

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!

GRADES 6 TO 8

Sundays - 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

GRADES 9 TO 12

Sundays - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

GRADES PRE K TO 5

Wednesday, September 26 - 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.

RECENT HAPPENINGS

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH



JR. HIGH BEACH BASH - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH



MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

4:00PM - Donald Normand

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: K. Sayes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

Lector: T. Ogaard
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Reymundo Tan, Rena Truxillo

Lector: K. Bellard
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00AM - Barbara Reich

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00AM - Donna McGuffee renewed health

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00AM - Donald Normand

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

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

4:00PM - Ed and Valorie Clayton

Lector: K. Sayes
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00AM - Donald Normand

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Deceased members of the Normand family

Lector: D. Bess
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00AM - Thomas Nassif recovery & healing

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00AM - Barbara Reich

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:00AM - Ottis Monroe



SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

*In loving memory of
Rena Truxillo
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.

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 09/16/18

Total # of Envelopes	40
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 70.25
Weekly Collection	\$ 2,565.00
EFT Collection	\$ 245.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Shortage	\$ 2,520.00
Goal for September (5 wks)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for September	\$ 15,281.00
Still needed for September	\$ 11,369.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 75.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$173,640.00
Received to Date	\$128,652.00
Remaining Pledges to Goal	\$226,360.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

EXPENSES WEEK OF 09/16/18

Payroll	\$ 80.00
ACS Technologies	\$ 37.00
Marler Refrig (<i>rpr ice maker</i>)	\$ 173.72
OCP Publications	\$ 60.58
AT&T Mobility	\$ 101.55
Sam's M/C	\$ 1,286.21
Simpson Security	\$ 100.00
J & J Exterminating	\$ 136.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,975.06

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR SICK

Fr. Terry Allen, George Babin, Becca Bartlett, Callie Bess, Cary Boyd, Mary Brawner, Glenn Carroll, Teresa Coker, Jackie Deptula, Stephen Deville, Eric Duck, Justin Hebert, Brenda Holloway, 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 Chris Nayak, James Nellikunnel, Marc Noel, John O'Brien, Kenneth Ogbonna, Kenneth Obiekwe, Abraham Palakkattuchira

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

Wednesday - September 26
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Grades 6 to 8

Sunday - September 23
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Grades 9 to 12

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6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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During the Liturgy of the Word
Ages 4-7 - Youth Center

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Every Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. Mass
For children ages 2-4.

Drop children off directly at the Youth Center before Mass.

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.

RCIA

**Wednesday, September 26
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Paul will facilitate a guide to Catholic prayer on eight consecutive Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning October 9. There is a \$15 cost per participant for the required workbook. Go directly to the online giving tab on mmjchurch.org and select CCD. Your payment serves as your registration. You may participate even if you're not able to attend all 8 sessions. Childcare will be provided in the Youth Center.

FROM THE PASTOR

A portion of our monthly obligations to the diocese of Alexandria includes \$375 (\$4,500 annual) to support the retired priests of our diocese. This weekend, there will be a second collection to help our parish defray these costs. All funds collected will be directly applied to this \$4,500 budget item. Thank you in advance for your typical generosity.

Almost \$175,000 has been pledged to our ongoing Capital Campaign Phase I. As you know, we will be concluding this Campaign as of September 30th. At that time both Finance and Pastoral Councils will offer me their advice about moving forward. If you have not had the opportunity to provide for this necessary Campaign, please go directly to mmjchurch.org and select the online giving tab to make your donation.

Thank you to the Men of MMJ and all who helped them for a very enjoyable parish picnic and fun day. We had great weather, food, fun, and fellowship. Our parish is indeed blessed!

PARISH NEWS

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE

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

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.

MONTHLY PRO LIFE LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 30
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Cumella Hall
\$8 per plate; eat in or take out
Slow smoked beef, rice dressing, green beans, roll, and dessert.

PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 2 - 6:00 p.m.
Cumella Hall