

# 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!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD

Please register **NOW** online at [mmjchurch.org](http://mmjchurch.org)

## LABOR DAY - SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

9:00 a.m. Mass

## 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  
P. O. Box 408,  
Woodworth, Louisiana 71485

Phone - (318) 487-9894  
Website: [mmjchurch.org](http://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 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 Sacramental Preparation Classes.

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

**LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY**

Women gather in the Church every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. to pray the rosary.

**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Provides for the luncheon following the funeral of a member of our parish family. Contact: Bobbie Long, (318) 442-3578

**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 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.

**DOMESTIC JUSTICE CHAIRMAN WELCOMES CHANGE IN CATECHISM**  
**CALLING FOR ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY**

August 3, 2018

WASHINGTON—Following the publication of the revised section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church regarding the death penalty, Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, welcomed the change and echoed the call to end the death penalty in the United States.

The full statement follows:

"Today, we welcome the Holy Father's decision to revise the Catechism and its explanation of the Church's teaching on the death penalty. All human beings are created in the image and likeness of God, and the dignity bestowed on them by the Creator cannot be extinguished, even by grave sin, such that all persons, from conception until natural death possess inalienable dignity and value that points to their origin as sons and daughters of God. The new section in the Catechism is consistent with the statements of Pope Francis' teaching on the death penalty, including his 2015 address to the U.S. Congress, as well as the statements of his predecessors. Pope Benedict the XVI urged 'the attention of society's leaders to the need to make every effort to eliminate the death penalty,' and Pope St. John Paul II observed that 'Not even a murderer loses his personal dignity, and God himself pledges to guarantee this.'"

"For decades the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for the end of the death penalty in the United States. As the revised Catechism states, 'more effective systems of detention...which ensure the due protection of citizens' exist, ones that also maintain the human dignity of all. It is our hope that today's announcement will bring new attention to this critical issue, and speed along the end of this practice, which, as Pope Francis has said in the light of the Gospel, is 'inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person.'"

**Excerpted from USCCB statement dated July 16, 2015:**

The Church's opposition to the death penalty should not be seen as indifference to the sinfulness of crime and attacks on human life, but as an affirmation of the sacredness of all life even for those who have committed the most heinous of crimes. As Archbishop Joseph Naumann of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, whose own father was murdered, recently said: "Our refusal to resort to the death penalty is not because we fail to appreciate the horror of the crime committed, but because we refuse to imitate violent criminals."

Through our recommitment to work to end the use of the death penalty, we also renew the call for all people of good will to:

1. **Pray** for victims of crime, those facing execution, and those working in the criminal justice system;
2. **Reach out** to the families of those affected by violent crime by bringing Christ's love and compassion;
3. **Learn** about the Church's teaching on capital punishment and educate others in this vital area of concern;
4. **Advocate** for better public policies to protect society and end the use of the death penalty.

The Scriptures remind us: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Lk 5:7). As Christians, we are called to oppose the culture of death by witnessing to something greater and more perfect: a gospel of life, hope, and mercy. To help build a culture of life, capital punishment should be abolished.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2018**

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25**

4:00PM - Roy DeVille, Chuck Saucier

*Lector: B. Patty*  
*Server: B. Gadel*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26**

8:00AM - Jack Ellington

*Lector: G. Delaney*  
*Server: L. Delaney*

10:30AM - Donna McGuffee renewed health,  
 Carl Bess, Jr.,

*Lector: D. Bess*  
*Server: M. Hawthorne*

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*  
*Server: V. Montalvo*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 27**

7:00AM - Barbara Reich

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 28**

7:00AM - Jack Ellington

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29**

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 30**

7:00AM - Michael & Lorraine Madeisis

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2018**

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

4:00PM - Chuck Saucier, Donald Normand

*Lector: M. Leleu*  
*Server: K. Sayes*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

8:00AM - Lily Beard, Leola Reeves,  
 Bernice Moore

*Lector: B. Edwards*  
*Server: L. Delaney*

10:30AM - Frank Dunne, Barbara Reich

*Lector: C. Coreil*  
*Server: I. Antee*

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: R. Mallach*  
*Server: V. Mallach*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

9:00AM - Alfred & Betty Mathews 63<sup>rd</sup>  
 wedding anniv. remembrance

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

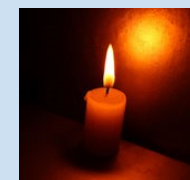
7:00AM - Roy DeVille

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

7:00AM - Barbara Reich



**SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK**

*In loving memory of*  
*Roy DeVille*  
*by Mary DeVille*

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 - 08/19/18**

Total # of Envelopes	50
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 72.64
Weekly Collection	\$ 2,417.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,215.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 1,698.00</b>
Goal for August (4 wks)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for August	\$ 16,347.00
<b>Still needed for August</b>	<b>\$ 4,973.00</b>
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 140.00

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I**

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$ 137,315.00
Received to Date	\$ 102,240.00
Remaining Pledges to Goal	\$262,685.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**EXPENSES WEEK OF 08/12/18**

Payroll	\$ 80.00
Natalie Flynn ( <i>light bulbs</i> )	\$ 17.59
Sam's M/C	\$ 573.06
Diocese of Alex ( <i>assessment</i> )	\$ 5,884.45
AT&T ( <i>rectory &amp; mobile</i> )	\$ 250.73
Lifteen Empower Conference	\$ 387.02
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,192.85</b>



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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**OUR SICK**

Fr. Terry Allen, George Babin, Becca Bartlett, Cary Boyd, Mary Brawner, Glenn Carroll, Jackie Deptula, Stephen Deville, Eric Duck, 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, 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, Buddy Wise

**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 Brian Seiler, Ramji Shoury, Louis Sklar, Irion St. Romain, Steve Testa

*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

**RCIA**

**RCIA INFORMATION NIGHT**

Tuesday, August 28 - 6:00 p.m.  
Cumella Hall

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.

**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.

**JUNIOR HIGH ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

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

**PARISH NEWS**

**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.

**LABOR DAY - SEPTEMBER 3, 2018**

9:00 a.m. Mass

**MUG AND MUFFIN**

Tuesday, September 4 - 9:30 a.m.  
Home of Sally Cranford - (318) 792-5019  
437 Timber Ridge Drive, Woodworth

Bring your favorite mug. If you are a "mature woman" and would like to join our monthly gatherings, call Gerri Craft at (318) 448-3152.

**GRANDPARENTS' BREAKFAST**

Sunday, September 9  
Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sponsored by the "Younger Adults" of our parish. We will need help that morning cooking and preparing. We need volunteers to bring items like fruit trays, pastry, etc. Please contact Rachel Patin, (318) 625-5614

**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY**

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Men of MMJ

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring your favorite sides, salads, desserts, lawn chairs, and the liquid beverage of your choice.