

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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD

Please register **NOW** online at mmjchurch.org

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH OFFICES

9323 Highway 165 South
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Website: mmjchurch.org

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 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.

**PRESIDENT OF U.S. BISHOPS CONFERENCE ISSUES STATEMENT ON COURSE OF ACTION
RESPONDING TO MORAL FAILURES ON PART OF CHURCH LEADERS**

August 1, 2018

WASHINGTON—Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following statement noting the steps the U.S. Bishops Conference will take in addressing the failures of the Church in protecting the people of God.

Cardinal DiNardo's full statement follows:

"The accusations against Archbishop Theodore McCarrick reveal a grievous moral failure within the Church. They cause bishops anger, sadness, and shame; I know they do in me. They compel bishops to ask, as I do, what more could have been done to protect the People of God. Both the abuses themselves, and the fact that they have remained undisclosed for decades, have caused great harm to people's lives and represent grave moral failures of judgement on the part of Church leaders.

These failures raise serious questions. Why weren't these allegations of sins against chastity and human dignity disclosed when they were first brought to Church officials? Why wasn't this egregious situation addressed decades sooner and with justice? What must our seminaries do to protect the freedom to discern a priestly vocation without being subject to misuse of power?

Archbishop McCarrick will rightly face the judgement of a canonical process at the Holy See regarding the allegations against him, but there are also steps we should be taking as the Church here in the United States. Having prayed about this, I have convened the USCCB Executive Committee. This meeting was the first of many among bishops that will extend into our Administrative Committee meeting in September and our General Assembly in November. All of these discussions will be oriented toward discerning the right course of action for the USCCB. This work will take some time but allow me to stress these four points immediately.

First, I encourage my brother bishops as they stand ready in our local dioceses to respond with compassion and justice to anyone who has been sexually abused or harassed by anyone in the Church. We should do whatever we can to accompany them.

Second, I would urge anyone who has experienced sexual assault or harassment by anyone in the Church to come forward. Where the incident may rise to the level of a crime, please also contact local law enforcement.

Third, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will pursue the many questions surrounding Archbishop McCarrick's conduct to the full extent of its authority; and where that authority finds its limits, the Conference will advocate with those who do have the authority. One way or the other, we are determined to find the truth in this matter.

Finally, we bishops recognize that a spiritual conversion is needed as we seek to restore the right relationship among us and with the Lord. Our Church is suffering from a crisis of sexual morality. The way forward must involve learning from past sins.

Let us pray for God's wisdom and strength for renewal as we follow St. Paul's instruction: 'Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect' (Romans 12:2)."

MASS INTENTIONS

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

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00AM - Barbara Reich

WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
ADD'L COLLECTION: CHURCH IN AFRICA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

4:00PM - Donna McGuffee renewed health

Lector: K. Sayes

Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

8:00AM - Kyle Ogaard

Lector: K. Chapman

Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Barbara Reich

Lector: J. Antee

Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: R. Lowe

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00AM - Richard and Antoinette Rosinski

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00AM - Eugene F. LaPalme

5:30 PM - Roy Deville

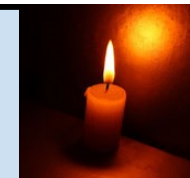
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00AM - Michael & Lorraine Madeisis

6:00 PM - Frank Dunne

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.



SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

*In loving memory of
Eugene and Rita LaPalme*

by Fr. Paul M. LaPalme

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 - 07/29/18

Total # of Envelopes	48
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 83.44
Weekly Collection	\$ 3,300.00
EFT Collection	\$ 705.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Shortage	\$ 1,325.00
Goal for July (5 wks)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for July	\$ 21,648.85

Short for July \$ 5,001.15

Maintenance & Repair \$ 25.00

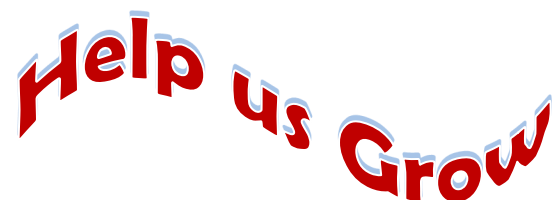
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$126,770.00
Received to Date	\$ 92,070.00
Remaining Pledges to Goal	\$273,230.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

EXPENSES WEEK OF 07/29/18

Payroll	\$ 6,438.02
USPS (stamps)	\$ 50.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 583.21
Total Expenses	\$ 7,071.23



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR SICK

Fr. Terry Allen, George Babin, Becca Bartlett, Cary Boyd, Mary Brawner, Lance Brouillette, Jackie Deptula, Stephen Deville, Eric Duck, Justin Hebert, Brenda Holloway, 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., Pam Fitzgerald, John Goetz, Betty Jones, Shelly Larrieu, Rachel Mayfield, Ana Maria Sierra

OUR HOMEBOUND

Joan Alpha, Butch and Marty Doiron, Richard Kelly, Henry Lemoine, Beatrice Papillion, 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 Marc Noel, John O'Brien, Daniel O'Connor, Kenneth Obiekwe, Christian Ogbonna, Remigius Owuamanam

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Centre is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for high school students to come hang out. Come join us for faith sharing, fellowship, & coffee!

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 70th 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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

A holy day of obligation.

Tuesday, August 14
5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 15
7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR

So far 32% of our capital campaign goal has been pledged. Although we still have a significant amount of money to raise, I am confident that it can be done. If you have not yet pledged, please do so online at mmjchurch.org or call Cindy at the parish office. We will officially conclude our campaign on September 30, 2018. This first phase of our master plan is vital if our parish is to meet our needs and challenges of the present and future. We pray together that we will achieve our campaign goal. I rely on our pastoral and finance councils to continue giving me their advice and counsel.