

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

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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.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes before every weekend Mass.

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 26, 2020

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

4:00PM - Safe travels of David Emerson and Victor Lopez, Jacqueline Brown

Lector: K. Sayes

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00AM - Marty Doiron

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: V. Montalvo

10:30AM - Ben Van Mol

Lector: J. Foote

Server: M. Hawthorne

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00AM - Becky Roberts

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00AM - Raymond Paul, Sr.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:30PM - Russell Cospelich

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: TBD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

9:30AM - Nelda Englehart

Lector: TBD

Server: TBD

WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2021

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

4:00PM - Eugene F. LaPalme 20th anniv.

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: K. Sayes

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00AM - Wilfred J. Moras 36th anniv.

Lector: R. Normand

Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

Lector: D. Bess

Server: I. Antee

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00AM - Marty Doiron

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00AM - Becky Roberts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00AM - Raymond "Sonny" Tucker

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00AM - Rita A. LaPalme 7th anniv.

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF JONELLE GUIDRY

BY MIKE AND MARCIA LELEUX

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Kenny Sayes

THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Olivia Bennett, Lucy Brundrett, Eli Byrd, Evan Falks, Sara Long, Jace Moreau, Gunnar Ogaard, Caden Rajewski, Halle Reynolds

OUR SICK

George Babin, Diane Babin, Marvin Barnage, Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, George Juan Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Dobard, Randy Francis, Doris Hebert, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Debbie Norment, Helen Robbins, Michelle Vincent, Carmen Wyrick

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Chris Andries, Michael Brewton, Amy Ladner Davis, Gerri Deptula, Walter Deptula, Jr., Rhonda Earhart, Betty Jones, Terry Kohler, Helen Mathews Smart, Buddy Wise

OUR HOMEBOUND

Gerri Deptula, Butch Doiron, Jane Hollier, Alvin Loyacano, Adrienne Stevens, Mike Stevens

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Joan Alpha, Bunny Bosak, Marie Hawthorne, Francis Thiels

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, Travis Edwards, Dustin Guillory, Michael Hawthorne, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin 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.

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 12/20/20

Regular Collection	\$ 4,326.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,450.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>5,330.00</u>
Overage	\$ 446.00
Goal for December (4 Sundays)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for December	\$ <u>17,709.00</u>
Still needed for December	\$ 3,611.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 510.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 20.00
Retired Religious	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
Church Vocation	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2020	\$ 18,702.00
Pledged (43 families)	\$ <u>17,622.00</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 1,180.00

“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)

Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow. It allows you to create or alter your contribution schedule at any time and see reports of your contribution history that you can use for your records. 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD**GRADES 6 - 11**

Sunday, January 10, 2021
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Youth Center

GRADES PREK - 5

Due to the ongoing issues of Covid-19, we will continue at-home Religious Education Instruction for Spring 2021. Beginning Wednesday, January 13, 2021, Mrs. Brinda Edwards will be available each Wednesday evening in the Church Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to offer needed assistance to parents and children.



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?

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

PARISH NEWS**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 9-10, 2021. 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.

MMJ PRAYER LINE

Call (318) 625-9195 to pray, in the presence of Christ, with one of our *Prayer Companions*.

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**
NEW YEAR 2021

Thursday, December 31

No 7:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 2021

9:30 a.m.

From Father Paul, Deacon Paul, and all who minister to and with you:

May you and those you love experience anew, the presence of Jesus Christ, and may the New Year 2021 be filled with hope and joy.

FORMED

Our parish has a subscription to FORMED, an online platform subscription service offering access to the best Catholic digital content producers - studies, films, audio, and eBooks. All parishioners of every age can access this great Catholic material. Go to formed.org, select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.



The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

DECEMBER 27, 2020

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

Add an additional prayer to your family routine today and brainstorm ways you might help each other grow in faith throughout this New Year.



Photo Credit



May the Holy Family be a model for our families, so that parents and children may support each other mutually in adherence to the Gospel, the basis of the holiness of the family.

—Pope Francis, December 29, 2019



The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Friday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

“Mary is more blessed in receiving the faith of Christ, than in conceiving the flesh of Christ.”
St. Augustine, *On Holy Virginity*, 3



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

POSTPONED TEMPORARILY DUE TO COVID-19

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

POSTPONED TEMPORARILY DUE TO COVID-19

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 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

POSTPONED TEMPORARILY DUE TO COVID-19

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we livestream the 7:00 a.m. daily Mass and both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. To view it click on the YouTube tab at mmjchurch.org.

PRAYER/SOCIAL/OUTREACH

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

POSTPONED TEMPORARILY DUE TO COVID-19

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 for our Church and World.

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.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

- ◆ the people of the Diocese remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass;
- ◆ people are encouraged to wear masks;
- ◆ no more than 75% occupancy;
- ◆ for those who feel obliged to fulfill the Sunday obligation, a weekday Mass could accomplish this;
- ◆ family members may sit in the same pew;
- ◆ all ministers should observe proper hygiene of their hands and cleanse their hands immediately before and after communion;
- ◆ give communion with no bodily contact. Gently let the host touch the person's hand and drop it in their hand without touching them;
- ◆ Communion on the tongue is not encouraged but permitted;
- ◆ the chalice with the precious blood is not to be offered;
- ◆ the sign of peace can be given by bowing to the other person;
- ◆ as people depart from Mass, social distancing must be observed;

BE NOT AFRAID!!

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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