

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

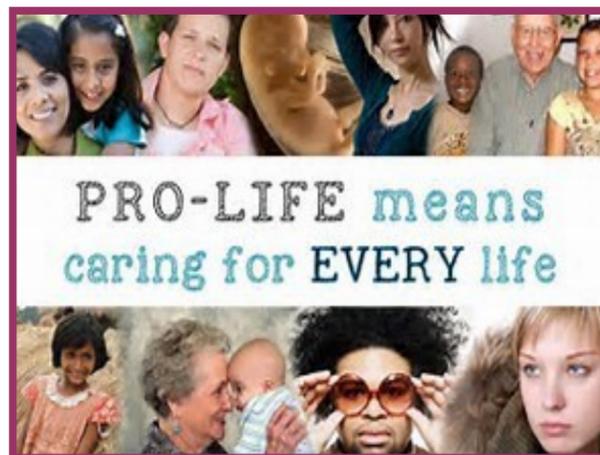
This sacrament should no longer be considered exclusively for the dying, as in "last rites". It is to be celebrated by and for those whose health has been seriously impaired by illness or old age. Anyone may be anointed before surgery or an invasive test or medical procedure. Elderly people may be anointed 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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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.



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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OFFICE HOURS

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

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

Mrs. Natalie Flynn, Custodian
(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.

**THE NORTH AMERICAN ORTHODOX-CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL CONSULTATION
HAS RELEASED A NEW AGREED STATEMENT ON THE
VOCATION AND MISSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

August 6, 2019

WASHINGTON— The North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation has released a new agreed statement entitled, The Vocation and Mission of the People of God: “A Chosen Race, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation”. The document was finalized at the most recent meeting of the Consultation which took place in late May of this year at the Saint Methodios Faith and Heritage Center in Contoocook, New Hampshire. The Consultation is co-chaired by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, the Catholic Archbishop of Newark, and by Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Methodios of Boston.

More than five years in the making, this new text is an example of a different approach to ecumenical dialogue: instead of addressing together an issue that has prevented full communion between the churches, here the Catholic and Orthodox theologians examine together challenges that affect both churches, in this case the role of the laity in the two traditions and the problem of clericalism.

The document begins with a summary of earlier statements by the Consultation on these and similar themes. It goes on to develop an ecclesiology that sees the sacrament of Baptism as the foundation of the vocation and ministry of every Christian, clergy and laity alike. Thus all the People of God together constitute a single community. Some members have received a special role of leadership within the community, but all of the members have received specific charisms that are to be exercised for the building up of the whole body. Within this context, the ordained clergy are set apart from the body of believers but are not above or separate from that body. All of this is expressed most clearly in the celebration of the Eucharist where the diversity of gifts and roles is made clear in the gathered community’s single act of praise.

The document goes on to reflect on the mission of the laity in the Church, and the implications of this ecclesiology for the practice of synodality at all levels of the Church’s life. In a final section, the agreed statement considers certain challenges to the People of God, namely clericalism, individualism and ecumenical reunion. The Consultation concludes that “our focus in thinking about the Church, and in celebrating its reality, must be on the unity of the People of God that is grounded in our common baptism and on a corresponding understanding of the diversity of roles and charisms within that radically united people.”

Like most dialogue agreed statements, this new text does not speak officially for either Church. However, it has been drafted by a highly competent group of theologians from both traditions and submitted to all the members of both Churches for their prayerful reflection and discussion. The full text can be found here <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/ecumenical/orthodox/vocation-and-mission.cfm>

The North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation is sponsored jointly by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, the Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the USCCB, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Since its establishment in 1965, the Consultation has issued some 30 agreed statements on various topics. All these texts are available on the website of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops at: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/ecumenical/orthodox/index.cfm> and on the web site of the Orthodox Assembly of Bishops at <http://www.assemblyofbishops.org/ministries/dialogue/orthodox-catholic/>

Another body, the Joint Committee of Orthodox and Catholic Bishops, has been meeting annually since 1981 to discuss pastoral issues between the two churches.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF AUGUST 10, 2019

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
ADD’L COLLECTION: CHURCH IN AFRICA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

4:00PM - Butch Doiron health and healing

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: TBA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00AM - Richard Kelly

Lector: K. Chapman
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Lillian Miller

Lector: J. Foote
Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00AM - Raymond “Sonny” Tucker

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00AM - Russell Cospelich

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00AM - Mark Watson health and healing

5:30PM - JoAnn Noel health and healing

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00AM - Debbie Lafleur healing

6:00PM - Irene Mathews

Lector: TBD
Server: TBD

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
KYLE OGAARD
BY FRAN OGAARD**

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.

WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2019

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

4:00PM - Katie Scalise, Kyle Ogaard

Lector: G. Patty
Server: TBA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00AM - Thomas Nassif recovery & healing

Lector: T. Ogaard
Server: M. Mallach

10:30AM - Marty Doiron

Lector: K. Bellard
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Patin
Server: R. Lowe

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00AM - Jacqueline Brown

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00AM - David Foshee, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00AM - Irma Cospelich

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00AM - Fleta Waits

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 - 8/4/19

Total # of Envelopes	56
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 80.63
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,451.00
EFT Collection	\$ 470.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Shortage	\$ 409.00
Goal August (4 wks)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for August	\$ 4,921.00
Still needed for August	\$ 16,399.00
Maintenance	\$ 230.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$190,465.00
Received to Date	\$181,212.00
Unpaid Pledges	\$ 9,253.00

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

Goal	\$ 18,702.00
Pledged	\$ 17,601.00
Remaining	\$ 1,101.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you take with you nothing that you have received only what you have been given: A full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.” (St. Francis of Assisi)

EXPENSES WEEK OF 8/4/19

Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,092.54
ACS Technologies	\$ 38.00
AT&T (Office)	\$ 270.71
Cleco (Hall, Church, Rectory)	\$ 1,614.24
OCP Publications	\$ 103.83
Suddenlink (Office, Rectory)	\$ 315.75
WC of Louisiana (Dumpster)	\$ 196.80
Total	\$ 3,631.87

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR SICK

Baby Allison Grace Adams, George Babin, Becca Bartlett, Mary Brawner, Stephen Deville, Rev. Ross Ford, Justin Hebert, Mathew Leotta, Jacques Matt, Doretha Melder, Leigh Anne Mulvey, JoAnn F. Noel, Jennifer Quitta, Biz Roberts, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Keelie Steely, Francis Thiels, Carlyn Volman, Jody Walker, Marilyn Wilson, Cody Leon Wood

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Carl “Buddy” Bess, Sr., Kathy Stevens Bosch, Joann Fuqua Brock, Kylie Renee Bush, Glenn Carroll, Amy Ladner Davis, Geri Deptula, Walter Deptula, Jr., Butch Doiron, Eric Duck, Lona Foote, John Goetz, Betty Jones, Neil Kavanaugh, Rachel Mayfield, Robert Ruemker, Ana Maria Sierra, Irene Thompson, Joseph Thompson, Elliott Trahan, Buddy Wise

OUR HOMEBOUND

Joan Alpha, Butch Doiron, Henry Lemoine, Donald Smith, Shirley Smith

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Bunny Bosak, Francis Thiels, Ruth Valley

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, Travis Edwards, Michael Hawthorne, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Michael Smilie



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

2019/2020 REGISTRATION

Grades PreK - 11

You may register directly online and pay the appropriate fee. If you prefer, you may print out the registration form and return it to the parish office with the fee attached. In order to ensure that we have all the necessary materials, the deadline for registration is Friday, August 16.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

On Vacation for the Summer.

We will resume on Sunday, September 8

RCIA

If you are not Catholic and have been thinking about initiation in the Catholic Church, or if you are a Baptized Catholic who has not celebrated all three of the Sacraments of Initiation, consider joining the **Right of Christian Initiation for Adults**. **RCIA** is the process by which people celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, in the Catholic Church.

Who is **RCIA** 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?

COME AND SEE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 - 6:30 P.M.

CUMELLA HALL

For more information please call Beth Chapman (318) 623-8016 or Cindy Sayes (318) 446-2893.

PARISH NEWS

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

A holy day of obligation.

Wednesday, August 14
5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15
7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE

Monday, August 19
6:00 p.m. - Cumella Hall

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70th anniversary in 2019, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 8, 2019 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage. If you would like to participate, please call or email the church office. Deadline is Friday, August 30, 2019.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle is available to burn weekly for any intentions you may have for the living, the deceased, in thanksgiving, in need, etc. Please contact Cindy at the parish office.

BULLETIN BY EMAIL

To receive a weekly bulletin via email, please email secretary@mmjchurch.org and write bulletin in the subject line.

MASS LIVE STREAMED

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

SPEND TIME IN PRAYER

Our church is open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to take some quiet time out of your day to spend a moment in prayer with Jesus.