

Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

COLD & FLU PRECAUTIONS

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.

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.

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.

AMAZON SMILE

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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.



PHASE I CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
 Please Continue To Pray For
 Our Success and Generous Giving!

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

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 in the Youth Center during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Facilitator: Rachel Patin at (318) 625-5614.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

During the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, children ages 3-7 are dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word. 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 and receive their first Eucharist in the Spring of the next year, the following conditions must be met: Attend separate class; 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 7:00 p.m.;

PRAYER/SOCIAL/OUTREACH**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. Please call Gerry if you know of anyone affected by physical or mental illness who could benefit from a prayer shawl or blanket.

PRAYER/SOCIAL/OUTREACH**SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

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

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. Contact: Cindy Sayes, (318) 446-2893.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**SACRISTAN**

A family, couple or individual that arrives at least 30 minutes before mass to open up the church and ensure everything is prepared for Mass. Contact: Ada Choate (318) 484-3529.

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. Contact Deacon Paul or 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. Contact Deacon Paul to share your gifts.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are confirmed and 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.

LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY

Women gather in the Church every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. to pray the rosary. All ladies are welcome to join us in prayer for our parish, our country, and the world.

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(318) 442-2245 - pgadel@mmjchurch.org

Dr. Mary DeVille, Organist

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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.

AN OVERVIEW OF CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

"At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of Baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end, nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting Word of God and the Sacrament of the Eucharist." (Order of Christian Funerals, no. 4)

The Catholic funeral rite is divided into several stations, or parts, each with its own purpose. For this reason we recommend following the complete structure and making use of each station.

Vigil Service (Wake)

"At the vigil, the Christian community keeps watch with the family in prayer to the God of mercy and finds strength in Christ's presence" (Order of Christian Funerals, no. 56). The Vigil Service usually takes place during the period of visitation and viewing at the funeral home. It is a time to remember the life of the deceased and to commend him/her to God. In prayer we ask God to console us in our grief and give us strength to support one another.

The Vigil Service can take the form of a Service of the Word with readings from Sacred Scripture accompanied by reflection and prayers. It can also take the form of one of the prayers of the Office for the Dead from the *Liturgy of the Hours*. The clergy and your funeral director can assist in planning such service.

It is most appropriate, when family and friends are gathered together for visitation, to offer time for recalling the life of the deceased. For this reason, eulogies are usually encouraged to be done at the funeral home during visitation or at the Vigil Service.

Funeral Liturgy

The funeral liturgy is the central liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased. When one of its members dies, the Church encourages the celebration of the funeral liturgy at a Mass. When Mass cannot be celebrated, a funeral liturgy outside Mass can be celebrated at the church or in the funeral home.

At the funeral liturgy, the Church gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God's tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the Paschal Mystery. The funeral liturgy, therefore, is an act of worship, and not merely an expression of grief.

Rite of Committal (Burial or Interment)

The Rite of Committal, the conclusion of the funeral rite, is the final act of the community of faith in caring for the body of its deceased member. It should normally be celebrated at the place of committal, that is, beside the open grave or place of interment. In committing the body to its resting place, the community expresses the hope that, with all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, the deceased awaits the glory of the resurrection. The Rite of Committal is an expression of the communion that exists between the Church on earth and the Church in heaven: the deceased passes with the farewell prayers of the community of believers into the welcoming company of those who need faith no longer, but see God face-to-face.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF JULY 21, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JULY 21

4:00PM - Terry Rabalais, Donna McGuffee renewed health, Barbara Reich

Lector: B. Patty
Server: K. Sayes

SUNDAY, JULY 22

8:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Charles Buhot

Lector: D. Bess
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, JULY 23

7:00AM - Barbara Reich

TUESDAY, JULY 24

7:00AM - Mary Mrozinski

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

7:00AM - Charlie Wagener

WEEK OF JULY 28, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JULY 28

4:00PM - Donna McGuffee renewed health

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, JULY 29

8:00AM - Barbara Reich

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Charlie Wagener

Lector: C. Coriel
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: R. Lowe

MONDAY, JULY 30

7:00AM - Roy Deville

TUESDAY, JULY 31

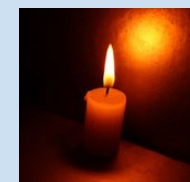
7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00AM - Alfred Gremillion

