

# 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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## 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 JANUARY 4, 2020

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

4:00PM - Wilfred Moras, 36<sup>th</sup> Anniv.,  
Donald Normand  
*Lector: S. Cranford*  
*Server: L. Brocato*

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00AM - Richard Kelly  
*Lector: K. Chapman*  
*Server: M. Mallach*

10:30AM - Paul Miletello

*Lector: T. Long*  
*Server: I. Antee*

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Reynolds*  
*Server: M. Reynolds*

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00AM - Irvin Butler

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00AM - Rita LaPalme, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00AM - Vic Tolito

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00AM - Mary Mrozinski



#### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
RITA LAPALME  
ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HER DEATH  
BY HER SON, FR. PAUL M. LAPALME

If you would like to have a loved one or special intention remembered by providing for the sanctuary candle, please contact the parish of-

### WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2020

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

4:00PM - Donald Normand  
*Lector: M. Leleux*  
*Server: M. Reynolds*

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00AM - Marty Doiron  
*Lector: G. Delaney*  
*Server: K. Chapman*

10:30AM - Margot Rodriguez

*Lector: K. Bellard*  
*Server: M. Hawthorne*

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: R. Mallach*  
*Server: M. Mallach*

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00AM - Michael J. Chaplan

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00AM - Rachel Brouillette Johnson

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00AM - Eddie Rodriguez

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00AM - Ralph Funk

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 **HOT-LINE** (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 - 12/29/19**

Total # of Envelopes	62
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 68.18
Weekly Identifiable Collection	\$ 3827.00
EFT Collection	\$ 400.00
Loose Cash	\$ 512.00
Christmas	\$ 2,904.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 30.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>5,330.00</u>
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$ 2,343.00</b>

Goal for December (5 wks)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for December	\$ <u>29,025.00</u>
<b>Over for December</b>	<b>\$ 2,375.00</b>

Maintenance	\$ 70.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 220.00
Church Vocations	\$ 335.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 50.00

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I**

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

**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](http://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**

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

**OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING**

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

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

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 pew envelope for this purpose.*

**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.

**STEUBENVILLE 2019**

Registration for **Beyond the Limits** Jr. High Conference, March 7-8, 2020 is now OPEN. **Junior High Students Only!** To register visit: <https://www.diocesealex.org/beyond-the-limits/>

Registration for **Steubenville South** Youth Conference, June 26-28, 2020 is now OPEN. To register visit: <http://steubenvillesouth.com>

**PARISH NEWS****EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING**

This weekend at all the Masses, youth from our Religious Education/CCD Program will be handing out bags for each family to take home. Inside each bag is chalk and a prayer card. On the Feast of Epiphany, the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. Traditionally chalk is used to write above the home's entrance and/or above any of the doors in the house.

**+20 C M B 20+**

The letters CMB have 2 traditional meanings: 1) the initial of the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar; 2) the abbreviation of the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The + sign represents the cross and 2020 is the year. Each of you is invited to bless your home on this Feast when Jesus Christ was manifested to the world and invites us to continue this manifestation through our work in the world.

**FORMED**

Our parish has subscribed 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](https://formed.org), select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

**LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY**

First Tuesday, January 7  
9:30 a.m. Mollie Wise Community Room  
Everyone is welcome to join them in prayer.

**SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

Sunday, January 12  
Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

If you would like to volunteer for any of the other second Sundays, the sign up sheet is on the display cabinet in the narthex.

# The Epiphany of the Lord



THIS WEEK, WE ASK YOU TO OFFER UP PRAYERS FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY THOSE AT THE U.S. BORDER.

## A Prayer for Immigrant Children

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Loving Father,

in your infinite compassion,

we seek your divine protection for refugee children

who are often alone and afraid.

Provide solace to those who have been witnesses

to violence and destruction,

who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they

cherish due to war or persecution.

Comfort them in their sorrow,

and bring help in their time of need.

Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord.

Reunite them with their families and loved ones.

Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land

to a place of peace and safety.

Amen



“Epiphany: this word indicates the manifestation of the Lord, who, as Saint Paul tells us in the second reading (cf. Eph 3:6), makes himself known to all the nations, today represented by the Magi. In this way, we see revealed the glory of a God who has come for everyone: every nation, language and people is welcomed and loved by him. It is symbolized by the light, which penetrates and illumines all things.” (Pope Francis, Jan. 6, 2019)

## National Migration Week

During the first full week in January, the U.S. bishops recognize National Migration Week. To help answer any questions you may have about Catholic teaching and migration, please visit [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org).



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## 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

### 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.

## 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 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 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

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](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.

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