

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 pew, 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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Chair: Marshall Long (Trustee)
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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.



MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 28

Please remember in your prayers
those who gave their lives in the service of our country.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

June 18 - 22

Registration in the narthex before and after all weekend Masses.

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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OFFICE HOURS

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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.

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 11th 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. 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.

LAST SUNDAY BAPTISMS

BENNETT JOSEPH HILGER

With mommy and daddy, Tid and Rebecca, and big sister Tinsley



GREYSON PAUL RYLAND

With mommy and daddy, Melissa and Paul



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 3rd 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 3rd 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.

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Youth Center

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MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF MAY 26, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 26

4:00PM - Ray Reich 1st anniv., Mary Mrozinski

Lector: B. Patty
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, MAY 27

8:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Paul Dunstane

Lector: D. Bess
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, MAY 28

9:00AM - Deceased Military Men & Women

TUESDAY, MAY 29

7:00AM - Donald Eskra

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

THURSDAY, MAY 31

7:00AM - Dalila Ortega

WEEK OF JUNE 2, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

4:00PM - Blane Normand

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: K. Sayes

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

8:00AM - Deceased members of the Moore family

Lector: K. Chapman
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Buddy Normand

Lector: C. Coreil
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach
Server: M. Mallach

MONDAY, JUNE 4

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

NO MASS

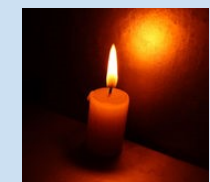
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

NO MASS

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

NO MASS

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



*In Loving Memory of
Blane Normand
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

STEWARDSHIP**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 05/20/18**

Total # of envelopes	49
Avg. identifiable gift	\$ 80.69
Weekly Collection	\$ 3,139.00
EFT Collection	\$ 815.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Shortage	\$ 1,376.00
Goal for May (4 wks)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for May	\$ 15,350.00
Still Needed for May	\$ 5,970.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 120.00

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Goal	\$ 16,579.03
Received to Date	\$ 16,549.00
Remaining	\$ 30.03

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**EXPENSES WEEK OF 05/20/18**

Payroll	\$ 155.00
Fr. Paul (<i>Reimbursement</i>)	\$ 201.22
Ziegler (<i>Pyxes</i>)	\$ 83.86
AT&T (<i>Rectory</i>)	\$ 112.52
AT&T Mobility	\$ 203.50
US Post Office	\$ 150.00
Am Key & Lock (<i>Hall Keys</i>)	\$ 21.55
Vision Leasing (<i>Printer</i>)	\$ 172.55
Town of Woodworth	\$ 272.84
Cindy Campbell (<i>Reimburse</i>)	\$ 459.68
Brinda Edwards (<i>VBS Banner</i>)	\$ 85.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,917.72

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY**

Jason E. Duck and Elizabeth A. Smith

OUR SICK

Fr. Terry Allen, George Babin, Becca Bartlett, Cary Boyd, Mary Brawner, Gerri Deptula, Jackie Deptula, Eric Duck, Justin Hebert, Betty Jones, Dan Keely, Shelly Larrieu, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Tommy Pearson, Biz Roberts, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Blaine Thiels, Francis Thiels, Elliott Trahan, Tommy Tremer, Jody Walker, Buddy Wise, Marilyn Wilson

OUR RECOVERING

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

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Bunny Bosak, Richard Gadel, Francis Thiels, Fleta Waits, Ruth Valley

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

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

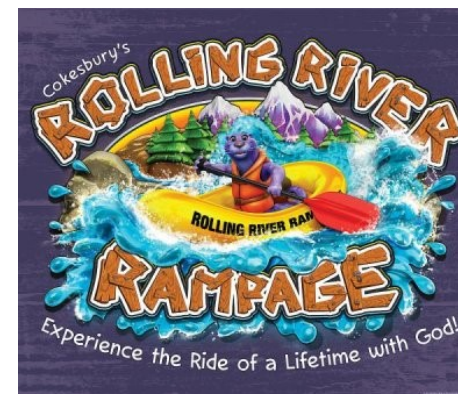
DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Fathers Charles Ray, Joy Retnazihamoni, Taylor Reynolds, Jose Robles, Edwin Rodriguez, Craig Scott, Bishop David Talley

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you" (Isaiah 43:2)



Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God and learn that Jesus is with us all the time, even in rough water rapids. Along the river, we'll discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that we can trust God to be with us through anything.

June 18 - 22, 2018

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

PreK - Grade 6 (Spring of 2018)

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

There will be no charge for registered parishioners. The cost for all others is \$25 per family. Donations are always welcome. Please call the office if you're not sure of your registration status.

ADULT AND TEEN TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

We're going **Rolling on the River** for VBS this year and we need you to come along for the ride!

Email Brinda Edwards at ccd@mmjchurch.org or call (317) 250-9997 for opportunities to sign up for the excitement at Rolling River Rampage.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass

During the Liturgy of the Word

Ages 4-7 - Youth Center

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, May 29

6:00 p.m. - Youth Centre

FROM THE PASTOR

Envelopes for Father's Day, June 17, are available in your packet and in the pews. Please list the name(s) of those fathers, living or deceased, for whom you would like us to pray during the month of June. Put the envelope in the collection basket. They will be placed on the altar.

All registered parishioners were mailed a letter announcing the beginning of Phase 1 of our master plan. If you did not receive one, but consider yourself a member of our parish family, please go online to mmjchurch.org and complete the registration form. The Phase 1 letter will then be mailed to you.

PARISH NEWS**MASS FROM MMJ CHURCH**

For the benefit of our sick, shut-ins, and homebound our 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is live streamed every week. To watch it live on YouTube, search for MMJ Woodworth. You may also view it on our Facebook page.

MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 28

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

The office will be closed.

PRE-FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST MEETING

Monday, June 4

6:00 p.m. in Cumella Hall

The ladies of the parish who would like to help with this breakfast are invited to attend.

PRE-FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 10

Breakfast will be served immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We are celebrating a week early this year since Fathers' Day weekend the hall will be set up for VBS that following week.

EVENT 2018

St. Martin Church in Lecompte will host its annual "Event" June 1-3, this year in memory of Ottis Monroe. For the schedule of events go to our website mmjchurch.org and click on Event 2018.