b>Still needed for April</b>	<b>\$ 21,852.00</b>
Good Friday Holy Land	\$ 205.00
Infirm Priests (Apr.)	\$ 1,866.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,242.00
Catholic Relief Services (Mar.)	\$ 95.00
Black & Indian Missions (Feb.)	\$ 150.00
Ctrl & Eastern Europe (Feb.)	\$ 55.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 10.00

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

Goal	\$ 16,579.03
Received to Date	\$ 4,228.80
Remaining	\$ 12,350.23

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**EXPENSES WEEK OF 04/01/18**

Payroll	\$ 1,188.00
AT&T (Office Phones)	\$ 188.45
Cleco (3 buildings)	\$ 1,172.83
FC Ziegler (Palms)	\$ 103.99
Pat Brister (Easter Flowers)	\$ 671.93
Simpson Security (Rectory)	\$ 60.00
Brinda Edwards (VBS Supplies)	\$ 287.17
WC of LA (Dumpster)	\$ 93.64
Total Expenses	\$ 6,266.29

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION**

Cohen Antee, Grace Brundrett

**THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION**

Peyton Bellard

**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Jason E. Duck and Elizabeth A. Smith

**OUR SICK**

Fr. Terry Allen, George Babin, Becca Bartlett, Gerri Deptula, Jackie Deptula, Betty Jones, Dan Keely, Donzal Langston, Shelly Larrieu, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, Diane Melder, Raymond Michiels, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Terry Rabalais, Biz Roberts, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Blaine Thiels, Francis Thiels, Elliott Trahan

**OUR RECOVERING**

Kathy Stevens Bosch, Joann Fuqua Brock, Kylie Renee Bush, Amy Ladner Davis, Walter Deptula, Jr., John Goetz, Rachel Mayfield, Ana Maria Sierra

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Joan Alpha, Butch and Marty Doiron, Richard Kelly, Diane Melder, Donald Normand

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Bunny Bosak, Francis Thiels, Fleta Waits, Ruth Valley

**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Timothy Deptula, Travis Edwards, Cade Jameson, Daniel Keely, Michael Smilie, Hunter Stafford

**DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Fathers Bill Gearheard, Jason Gootee, Rick Gremillion, Daniel Hart, Joseph Hasieber, Ronald Hoppe, Ryan Humphries

*Please inform us if you know of anyone who should be included or removed. You may also use a pew envelope for this purpose.*

**PARISH NEWS**

**PRO LIFE COMMITTEE**

Monday, April 9 - 5:30 p.m.

**SACRISTANS' MEETING**

Tuesday, April 10 - 6:00 p.m.  
In The Church

This meeting is for all current sacristans and anyone who might be interested in participating.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance." Once a year, as part of the Diocesan Church, we are asked to make a commitment to support the work of diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. Next weekend, in every parish throughout our Diocese, Catholics will be asked to support the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal if they have not done so already. Please join with fellow parishioners as we experience the joy of giving to continue God's work of spirituality, formation, and education by contributing to the ADA.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

June 18 - 22, 2018

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PreK - Grade 6 (Fall of 2018)

Early drop off begins at 7:30 a.m.

**VBS PLANNING MEETING**

Monday, April 9 - 6:30 p.m.

Church Hall

We need adults and junior high/high school students to ensure a fun and successful week. Contact Brinda Edwards if you are interested in helping but unable to attend this meeting.

**CCD/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Wednesday, April 11 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Congratulations to Glenn and Mary Carroll whose marriage was validated this past Wednesday evening. At the same time Mary was welcomed into full communion in the Catholic Church and Confirmed.

Thank you to all those parishioners whose hard work and dedicated service provided us with beautiful and meaningful Holy Week and Triduum liturgies, a delicious Easter breakfast, and a thrilling time with the Easter Bunny, Easter Egg Hunt and pictures to remember the day. Thanks to God, our parish is truly blessed with an abundance of people always willing to share their time, talent, and treasure.

This Sunday, April 8, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 3:00 p.m. for private prayer and adoration. Beginning at 3:00 p.m. we will sing the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy followed by Benediction.

In commemoration of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the USCCB will promote a Call to Prayer on Thursday, April 13. Dioceses and parishes are asked to consider promoting that day for prayer and sacrifice for this intention: "We pray that God may grant those affected by abuse in any way the courage to tell their story and seek healing." More about the Call to Prayer is available at [usccb.org/pray](http://usccb.org/pray).

Next Sunday, April 15, men from our diocese discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate, accompanied by their wives, will be joining us at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. They will be meeting afterward in the hall for a time of fellowship and prayer. We warmly welcome them and keep them in our prayers.

Since the Easter Season continues until Pentecost Sunday, May 20, the Easter Memorial Flower Fund continues to provide for the decorations in the church. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews, your monthly packet, or one of your own. Don't forget to include on the envelope the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered/honored.