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00AM - Anita Tarver



SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

*In loving memory of
Rev. Msgr. Carson LaCaze*

by the our parish 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 - 07/15/18**

Total # of Envelopes	48
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 114.25
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,713.85
EFT Collection	\$ 770.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Overage	\$ 153.85
Goal for July (5 wks)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for July	\$ 13,587.85
Still needed for July	\$ 13,062.15
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 20.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$112,020.00
Received to Date	\$ 80,820.00
Remaining Pledges to Goal	\$287,980.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**EXPENSES WEEK OF 07/15/18**

Payroll	\$ 80.00
Diocese (<i>Diocesan Collections</i>)	\$ 385.00
Sam's (<i>Rectory Living</i>)	\$ 997.02
J&J Exterminating	\$ 161.00
ACS Technologies	\$ 37.00
C. Campbell (<i>Reimbursement</i>)	\$ 116.88
Total Expenses	\$ 1,776.90

Help us Grow

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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, Jackie Deptula, Stephen Deville, Eric Duck, Pam Fitzgerald, Justin Hebert, Ray Juneau, Dan Keely, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Biz Roberts, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Blaine Thiels, Francis Thiels, Elliott Trahan, Tommy Tremer, Jody Walker, Buddy Wise, Marilyn Wilson

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

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

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

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

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Fathers Paul LaPalme, Ron Mathews, Dale Meade, Luke Melcher, Angelo Messina, Jack Michalchuk, Kenneth Michiels

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**Grades Pre K to 5**

Wednesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
First Class - September 12

Grades 6 to 8

Sundays - 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
First Class - September 16

Grades 9 to 12

Sundays - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
First Class - September 16

Registration Fee: 1 Child - \$25.00
2 Children - \$40.00
3 or more Children - \$50.00

You may register online at mmjchurch.org.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Will resume on Sunday, September 16 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass, for children ages 2-4. Please call facilitator Rachel Patin at (318) 625-5614 with any questions.

RCIA

If you are not Catholic and have been thinking about initiation in the Catholic Church, or if you are a Baptized Catholic who has not celebrated all three of the Sacraments of Initiation, consider joining the **Right of Christian Initiation for Adults**. **RCIA** is the process by which people celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, in the Catholic Church.

Who is **RCIA** for?

- ⇒ **Unbaptized...** Persons (7 years and older) who want to follow in Jesus' footsteps and become members of the Catholic Church;
- ⇒ **Baptized in Another Christian Church...** Those members from a different Christian community other than Catholic who are seeking full initiation in the Catholic Church;

RCIA (CON'T)

⇒ **Baptized but no previous Religious Education...** persons who were baptized as babies in the Catholic Church but have not had any Religious Education within the Catholic Tradition. Have you celebrated all of your sacraments of Communion and Confirmation?

For more information please call Beth Chapman (318) 623-8016 or Cindy Sayes (318) 446-2893.

PARISH NEWS**YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE**

Our youth minister, Matt Brundrett informed me this week that because of family and work commitments he is no longer able to continue in his current position. For more than three years Matt has blessed our parish family and youth with his faith and commitment to the church. Our Youth Ministry Team and I will be creatively seeking a solution to ensure that the young people of our parish have the education and formation to which they are entitled and deserve.

CENLA HOMELESS COALITION

A collection box is located in the narthex for your donations supporting the Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition (CLHC). They are in need of: travel size deodorant, travel size toothpaste, L-XXXL t-shirts, adult diapers L-XL, new in package underwear (both men and women), scrubs (all sizes), gallon size zip lock bags, baby wipes.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS IN JULY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has completed 20 handmade Christmas Stockings. Each stocking has incorporated part of an altar cloth which has been used at Mary Mother of Jesus Church. The stockings will be sold by the Pro Life Committee. All money collected will go toward our Phase One Capital Campaign. These stockings were able to be constructed through the generous contributions of supplies by parishioner, Mrs. Joan Alpha. We are asking for a donation of at least \$20 per stocking.