

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



When you shop at Amazon, and select Mary, Mother of Jesus as your charitable organization, Amazon will donate 0.5% back to our parish. Smile is the same Amazon you know, same products, same prices, same service. Please support us by shopping at smile.amazon.com.

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

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 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.

**POPE SENDS HANDWRITTEN LETTER TO CHILEAN BISHOPS APPRECIATING
THEIR RECOGNITION OF FAULT & COOPERATION TO HELP PROSECUTORS INVESTIGATE**

August 07, 2018 15:48 + Deborah Castellano Lubov + Pope and Holy See

Pope Francis has expressed appreciation for the Chilean bishops' effort to cooperate with prosecutors and their acknowledgment to have failed to listen to victims of clerical sex abuse.

Last week, the Chilean bishops wrote the following document, entitled "Declaration, Decisions, and Commitments of the Chilean Bishops' Conference." In the letter, Francis said he was "impressed by the work of reflection, discernment, and decisions."

The decisions they outlined, the Pope called, "realistic and concrete." He noted his hope that this is a "decisive help" in confronting the crisis."

The Pope prayed for them, especially in "this communal and pastoral effort."

Last week, the Bishops of Chile met to discuss their sex abuse crisis in their Church and how they failed in responding to it. In the joint document they produced, the bishops acknowledge their "failures" and "omissions" and underscored their commitment to help prosecutors investigate sex abuse allegations.

"We have placed our positions in the hands of the Holy Father so that he may freely decide with respect to each one of us," the bishops of Chile had said in an unprecedented move, when they presented their resignation, May 18, 2018, in the Holy See, at the end of the meetings held with the Holy Father.

In the daily bulletins to date, Pope Francis has accepted five resignations of Chilean bishops so far, including that of Bishop Barros of Osorno.

On May 18, Monsignor Juan Ignacio González, Bishop of San Bernardo and Member of the Permanent Committee of the Episcopal Conference of Chile, and Bishop Fernando Ramos, Auxiliary Bishop of Santiago, and Secretary General of the Episcopal Conference of Chile, have presented the resignation declaration of all the South American nation's bishops.

The 34 Chilean bishops met Pope Francis in Rome from May 15-17 to "examine in depth their causes and consequences, as well as the mechanisms that have led in some cases to their cover-up and serious omissions towards the victims," reported the Holy See in a statement, published on May 12.

In the declaration, the Chilean prelates asked for forgiveness "for the pain caused to the victims, to the Pope, to the People of God and to the country for our grave errors and omissions" and thank Pope Francis "for his fatherly listening and fraternal correction."

Likewise, the bishops thanked the victims "for their perseverance and courage, despite the enormous personal, spiritual, social and family difficulties they have had to face, so many times in the midst of incomprehension and attacks by the ecclesial community itself."

Finally, the bishops of Chile stated: "All the bishops present in Rome have placed our positions in the hands of the Holy Father so that he freely decides with respect to each one of us."

On May 17, Pope Francis wrote a letter to the 34 bishops, after having four meetings with them in three days, to make a "frank discernment in the face of the grave events that have damaged the ecclesial communion and weakened the work of the Church of Chile in recent years," explained the Holy Father.

The Pope told the bishops "to continue building a prophetic Church, which knows how to put in the center what is important: the service to its Lord in the hungry, in the prisoner, in the migrant, in the abused."

MASS INTENTIONS

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: M. Leleux

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 - Donald Normand

5:30 PM - Roy Deville

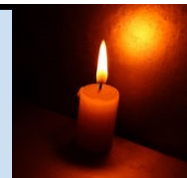
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

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.

WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

4:00PM - Barbara Reich

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: K. Sayes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

Lector: T. Ogaard

Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Donald Normand

Lector: K. Bellard

Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: R. Lowe

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00AM - Donna McGuffee renewed health

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00AM - Charlie Wagener

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00AM - Richard & Antoinette Rosinski

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 - 08/05/18

Total # of Envelopes	63
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 120.78
Weekly Collection	\$ 7,134.00
EFT Collection	\$ 475.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>5,330.00</u>
Overage	\$ 2,279.00
Goal for August (4 wks)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for August	\$ <u>7,609.00</u>
Still needed for August	\$ 13,711.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 35.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$ 127,065.00
Received to Date	\$ 93,665.00
Remaining Pledges to Goal	\$272,935.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

EXPENSES WEEK OF 08/5/18

Payroll	\$ 1,116.00
Town of Woodworth	\$ 358.57
Fr Paul (<i>July Mass Stipends</i>)	\$ 185.00
Bayard (<i>publication</i>)	\$ 32.57
Cleco (<i>church, hall & rectory</i>)	\$ 1,694.11
AT&T (<i>Office</i>)	\$ 186.17
The Holy Rood (<i>vestment rpr</i>)	\$ 238.00
CLHC (<i>sponsorship</i>)	\$ 250.00
B. Long (<i>Normand Funeral</i>)	\$ 94.54
Scorpion (<i>computer rpr</i>)	\$ 120.00
NAPM (<i>membership</i>)	\$ 260.00
Suddenlink (<i>Office & Rectory</i>)	\$ 354.50
Our Sunday Visitor (<i>envelopes</i>)	\$ 63.11
ACS Technologies	\$ 37.00
WC of Alexandria (<i>dumpster</i>)	\$ 108.92
Cindy Campbell (<i>reimb</i>)	\$ <u>265.17</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 5,363.66

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, Susan Racket, 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 Abraham Palakkatturchira, Binochan Pallippambil, Jose Pallipurath, John Pardue, Chad Partain, Thomas Paul, George Pookkattu

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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you to the Men of MMJ for re-securing our pews, generously providing for our new Youth Ministry Program, *Life Teen* and *Edge*.

If you have not yet done so, please remember to support our Capital Campaign. We will conclude the pledge phase as of September 30, 2018.

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!

HIGH SCHOOL PIZZA SOCIAL

Sunday, August 19 - after the 5:30 p.m. Mass

JUNIOR HIGH ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, September 9 - after the 5:30 p.m. Mass

PARISH NEWS

CENLA HOMELESS COALITION

A collection box is in the narthex. They need: 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.