

# 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 SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

4:00PM - Paul Lauve

*Lector: G. Patty*

*Server: TBA*

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00AM - Bernice Moore, Leola Reeves

*Lector: K. Switzer*

*Server: M. Mallach*

10:30AM - Lillian Miller

*Lector: J. Foote*

*Server: M. Hawthorne*

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: R. Patin*

*Server: R. Lowe*

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00AM - Communion Service

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**NO MASS**

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00AM - Communion Service

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00AM - Communion Service

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4:00PM - Elder Robin

*Lector: S. Cranford*

*Server: TBA*

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00AM - In Thanksgiving to Our Lady Star of the Sea

*Lector: T. Ogaard*

*Server: K. Chapman*

10:30AM - Marty Doiron

*Lector: K. Bellard*

*Server: I. Antee*

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: J. Montalvo*

*Server: C. Mallach*

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00AM - Communion Service

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**NO MASS**

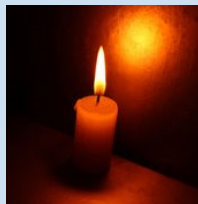
#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00AM - Communion Service

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00AM - Communion Service

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
PAUL LAUVE

BY ANDREA JAMES

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](http://www.diocesealex.org)

**STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS - 9/1/19**

Total # of Envelopes	57
Avg. Identifiable Gift	\$ 65.21
Weekly Collection	\$ 3,177.00
EFT Collection	\$ 540.00
Loose Cash	\$ 654.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>5,330.00</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 959.00</b>

Goal September (5 wks)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for September	\$ <u>4,371.00</u>
<b>Still Needed for September</b>	<b>\$ 22,279.00</b>

Maintenance	\$ 200.00
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**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE I**

Goal	\$400,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$192,950.00
Received to Date	\$ <u>184,582.00</u>
Unpaid Pledges	<b>\$ 8,368.00</b>

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2019**

Goal	\$ 18,702.00
Pledged	\$ <u>18,702.00</u>
Remaining	<b>\$ 00.00</b>

**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)



**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, Jennifer Quitta, Biz Roberts, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Keelie Steely, Francis Thiels, Carlyn Volman, Jody Walker, Marilyn Wilson, Cody Leon Wood

**OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING**

Joann Fuqua Brock, Kylie Renee Bush, Glenn Carroll, Amy Ladner Davis, Geri Deptula, Walter Deptula, Jr., Eric Duck, 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****PREK TO GRADE 5**

Wednesday, September 11 - 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

**GRADES 6 TO 8**

Sunday, September 15 - 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Ages 2-4

Sunday, September 8 - 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**FIRST PENANCE PARENTS' MEETING**

Tuesday, September 24  
6:30 p.m. - Cumella Hall

This meeting is mandatory for all parents whose children are registered for the first penance/first Eucharist class.

**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?

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - 6:30 P.M.**

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

**PARISH NEWS****MUG AND MUFFIN MONDAY**

September 16 - 10:00 a.m.

At the home of Regina Normand  
951 Hidden Ridge Drive, Woodworth

Bring your favorite mug. If you are a "mature woman" and would like to join our monthly gatherings, call Gerri Craft at (318) 448-3152.

**LECTOR MEETING**

Monday, September 23 - 5:30 p.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER MEETING**

Monday, September 23 - 6:30 p.m.

Both of these meetings are for all current and prospective lectors and Eucharistic ministers.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Each Tuesday from October 1 to November 5  
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Bishop Robert Barron: The Eucharist, Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence  
Facilitators: Father Paul and Deacon Paul  
Child Care will be available in the Youth Center.

**PRO LIFE COMMITTEE**

We will be selling Mi Tierra hot tamales during the month of September. Hot tamales are \$12 per dozen. They can be ordered frozen or hot. We will be taking orders at all masses next weekend, September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. You may also call Cindy Sayes 446-2893, Sally Cranford 792-5019, or Brinda Edwards 317-250-9997 to place an order. Pick up for the tamales will be Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, during our Pro Life Luncheon.

**MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

Sunday, September 29

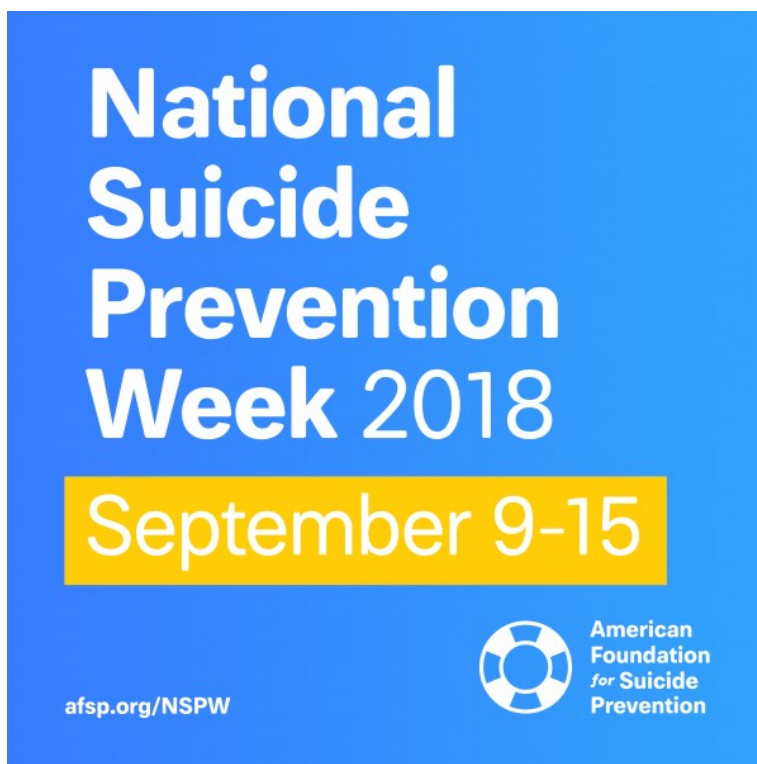
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cumella Hall

\$8 per plate; eat in or take out

Menu: Pulled pork, rice dressing, green beans, rolls, brownies, iced tea

**NEXT MEETING**


Monday, September 16  
6:00 p.m. - Cumella Hall

A blue rectangular poster with white text. The main title 'National Suicide Prevention Week 2018' is in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, the dates 'September 9-15' are written in white on a yellow rectangular background. In the bottom left corner, the website 'afsp.org/NSPW' is listed. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, which consists of a white life preserver icon and the text 'American Foundation for Suicide Prevention' to its right.

**National  
Suicide  
Prevention  
Week 2018**

September 9-15

afsp.org/NSPW

 American  
Foundation  
for Suicide  
Prevention

*Father, we pray for the unity and mission of the holy Church of God that it may welcome and serve all those who live with sadness, depression, or thoughts of suicide. Guide us, the citizens and leaders of this state and this town, to unite in providing for those who suffer in mind and spirit.*

*Forgive us when we knowingly or unknowingly ridicule, look in disgust, neglect or discriminate against those who struggle. Comfort and relieve those who are deeply troubled. Bring them hope, peace and the consolation of a loving community to surround them.*

*Protect and defend those living with emotional, physical or spiritual anguish from all exploitation, addictions and abuse. Walk with the homeless, runaways and missing persons, those who are destitute and all those who have no one to care for them. Forgive us for our indifference.*

*We commend to your mercy and defense all who are contemplating suicide. Bring someone or something to intervene at this very moment. Bring the families who have lost a loved one to suicide comfort in trusting that your grace accepts their loved one, despite the final desperate act that brought them into your loving arms.*

*Empower us to speak up for those who have no voice. Save us from complacency and from accepting the shortcomings of the systems that have failed them. Guide those who do research for the prevention and treatment of mental illness that can lead to suicide; uphold them with your compassion.*

*Return to full and rewarding lives all those who are survivors of suicide and all those in recovery. Grant eternal rest to all those whom we love but see no longer.*

**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

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 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 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 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**

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.

## 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.

## AMAZON SMILE

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