

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.



HAPPY GAUDETE SUNDAY

The day takes its common name from the Latin word *Gaudete* ("Rejoice"), the first word of the entrance antiphon of this day's Mass. While the theme of Advent is a focus on the coming of Jesus in three ways: His first, His present and His final Advent, the readings for Gaudete Sunday deal with rejoicing in the Lord - Christian joy - as well as the mission of St. John the Baptizer and his connection with Advent.

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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(318) 442-2245 - pgadel@mmjchurch.org

Ms Jennifer Smilie, Youth Minsiter

(318) 201-5367 - youthministry@mmjchurch.org

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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.

YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders

Sunday, December 16

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Youth Center



Junior High Students

Sunday, December 16

3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Christmas pajamas or outfits encouraged but not required!!



CHRISTMAS MUSIC

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MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

4:00PM - Lauren Gadel Jacob

Lector: G. Patty
Server: TBD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

Lector: K. Chapman
Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Donald Normand, Lena Cortello

Lector: J. Antee
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Patin
Server: R. Lowe

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00AM - Roy Deville

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00AM - Thomas Nassif healing & recovery

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00AM - Sandy Roll

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00AM - Betty Mathews 85th birthday remembrance

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 DECEMBER 22, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

4:00PM - Ottis Monroe

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: TBD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00AM - Jack Ellington

Lector: K. Switzer
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Thomas Nassif healing & recovery

Lector: J. Foote
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Patin
Server: R. Lowe

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: D. Bess
Server: V. Montalvo

6:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: TBD
Server: TBD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:30AM - Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach
Server: M. Mallach

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00AM - NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00AM - Donald Normand

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

For Our Beloved Dead

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 - 12/09/18

Total # of Envelopes	72
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 102.39
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,885.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,830.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 657.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>5,330.00</u>
Overage	\$ 2,042.00
Goal for December (5 wks)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for December	\$ <u>13,361.00</u>
Still needed for December	\$ 13,289.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,180.00
Retired Religious	\$ 160.00
Dumb Ox Ministries	\$ 503.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 80.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$185,355.00
Received to Date	\$ <u>151,217.00</u>
Remaining Pledges to Goal	\$214,645.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

EXPENSES WEEK OF 12/09/18

Payroll	\$ 155.00
Diocese of Alexandria	\$ 5,049.45
WC of Louisiana (<i>dumpster</i>)	\$ 100.28
Our Sunday Visitor	\$ 63.40
ACS Technologies	\$ 37.00
The Holy Rood Guild	\$ 83.00
LA Horticultural Comm	\$ 90.00
USPS	\$ 200.00
Dumb Ox Ministries	\$ 503.00
Total Expenses	\$ 6,281.13

Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow. Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. You won't need to write checks and prepare envelopes every week. And even when you can't attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: www.mmjchurch.org

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Angelina Cortello

THOSE PREPARING FOR 1ST EUCHARIST

Luke Brocato, Caroline White

THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Noah Bellard, Julianna Foote, Tucker Foshee, Frank Lemoine, Max Mallach

OUR SICK

Fr. Terry Allen, George Babin, Becca Bartlett, Cary Boyd, Mary Brawner, Jackie Deptula, Stephen Deville, Eric Duck, Lona Foote, Justin Hebert, Dan Keely, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, Butch McGilvery, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Jennifer Quitta, Biz Roberts, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Zac Steely, Francis Thiels, Tommy Tremmer, Carlyn Volman, Jody Walker, Marilyn Wilson

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Callie Bess, Kathy Stevens Bosch, Kylie Renee Bush, Glenn Carroll, Amy Ladner Davis, Geri Deptula, Walter Deptula, Jr., John Goetz, Brenda Holloway, Betty Jones, Shelly Larrieu, Rachel Mayfield, Ana Maria Sierra, Irene Thompson, Elliott Trahan, Buddy Wise

OUR HOMEBOUND

Joan Alpha, Theresa Coker, 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 Dan O'Connor, Kenneth Obiekwe, Christian Ogonna, Remigus Owuamanam, Abraham Palakkattuchira, Binocha Pallipurath

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, January 9
6:00pm to 7:00pm

Grades 6 to 8

Sunday - January 13
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Drop children off directly at the Youth Center before Mass.

RCIA

Wednesday, December 19
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

SECOND COLLECTION

Traditionally at all Christmas Masses, a second collection is taken throughout our diocese for the education and formation of our priests. Through the **Church Vocations** collections, your generosity and prayers allow the church to continue to provide priests, sisters and brothers to serve our spiritual and physical needs.

STEUBENVILLE

Registration for **Beyond the Limits** Jr. High Conference, Feb. 16-17, 2019 is now OPEN. **Junior High Students Only!** To register visit: <https://www.diocesealex.org/beyond-the-limits/>

Registration for **Steubenville South** Youth Conference, June 21-23, 2019 is now OPEN. To register visit: <http://steubenvillesouth.com>

FROM THE PASTOR

THANK YOU

To the men of MMJ for preparing and serving the breakfast last weekend; to those who decorated the hall; to Mr. Derwood Delaney for taking the pictures of St. Nicholas. And last, but not least, St. Nick for being with us and having his picture taken with everyone.

MASS FROM MMJ CHURCH

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is live streamed each week. To watch it live on YouTube, search for MMJ Woodworth. You may also view it on our Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS 2018

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Please return all gifts, unwrapped with tags attached, to the Church this weekend.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the Christmas season. The donors and those remembered will be listed in the bulletin the weekend of January 12-13, 2019. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews and your monthly packet. You may use one of your own envelopes, as well. Remember to include on the envelope the name(s) of those to be remembered/honored.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday, December 24
4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25
9:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Monday, December 31
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
9:30 a.m.

This year both Christmas and New Year's Day are holy days of obligation.