

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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When you shop at Amazon, and select Mary, Mother of Jesus as your charitable organization, Amazon will donate 0.5% back to our parish. Smile is the same Amazon you know, same products, same prices, same service. Please support us by shopping at smile.amazon.com.

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.



On behalf of Fr. Paul and those who minister to and with you at Mary, Mother of Jesus Parish, may you and those you love experience in your lives and hearts the true joy of the Lord's Nativity!

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
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Website: mmjchurch.org

OFFICE HOURS

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

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(337) 831-3722 - ncoreil@bellsouth.net

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

Ms Jennifer Smilie, Youth Minsiter

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

Mrs. Natalie Flynn, Janitorial/Maintenance

(318) 487-9894 - 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 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.

U.S. Bishops Approve \$9.5 Million in Grants to U.S. Mission Dioceses and Eparchies, Including Funding for Youth Ministry, Seminarian Formation and Outreach to Migrants

WASHINGTON— The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions approved \$9.5 million in grants to assist 79 dioceses and eparchies at the subcommittee's meeting October 9-10, in Spokane, Washington.

“Many dioceses and eparchies throughout the United States cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside assistance. Through the generosity of Catholics to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, we can help strengthen the Church here at home,” said Archbishop Paul D. Etienne of Anchorage, Chairman for the Committee on National Collections.

Subcommittee grants assist dioceses and eparchies that would otherwise struggle due to difficult geography, impoverished populations, and limited resources. Catholic Home Missions funding supports various pastoral programs, including religious education and youth ministry, priestly and religious formation, prison ministries, and lay ministry training.

Projects approved for funding include the following:

- Migrant Ministry in the Diocese of Stockton, California, to provide pastoral care and evangelization to thousands of farmworkers and their families.
- Seminarian Education and Formation in the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, to develop vocations, provide personal assistance with discernment, and support current seminarians as they prepare for ordained ministry.
- Mission and Ministry Fund in the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky, to help rural and mountain parishes develop their missionary presence and action in Appalachian Kentucky.
- Young Adult Ministry/Community College Outreach in the Diocese of Dodge City, Kansas, to extend outreach ministries to young people between the ages of 18-39 through events, mission trips, and other programs for prayer and fellowship.
- Manua Mission in the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago, American Samoa, to provide missionary services and pastoral support to children and families who are isolated from the main island of Tutuila and live in the outlying islands of Manua.

The Subcommittee's grants are funded by donations to an annual collection, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. The Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions oversees the Catholic Home Missions Appeal as part of the USCCB Committee on National Collections. The national date for the annual appeal is the fourth Sunday in April.

Grants for the Mission Dioceses of Louisiana:

Diocese of Shreveport

Grant Amount: \$50,000.00

Catholic Population: 41,621 (5%)

Areas of Need: Diocesan Office of Catechesis; Christ the King Campus Center at University of Louisiana Monroe; Catholic Hispanic Ministry; Seminarian Education and Vocations; Diocesan Prison Ministry

Diocese of Alexandria

Grant Amount: \$150,000.00

Catholic Population: 36,280 (10%)

Areas of Need: Seminarian Education; Office of Hispanic Ministry; Campus Ministry

Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

Grant Amount: \$75,000.00

Catholic Population: 114,000 (48%)

Areas of Need: Program Support for the Office of Hispanic Ministry

Diocese of Lake Charles

Grant Amount: \$145,000.00

Catholic Population: 70,269 (24%)

Areas of Need: Support/Subsidy to Needy Parishes; Evangelization, Lay Ministry Formation, Education, and Enrichment; Youth and Young Adult Ministry; Vocation Awareness; Communications Outreach

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

4:00PM - Ottis Monroe

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: TBD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00AM - Jack Ellington

Lector: T. Ogaard

Server: K. Chapman

10:30AM - Thomas Nassif healing & recovery

Lector: K. Bellard

Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: D. Bess

Server: V. Montalvo

6:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: K. Bellard

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

WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

4:00PM - Ottis Monroe

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: TBD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00AM - Donald Normand

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Thomas Nassif healing & recovery, Anthony Accetella

Lector: D. Bess

Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: TBD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:30PM - Roy Deville

Lector:

Server:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019

9:00AM - Joe Gauthier

Lector: S. Cranford

Server:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00AM - Eugene LaPalme 19th anniv

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00AM - Wilfred Moras 35th anniv

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

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 12/16/18

Total # of Envelopes	49
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 95.27
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,003.00
EFT Collection	\$ 665.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Shortage	\$ 662.00
Goal for December (5 wks)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for December	\$ 18,029.00
Still needed for December	\$ 8,621.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 145.00
Retired Religious	\$ 20.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 51.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$185,505.00
Received to Date	\$151,542.00
Remaining Pledges to Goal	\$214,495.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

EXPENSES WEEK OF 12/16/18

Payroll	\$ 6,496.07
J & J Exterminating	\$ 81.00
Town of Woodworth	\$ 292.62
AT&T Mobility	\$ 101.73
Fr Paul (<i>reimbursement</i>)	\$ 191.36
Sam's MasterCard	\$ 863.04
Raila Refrig (<i>oven repair hall</i>)	\$ 449.23
Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,521.92
Total Expenses	\$ 10,996.97

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

Richard Gadel, Earline Sayes

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, 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 John Pardue, Chad Partain, George Pookkatu, Rusty Rabalais, Charles Ray, Joy Retnazihmoni, Taylor Reynolds

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.

STEUBENVILLE 2019

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>

LIVESTREAMING MASS

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we have begun live streaming the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. To watch it live on You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth. You may also view it on our Facebook page.

We will also be livestreaming the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass.



CHRISTMAS 2018

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS DAY 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.

2019 CALENDARS

Catholic Extension Society "**Feasts & Saints**" calendars are available on the bookcase in the narthex. These are a gift from your parish.

PARISH OFFICE

In celebration of Christmas, the office will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25. Although the parish office is closed, telephone messages left for Fr. Paul are always forwarded directly and confidentially to him. If you have an emergency for someone who is seriously ill or dying, please call 487-9894 ext. 1 and leave a message. Fr. Paul will be messaged to answer your call.

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.

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.