

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.



**SAVE
THE DATES!**

Parishioners will be photographed

April 23, 24, & 25

for our new parish photo directory.

Sign up this weekend after all Masses!!!

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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Ms Jennifer Smilie, Youth Minister

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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 MARCH 7, 2020

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

4:00PM - Gena Tucker, Michael Brewton
successful surgery and healing

Lector: K. Sayes

Server: M. Reynolds

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:00AM - Ralph Funk

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - W. T. McCain

Lector: B. Lowe

Server: L. Brocato

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: R. Mallach

Server: C. Mallach

MONDAY, MARCH 9

7:00AM - Richard Kelly

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

7:00AM - Mavis Tucker

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

7:00AM - Andy Brown, Jr.

WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2020

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

4:00PM - Charles Medica 3rd anniv.

Lector: G. Patty

Server: K. Sayes

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

8:00AM - David Foshee, Sr.

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: K. Chapman

10:30AM - Paul Babin

Lector: D. Bess

Server: M. Hawthorne

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, MARCH 16

7:00AM - Jackie Kroll Reine

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

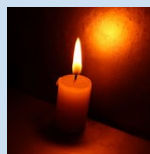
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

7:00AM - For family members to return to
Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

7:00AM - Vincent Luccioni

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN NASHVILLE

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 **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

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 3/1/20

Total # of Envelopes	62
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 78.16
Weekly Identifiable Collection	\$ 4,016.00
EFT Collection	\$ 830.00
Loose Cash	\$ 486.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,099.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>5,330.00</u>
Overage	\$ 1,101.00
Goal for March (5 Sundays)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for March	\$ <u>6,431.00</u>
Still needed for March	\$ 20,219.00
Central Eastern Church	\$ 75.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 10.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal	\$ 18,702.00
Contributions To Date	\$ <u>50.00</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 18,652.00

Jesus didn't do it alone. He called disciples to assist him in his mission. Jesus challenged and supported his disciples - at times gently chiding them, or reaching out a hand to help, and at times demanding a lot from them. Our Lord walks with us but he also challenges us to be good disciples by supporting the universal Church and our local Church through the ADA.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

THOSE PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

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

OUR SICK

Ramiro Felix, Randy Francis, Doris Hebert, Georgine Lauve, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Debbie Norment, Helen Robbins

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Carl "Buddy" Bess, Michael Brewton, Glenn Carroll, Amy Ladner Davis, Gerri Deptula, Walter Deptula, Jr., Betty Jones, Buddy Wise

OUR HOMEBOUND

Gerri Deptula, Butch Doiron, Jane Hollier, Henry Lemoine

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, 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD

FIRST EUCHARIST

Sunday, March 8
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PREK TO GRADE 5

Wednesday, March 11, 2020
6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

GRADES 6 TO 8

Sunday, March 8, 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.

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, hand sanitizers, bug spray, razors, washing pods, and handwarmers. Monetary donations should be in an envelope marked CLHC and put it in the collection basket.

STEBENVILLE 2020



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

LENT 2020

MUG AND MUFFIN

“Why We Worship”

Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25, April 1

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00PM

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

“Who Am I To Judge?”

Tuesday March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Child care will be available in the Youth Center.

MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 13, 20, 27
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
\$8.00 per plate; eat in or take out.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 8 - after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

DIOCESAN MEN’S CONFERENCE

MAN: Deep into Deeper

March 28 - 29, 2020
Randolph Riverfront Center

For more information or to register, visit:
www.dioceseman.com

ARISE: A RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Sponsored by Southern Grace-SIC
Holy Savior Menard High School
Saturday, March 28
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

DIOCESAN WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

Genesis of Eve - “Come to the Well”

Diocesan Women’s Conference
October 16 - 18, 2020
Randolph Riverfront Center

For more information or to register, please visit:
www.genesisofeve.org

MMJ BIENNIAL GARAGE SALE

Saturday, October 24
7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Church Hall

- Q. *Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.***
- A. It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.
- Q. *So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?***
- A. Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.
- Q. *I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I'm not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?***
- A. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs—all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.
- Q. *I've noticed that restaurants and grocery stores advertise specials on expensive types of fish and seafood on Fridays during Lent. Some of my Catholic friends take advantage of these deals, but somehow I don't feel right treating myself to the lobster special on Fridays during Lent.***
- A. While fish, lobster and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer.
- Q. *I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?***
- A. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.
- Q. *Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?***
- A. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

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

10:30 A.M. TV MASS

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we record the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass for replay immediately following. To view it 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 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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