

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.

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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

GRANDPARENTS' BREAKFAST

This Sunday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

GRADES PRE K TO 5

Wednesday, September 12 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

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 Sacramental Preparation Classes.

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 at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd 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 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 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.

SAINTS

Many popular devotional practices involve veneration of the saints. The saints have a special place in the Body of Christ, which includes both the living and the dead. Through Christ we on earth remain in communion both with the saints in heaven and with the dead who are still in Purgatory. We can pray for those in Purgatory and ask the saints to pray for us. Through their prayers of intercession, the saints in heaven play an integral role in the life of the Church on earth. "For after they have been received into their heavenly home and are present to the Lord, through Him and with Him and in Him they do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, showing forth the merits which they won on earth through the one Mediator between God and man." The saints, the members of the Church who have arrived at perfect union with Christ, join their wills to the will of God in praying for those in the Church who are still on their pilgrimage of faith.

Besides what the saints can do for us by their prayers, the very practice of venerating the saints does great good for those who are devoted to the saints. By practicing love of the saints we strengthen the unity of the entire Body of Christ in the Spirit. This in turn brings us all closer to Christ. "For just as Christian communion among wayfarers brings us closer to Christ, so our companionship with the saints joins us to Christ, from Whom as from its Fountain and Head issues every grace and the very life of the people of God." Love of the saints necessarily includes and leads to love of Christ and to love of the Holy Trinity. "For every genuine testimony of love shown by us to those in heaven, by its very nature tends toward and terminates in Christ who is the 'crown of all saints,' and through Him, in God Who is wonderful in his saints and is magnified in them." - From *Popular Devotional Practices*

Beatification & Canonization

The process of declaring one a saint in the Catholic Church is called canonization. The canonization process is a canonical (Church law) procedure by which the Church through the Pope solemnly declares a Catholic to be united with God in heaven, an intercessory to God on behalf of the living, and worthy of public and universal veneration.

A cause of canonization examines a person's life and death to determine if they were either martyred or lived a virtuous life. Every cause of canonization has two phases: the diocesan and Roman phase. The diocese responsible for opening a cause is the diocese in which the person died/was martyred. The diocese, religious order, association or lay person(s) requesting (petitioning) for the cause asks the diocesan bishop, through a person known as the postulator to open an investigation into the martyrdom or life of the person.

The diocesan bishop investigates how the person lived a heroic virtuous life, exemplifying the virtues of faith, hope and love through the calling of witnesses and the theological examination of the candidates' writings. If the cause is based on martyrdom, the diocesan bishop investigates the circumstances surrounding the alleged martyrdom, which is also done through the calling of witnesses to the martyrdom and the examination of the candidates' life.

Once the diocesan investigation is complete, the documentation (evidence) that has been collected is sent to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints and the Roman phase begins. The first step in the Roman phase is the examination of the diocesan documentation. If the congregation's theologians find the documentation convincing, it is sent for review by the cardinal and bishop members of the congregation. If they also find the documentation favorable, it is sent to the pope. With the pope's approval a decree is issued stating that the person lived a virtuous life thereby conferring the title "Venerable" on the person.

The next step in the process is being named "Blessed." For beatification, a miracle must be attributed to the Venerable. The miracle is verified through an examination by a team of medical experts and theologians. The three traditional standards for judging the authenticity of a miracle are: complete – meaning a total healing of the disease, it is not enough for the person to "just" feel better; instantaneous – meaning the healing occurred all at once and not over the course of several days or months; and durable – meaning the person remains permanently free from the illness that afflicted them. Once the miracle has been verified, the pope issues a decree declaring the miracle and the person receives the title of "Blessed." The pope can dispense, though he does not always do so, from the requirement of a miracle for the beatification of a martyr.

A second miracle must be attributed to the Blessed in order for him or her to be canonized a saint. A proven miracle is required, even for martyrs, for canonization. The verification of the second miracle follows the same procedure as the first. Once the person is declared a saint, he or she is worthy of universal veneration by the Church.

There are many steps to be named a saint in the Church and the canonization process is lengthy and detailed. This process ensures that the role models held up as witnesses to Christ and the Gospel as worthy of our emulation.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

4:00PM - Charlie Wagener, Summit Losavio in thanksgiving for her Baptism

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00AM - Barbara Reich

Lector: K. Switzer

Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Donald Normand

Lector: J. Foote

Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:00AM - Mary Jane Buhot

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00AM - Debbie Herrin Bess

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00AM - Voorhies P. Gauthier

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

4:00PM - Donna McGuffee renewed health

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: K. Sayes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00AM - Barbara Reich

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Charlie Wagener, Summit Losavio in thanksgiving for her Baptism

Lector: J. Antee

Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: R. Lowe

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00AM - Donald Normand

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00AM - Thomas Nassif recovery & healing

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00AM - Debbie Herrin Bess

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



SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

For the healing of those abused and scandalized by the clergy of the Church.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 09/02/18

Total # of Envelopes	54
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 99.43
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,066.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,303.00
Assumption	\$ 457.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>5,330.00</u>
Overage	\$ 496.00
Goal for September (5 wks)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for September	\$ <u>5,826.00</u>
Still needed for September	\$ 20,824.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 40.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$142,640.00
Received to Date	\$107,852.00
Remaining Pledges to Goal	\$257,360.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

EXPENSES WEEK OF 09/02/18

Payroll	\$ 1,260.00
Town of Woodworth	\$ 338.62
AT&T	\$ 185.17
OCP Publications	\$ 49.23
Cleco	\$ 1,711.72
WC of Louisiana (<i>dumpster</i>)	\$ 99.88
Jennifer Smilie (<i>youth ministry</i>)	\$ 60.55
Mary DeVille (<i>reimbursement</i>)	\$ 92.23
USPS (<i>stamps</i>)	\$ 50.00
Fr Paul (<i>mass stipends, reimb.</i>)	\$ <u>903.57</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 4,750.97

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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, Robert Ruemker, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Zac Steely, 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 Peter Kuligowski, Paul Kunnupuram, Silverino Kwebuza, Martin Laird, Paul LaPalme, Ron Mathews, Dale Meade

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

First Penance

Sundays - 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
First Class - October 7

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

The home of Keith and Beth Chapman
1022 Doc Drive
Beth - 623-8016; Cindy - 446-2893

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?

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

GRANDPARENTS' BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 9
Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
Sponsored by our "Younger Adults".

4TH ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, September 16th
11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Kitchen closes at 2:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the Men of MMJ

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. There will be horse rides, water slide, and ice cream. Bring your favorite sides, salads, desserts, lawn chairs, and your choice beverages.

BIENNIAL AUTUMN GARAGE SALE

Saturday, September 29 - 7:00 a.m. to Noon
Drop Off: Thursday, 9/27 & Friday, 9/28
We are not accepting any clothes or shoes.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Blessing of all Catechists

September 16 - 10:30 a.m. Mass

All CCD teachers (catechists) including Confirmation and First Eucharist, Youth Ministers, leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word, facilitators of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and RCIA facilitators will be commissioned and blessed for their ministry in our parish.

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE

Monday, September 24
6:00 p.m. - Cumella Hall