

Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

PARISH OFFICES

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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.

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OUR MISSION Statement

To live, love, forgive, and serve the needs of others in the example of Jesus Christ.

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 JUNE 3, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere, Eric Duck month's mind

Lector: P. Gadel
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

8:00AM - Felicity Moore

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback

Lector: B. Lowe
Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, JUNE 5

7:00AM - Russel Edwards, Sr.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

7:00AM - Mary Mrozinski

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7:00AM - Rita LaPalme 100th birthday remembrance

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

7:00AM - Russel Edwards, Sr.

WEEK OF JUNE 10, 2023

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

4:00PM - Adrien, Lena, Marty, Larry, and Jim Doiron, Bertha Tison Brown

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: J. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

8:00AM - Laurie Ogaard

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Ashley Brinson, Rickey Sayes

Lector: T. Reynolds
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, JUNE 12

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

NO MASS

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

NO MASS

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF STEPHEN RODEBACK
BY HIS WIFE, JUNE**

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) 542-9805 or the LA Child Abuse **HOTLINE** (855) 452-5451. 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 RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Kasen Wade Roberts

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Dianna Mayeaux

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Christina Rubio and Chad Doyle - October 21, 2023

OUR SICK, RECOVERING, CONVALESCING

After two weeks names are removed unless notification to retain someone is received in the collection, at secretary@mmjchurch.org, calling 487-9894x1200 or by mail. Exceptions can be made, of course.

Brian Dobard, Rhonda Earhart, David Harvey, Daniel Jones, Linda Kelly, Jacques Matt, Terry Melançon, Jimmy Neal

OUR HOMEBOUND

Evelyn Bartow, Phyllis Broussard, Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Janet Lamkin, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Adrienne Stevens

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, David J. Francis, 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 - 05/28/2023

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| Regular Collection | \$ 3,307.00 |
| EFT Collection | \$ 1,300.00 |
| Weekly Goal | \$ 6,530.00 |
| Shortage | \$ 1,923.00 |
| Goal for May (4 Sundays) | \$ 26,120.00 |
| Received for May | \$ 22,810.00 |
| Shortage for May | \$ 3,310.00 |
| Fathers' Day | \$ 35.00 |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
MERCİ BEAUCOUP!!**

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

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| Parish Goal 2023 | \$ 21,256.00 |
| Pledged | \$ 28,192.00 |
| Over Goal | \$ 6,936.00 |

“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

This 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. When you can't attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: www.mmjchurch.org

REGISTRATION/CENSUS

Do you consider Mary, Mother of Jesus Church “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.

FAITH FORMATION**VBS - JUNE 5-9**

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Early drop off begins at 7:30 a.m.

A WORD OF GRATITUDE

Thank you to Mayor David Butler and the Town of Woodworth for allowing us to utilize the J. W. McDonald Community Center, in addition to our church hall, for weekly CCD classes. This generous gift has allowed us to add several new classroom areas thereby enhancing our children's learning of their faith.



Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass
During the Liturgy of the Word
Ages 4 - 7 - Youth Center



Who Is **OCIA** 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?

Please contact either Beth and Keith Chapman or Jody and Jackie Byrd. Their contact information is on the front page of the bulletin.

CHURCH NEWS**PRE-FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

Sunday, June 11
Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Sponsored By Pro Life Ministries

MUG AND MUFFIN

Thursday, June 15
9:30 a.m. - Church Hall

**LADIES' ROSARY MINISTRY**

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church.

ROMEOs

(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)

Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Coffee, biscuits, conversation - Church Hall

QUILTING MINISTRY

Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70th or other significant anniversary in 2023, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage. If you would like to participate, please call or email the church office. Deadline is Thursday, August 31, 2023.

LIVE STREAMING

For the benefit of our homebound parishioners, we livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass weekly. To watch it on You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Please remember that the sanctuary candle is available to burn weekly for any intentions you may have for the living, the deceased, in thanksgiving, in need, etc. Please call Cindy at the church office.

Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

Sunday June 4

Ex 34:4b-6,8-9
Daniel 3:52-56 (52b)
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

Monday June 5

St. Boniface
Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8
Ps 112:1b-2,3b-6
Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday June 6

Tb 2:9-14
Ps 112:1-2,7-9
Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday June 7

Tb 3:1-11a,16-17a
Ps 25:2-5b,6,7b-9
Mark 12:18-27

Thursday June 8

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde,9-17;
8:4-9a
Ps 128:1-5
Mark 12:28-34

Friday June 9

Tb 11:5-17
Ps 146:1b-2,6c-10
Mark 12:35-37

Saturday June 10

Tb 12:1,5-15,20
Tb 13:2,6efgh,7-8
Mark 12:38-44

On the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate and honor God's character as the Most Holy Trinity.

The first reading shows us the Father parenting the baby nation of Israel. We see that he is merciful and gracious, "slow to anger and rich in kindness and faithfulness" – the Perfect Father.

If we have difficulty seeing him this way, it's because we've never experienced a human father-figure who showed us what perfect fatherhood looks like. Our spirits need healing. We've been projecting human imperfections onto our image of God. Even the best parents and teachers fall short of the wonderfulness of God's fatherhood. We need to consciously differentiate him from our human dads and other human authorities.

The second reading shows us the entire Trinity: the grace of Jesus, the love of the Father, and our friendly partnership with the Holy Spirit. In this and because of this, we are to rejoice, mend our ways, and live in

peace with one another.

In other words, because Jesus bore our sins as he died on the cross and then conquered death, he provides us with grace so that we can resist sin, and he provides us with the Father's love so that we can love one another no matter what, and he provides us with the Holy Spirit, who fellowships with us and empowers us so that we can continually live as holy Christians.

The Gospel reading shows us the depth of the Father's love. He doesn't condemn us for our sins; he gives us



his Son to rescue us from the destructive results of our sins.

Our sins condemn us and sentence us to eternal death, but Jesus saves us from this by taking us to eternal life – *if we want him to!*

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Which Person of the Trinity do you know the least? Or feel distant from? Or fear?
- † How have human relationships interfered with your ability to feel God's closeness?
- † Which Person of the Trinity do you know best? Why?
- † How is the Trinity the perfect example of a good, loving, healthy relationship?