

Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church



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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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2019

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:00PM - Betty Mathews 86th Birthday

*Lector: J. Louviere
Server: TBD*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00AM - Jacqueline Brown

*Lector: K. Duck
Server: M. Mallach*

10:30AM - Bertha Hopewell

*Lector: D. Bess
Server: M. Hawthorne*

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00AM - Jack Ellington

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

NO 7:00 AM MASS

4:00PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: V. Montalvo*

6:00PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: B. Lowe
Server: B. Gadel*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:30AM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: R. Mallach
Server: C. Mallach*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

NO MASS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2019

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

4:00PM - Rose Gerchow

*Lector: Gaynell Patty
Server: TBD*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00AM - Vic Tolito

*Lector: B. Edwards
Server: K. Chapman*

10:30AM - Eva Deville Foster

*Lector: J. Foote
Server: I. Antee*

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: R. Patin
Server: R. Lowe*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00AM - Marty Doiron

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:30PM - Eloise Andries

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

9:30AM - Irvin Butler

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00AM - Eugene F. LaPalme 20th Anniv.

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

FOR OUR MOTHERS LIVING AND DECEASED

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 - 12/15/19

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| Total # of Envelopes | 51 |
| Avg. Identifiable Gift | \$ 86.35 |
| Weekly Identifiable Collection | \$ 3,644.00 |
| EFT Collection | \$ 760.00 |
| Loose Cash | \$ 616.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$ 75.00 |
| Weekly Goal | \$ <u>5,330.00</u> |
| Shortage | \$ 310.00 |
| Goal for December (5 wks) | \$ 26,650.00 |
| Received for December | \$ <u>16,599.00</u> |
| Still needed for December | \$ 10,051.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 20.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ 615.00 |
| Retired Religious | \$ 20.00 |

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I

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| Goal | \$400,000.00 |
| Pledged to Date | \$192,950.00 |
| Received to Date | \$ <u>184,682.00</u> |
| Unpaid Pledges | \$ 8,368.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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

Help us Grow

"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)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Amelia Brocato, Lauryn Brown, Andrew Brundrett, Bayleigh Cataldie, Braden Emerson, Cora Lohman, Olivia Long, Helen Mathews, Estella Montalvo, Leah Moreau, Charliee Patin, Finley Ponthier

OUR SICK

Jayne Blackman, Russ Edwards, Ramiro Felix, Randy Francis, Helen Robbins Hubbard, Jacques Matt

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Glenn Carroll, Amy Ladner Davis, Geri Deptula, Walter Deptula, Jr., Eric Duck, Betty Jones, Irene Thompson, Joseph Thompson, Buddy Wise

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Joan Alpha, 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD**PREK TO GRADE 5**

Wednesday, January 8, 2020
6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

GRADES 6 TO 8

Sunday, January 5, 2020
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Ages 2- 4
Every Sunday
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Drop children off directly at the Youth Center before Mass.

RCIA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 - 6:30 P.M.

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

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE

A labeled container is in the narthex for the Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition (CLHC) who needs the following: travel size deodorant and body lotion, new in package underwear (both men & women), socks, tarps, gloves, jackets, wool (sock) caps. Monetary donations should be in an envelope marked CLHC and put it in the collection basket.

NEW YEAR 2020**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**

Monday, December 31 - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

New Year's Day is a holy days of obligation.

CALENDARS

Thanks to the generosity of parishioner Geri Deptula, beautiful 2020 calendars are available on the bookcase in the narthex.

PARISH NEWS

Fr. Paul, Deacon Paul, and all those who minister to and with you at Mary, Mother of Jesus Parish, pray that you and those you love experience the true joy of the Lord's Nativity!

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday, December 24 - 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 25 - 9:30 a.m.

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 11-12, 2020. The suggested donation is \$10. Envelopes for this purpose are in the pews, your monthly packet, or envelope of your. Remember to include on the envelope the name(s) of those to be remembered/honored.

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION

Traditionally, a collection is taken up in our diocese for the education and formation of our priests, through the Church Vocations collection.

LIVESTREAMING MASS

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we will also be livestreaming the **4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass**. To watch it live on You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth. You may also view it on our Facebook page.

PARISH OFFICE

The office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25. Telephone messages left for Fr. Paul are always forwarded directly 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.

THANK YOU!!

All 200+ giving-tree tags were taken and the gifts delivered to grateful Molly Wise residents, Cenla Pregnancy Center, Diocesan Seminarians, and 4 families in Woodworth. The generosity of our parish family is consistently overwhelming.



Fourth Sunday in Advent

**IN THESE FINAL DAYS OF ADVENT,
CONSIDER GATHERING AS A
FAMILY AROUND YOUR HOME
NATIVITY SCENE TO SAY A
BLESSING TOGETHER.**

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord
R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, [Luke 2:1](#) (lines 1-8) or [Isaiah 7:10](#) (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.



Cathy Image

Lord,
bless all who look up on this manger:
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.
R/. Amen.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*



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

LIVESTREAMING MASS

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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 the second through the last Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. The first Tuesday of the month we gather at the Molly Wise Senior Apartments recreation room.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Provides for the luncheon following the funeral of a member of our parish family. Contact: Bobbie Long, (318) 442-3578

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

All ministers must be confirmed and in a valid Catholic marriage, recommended by the pastor, and approved by the bishop for a three-year term which is indefinitely renewable.

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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