

# 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.



## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m.

## BREAKFAST & PICTURES WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

## ADVENT PARISH MISSION

Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 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](http://mmjchurch.org)

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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**Mrs. Natalie Flynn, Janitorial/Maintenance**

(318) 487-9894 - [maintenance@mmjchurch.org](mailto:maintenance@mmjchurch.org)

**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 at 6:00 p.m. 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.

# YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

4:00PM - Alfred Mathews 88<sup>th</sup> birthday remembrance

Lector: M. Leleux  
Server: TBD

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00AM - Summit Losavio in thanksgiving of her Baptism, Richie Long

Lector: B. Edwards  
Server: K. Chapman

10:30AM - Donald Normand

Lector: C. Coreil  
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Louviere  
Server: V. Montalvo

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00AM - Ottis Monroe

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00AM - Barbara Reich

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00AM - Thomas Nassif healing & recovery

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:30PM - Laura Gadel Jacob

Lector: D. Bess  
Server: V. Montalvo

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00AM - Donald Normand

Lector: C. Sayes

4:00PM - Ottis Monroe, Roy Deville

Lector: S. Cranford  
Server: TBD

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00AM - Laurie Ogaard

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 10

7:00AM - Sandy Roll

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00AM - Roy Deville

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00AM - Bootsy Gauthier

#### 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.

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 - 11/25/18**

Total # of Envelopes	64
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 87.25
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,159.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,425.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$ 254.00</b>
Goal for November (4 wks)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for November	\$ 19,464.00
<b>Short for November</b>	<b>\$ 1,856.00</b>
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 45.00

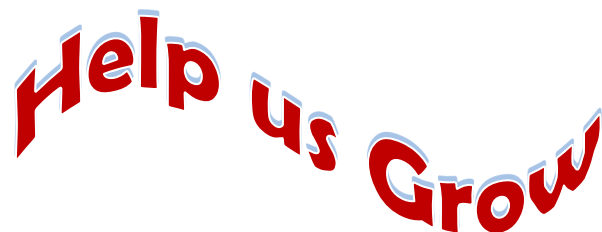
**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I**

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$184,205.00
Received to Date	\$148,317.00
Remaining Pledges to Goal	\$215,795.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**EXPENSES WEEK OF 11/25/18**

Payroll	\$ 6,425.63
Total Expenses	\$ 6,425.63



**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](http://www.mmjchurch.org)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**THOSE PREPARING FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 Tremer, 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 Larriou, Rachel Mayfield, Ana Maria Sierra, Irene Thompson, Elliott Trahan, Kirsten VanMol, 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**

Bishops David Talley, Ronald Herzog, Fathers Dale Meade, Luke Melcher, Angelo Messina, Jack Michalchuk, Kenneth Michiels

*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, December 5  
6:00pm to 7:00pm

**Grades 6 to 8**

Sunday - December 2  
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 5  
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**

**ADVENT PARISH MISSION**



Brian Butler and Rita West

Sponsored by MMJ Pro Life Committee

Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Child care will be available in the Youth Center.**



**PARISH NEWS**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



Friday, December 7  
5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8  
9:00 a.m.

This solemnity is a holy day of obligation and the patronal feast day of the USA.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE**

This year we have decided to reach out more locally and to the new Crisis Pregnancy Center in Alexandria.

**Silver Snowflakes**

Gift Cards for our Seminarians

**Red Boots**

Mollie Wise Housing Center

**White Snowflakes**

Crisis Pregnancy Center

Please return all gifts, unwrapped with tags attached, to the Church the weekend of December 15 and 16.

**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.

**BREAKFAST & PICTURES WITH ST. NICHOLAS**

Sunday, December 9  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Church Hall

Sponsored by the Men of MMJ.