

# 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](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.

## 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.

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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 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 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 7:00 p.m.;

**PRAYER/SOCIAL/OUTREACH****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. 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 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. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS****HOW DO I PRAY?**

Various forms of prayer are presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2623-2649). These various forms include prayer of blessing or adoration, prayer of petition, prayer of intercession, prayer of thanksgiving, and prayer of praise.

**WHAT IS MEDITATION?**

Meditation is a Christian practice of prayer dating back to the early Church. As the Catechism states: "Meditation is above all a quest. The mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking." By meditating on the Gospels, holy icons, liturgical texts, spiritual writings, or "the great book of creation," we come to make our own that which is God's. "To the extent that we are humble and faithful, we discover in meditation the movements that stir the heart and we are able to discern them. It is a question of acting truthfully in order to come into the light: "Lord, what do you want me to do?" (CCC 2705-2706).

Meditation is an essential form of Christian prayer, especially for those who are seeking to answer the vocational question, "Lord, what do you want me to do?"

**HOW DO WE PRAY WITH SACRED SCRIPTURE?**

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

1. The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak in.
2. The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.
3. The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.

Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

**What are devotions?**

Popular devotions are expressions of love and fidelity that arise from the intersection of one's own faith, culture and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As Saint John Paul II said in 2001:

"Genuine forms of popular piety, expressed in a multitude of different ways, derives from the faith and, therefore, must be valued and promoted. Such authentic expressions of popular piety are not at odds with the centrality of the Sacred Liturgy. Rather, in promoting the faith of the people, who regard popular piety as a natural religious expression, they predispose the people for the celebration of the Sacred Mysteries.

The correct relationship between these two expressions of faith must be based on certain firm principles, the first of which recognizes that the Liturgy is the center of the Church's life and cannot be substituted by, or placed on a par with, any other form of religious expression. Moreover, it is important to reaffirm that popular religiosity, even if not always evident, naturally culminates in the celebration of the Liturgy towards which it should ideally be oriented. This should be made clear through suitable catechesis" (Address to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, September 21, 2001).

**MASS INTENTIONS****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

**WEEK OF AUGUST 4, 2018**

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 4**

4:00PM - Rita LaPalme

Lector: R. Patin

Server: K. Sayes

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5**

8:00AM - Deceased members of the Chapman family

Lector: K. Switzer

Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Roy Deville

Lector: J. Foote

Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach

Server: M. Mallach

**MONDAY, AUGUST 6**

7:00AM - Donna McGuffee renewed health

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7**

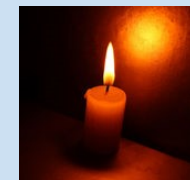
7:00AM - Barbara Reich

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8**

9:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 9**

7:00AM - Barbara Reich

**SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK**

*In loving memory of  
Anita Tarver*

*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 - 07/22/18**

Total # of Envelopes	49
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 82.78
Weekly Collection	\$ 3,241.00
EFT Collection	\$ 815.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 1,274.00</b>
Goal for July (5 wks)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for July	\$ 17,643.85
<b>Still needed for July</b>	<b>\$ 9,006.15</b>
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 20.00

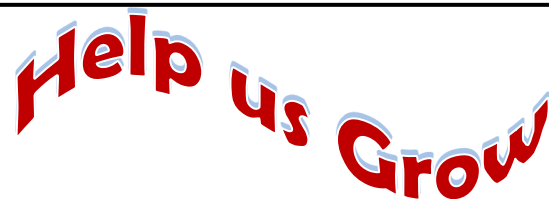
**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I**

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$120,125.18
Received to Date	\$ 89,625.18
Remaining Pledges to Goal	\$279,874.82

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**EXPENSES WEEK OF 07/22/18**

Payroll	\$ 80.00
Diocese (Assessment)	\$ 5,609.45
Sequel (Electrical Supplies)	\$ 228.74
AT&T Mobility (Cell Phone)	\$ 101.55
Ziegler (Hosts)	\$ 24.89
Vision Leasing (Copier)	\$ 171.69
Loose Leaf Lectionary	\$ 119.95
Fr Paul (Reimbursement)	\$ 232.75
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,569.02</b>



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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

Donald Normand

**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 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 Bruce Miller, Charles Morgan, Augustine Mulanjanany, Bishop David Talley, Bishop Emeritus Ronald Herzog, Fathers Chris Nayak, James Nellikunnel

*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](http://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**

Beginning Sunday, September 16 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass, for children ages 2-4. Call facilitator Rachel Patin at (318) 625-5614.

**RCIA**

Who is **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) 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;
- ⇒ **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**

**CENLA HOMELESS COALITION**

A collection box is 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.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage. If you would like to participate, please call or email the church office. Deadline is September 15, 2018.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

I'm happy to announce that thanks be to God, we've hired two part-time youth ministers to work as a team. Mrs. Lauren Davis and Ms Jennifer Smilie (both of our parish) have accepted this youth ministry position. In addition to Sunday evenings and weekly drop-in days with grades 6-12, they will also be developing a program for grades 3-5. We have also formed an adult core team to advise and support the work of Lauren and Jennifer. These continue to be exciting times for our parish family.

This coming week I'm planning to personally call the members of our parish family who have not yet had the opportunity to financially support our parish's capital campaign. I want to ensure that everyone knows how important it is that they take an active role in this growth-filled time in our parish.

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3-September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at [www.usccb.org/pray!](http://www.usccb.org/pray!)