

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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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.

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 AUGUST 10, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

4:00PM - Leo Dobard, Jr., Lloyd Killen

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00AM - Kyle Ogaard

Lector: D. Bess

Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Stephen Rodeback

Lector: T. Reynolds

Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon 1st anniv.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00AM - Kenny Blair

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00AM - Albert J. "Chris" Navarro

5:30PM - Larry Robin, Sr.

Lector: J. Moreau, A. Brundrett, C. White

Servers: H. Reynolds, A. Schexnyder

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00AM - Mary Lee and Gerald Robichaux, Sr.

WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

4:00PM - Kenny Blair

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: A. Byrd

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00AM - Sharan Bellard

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Dee Smart

Lector: J. Foote

Server: V. Montalvo

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: B. Winegeart, H. Reynolds

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00AM - Communion Service

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF LARRY ROBIN, SR.
BY HIS FAMILY

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 suggested donation 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 DECEASED

Janet “Tiny” Lamkin

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

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.

Eva Chamberlain, Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Frances Dunn, Celia Halbert, Thomas Hickman, Daniel Jones, Terry Melançon, Deacon Doug Moreau, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Charles Waller, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Brenda Holloway, Janet Normand, Jane Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Michael Flynn, Georgine Lauve, Lewis “Buddy” Lauve, Patricia “Patty” Mahone, Adrienne Stevens, Donna White

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Parker Barrett, Brandon Coreil, Dustin Guillory, Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Chuck Williams



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 - 08/04/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 5,161.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,139.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Overage	\$ 770.00
Goal for August (4 Sundays)	\$ 26,120.00
Received for August	\$ <u>7,300.00</u>
Still Needed for August	\$ 18,820.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00
A/C Repair	\$ 300.00

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2024	\$ 24,126.00
Received to Date (51 families)	\$ <u>24,537.00</u>
Overage	\$ 411.00

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge to the ADA, please visit www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/development-public-affairs-office. Please take the time to make your commitment to the larger Church, knowing that your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of the laity of our Diocese.

“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

FAITH FORMATION**GRADES PREK - 12**

Wednesday, August 14 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Bring your backpacks for a special back-to-school blessing. All young children must be accompanied by an adult.

GRADES PREK - 2

Wednesday, August 21
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

John W. McDonald Community Center

GRADES 3 - 5

Wednesday, August 21
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Church Hall

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, August 21
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Church Hall

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – 2024

Topic: Women of The Bible
Presenter: Mary DeVille, PhD
Time/Place: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Church Hall
Text: The Bible

All sessions will be live streamed and are intended for both men and women.

09/05/24

Introduction to women in Biblical times
The “Sister Wives” – Sarah and Hagar

09/12/24

The Victims and the Victorious

09/19/24

The Virtuous and the Vicious

09/26/24

What can we learn from these women?

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 2025, 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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Over the last ten years, the attendance at daily Mass has changed due in large part to illness, age, and death. Typically this means that when we have a funeral, very few if any attend daily Mass in favor of attending the funeral. Therefore, whenever a funeral is scheduled, daily Mass will be cancelled and the Mass intention transferred. I pray that this change will not inconvenience anyone. Thank you for your understanding.

CHURCH NEWS**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY*****A Holy Day of Obligation***

Wednesday August 14 - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 15 - 7:00 a.m.

Fr. Paul will be bringing Communion to our home-bound on Wednesday.

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 www.formed.org, select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

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.

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 2024, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 9, 2025 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 Sunday, August 31, 2024.

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Church Operating Fund

For the 3 Months Ended June 30, 2024

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

	Fiscal Year 2023-2024	Fiscal Year 2022-2023	VARIANCE
CHURCH RECEIPTS			
Regular Collections and Contributions	\$ 93,902.14	\$ 78,780.00	\$ 15,122.14
Repairs & Maintenance Collections	\$ 4,462.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 3,967.00
Building Fund Collections	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,205.00	\$ (355.00)
Special Parish Purpose Collections	\$ 13,549.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 13,499.00
Fundraising Adult, Youth, Other Income	\$ 2,418.33	\$ 90.00	\$ 2,328.33
Parish Suppers	\$ 100.00	\$ 475.00	\$ (375.00)
Church Hall Rental Income	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Insurance Proceeds			
Regular Non-Collection Receipts	\$ 2,297.19	\$ 3,545.33	\$ (1,248.14)
Total Receipts	\$ 117,778.66	\$ 84,640.33	\$ 33,138.33
CHURCH EXPENSES			
Clergy Earnings	\$ 9,036.69	\$ 8,842.31	\$ 194.38
Lay Employee Salary & Benefits	\$ 18,661.20	\$ 25,252.91	\$ (6,591.71)
Diocesan Support Assessment	\$ 15,150.00	\$ 9,520.00	\$ 5,630.00
Charitable Donations	\$ 1,824.70	\$ 1,324.58	\$ 500.12
Mass & Liturgical Supplies	\$ 9,868.05	\$ 8,248.70	\$ 1,619.35
Insurance	\$ 5,598.42	\$ 3,381.36	\$ 2,217.06
Interest & Bank Charges	\$ 727.92	\$ 1,687.41	\$ (959.49)
Parish Offices & Rectory	\$ 9,005.40	\$ 7,028.28	\$ 1,977.12
Religious Education, Programs & Services	\$ 10,102.27	\$ 1,494.00	\$ 8,608.27
Youth, Programs & Services	\$ 2,477.00	\$ 168.48	\$ 2,308.52
Parish Supper Expenses	\$ 772.30	\$ 890.05	\$ (117.75)
Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 9,234.36	\$ 6,654.72	\$ 2,579.64
Buildings, Furnishings, & Remodeling		\$ 3,489.32	\$ (3,489.32)
Utilities & Telephone	\$ 7,306.17	\$ 6,803.25	\$ 502.92
All Other Expenses	\$ 1,192.66	\$ 300.54	\$ 892.12
Total Expenses	\$ 100,957.14	\$ 85,085.91	\$ 15,871.23
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	\$ 16,821.52	\$ (445.58)	

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2024: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 | Ps 34:2-9 | Eph 4:30 – 5:2 | Jn 6:41-51

Pray: Lord Jesus, rekindle our hearts anew with the treasure of the Eucharist. Amen.

Jesus is the Living Bread, the Gift of Eternal Life.

Jesus said, “I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever, and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.” (John 6:51) The crowd of Jewish people, and even some of His disciples, had been listening to Jesus and they could not understand these strange and difficult words, so they chose to walk away from Him.

People had been amazed by Jesus’ healing miracles and fascinated by His stories. If they had given Jesus more time and trusted Him, perhaps there would have been more believers in what He was sharing about being the Bread of Life. Jesus tried to show them that just as God had provided manna to feed the hungry Israelites in the desert, He knew their hearts were hurting and wanted to feed them, too. This bread from heaven, Jesus Himself, would feed their souls and give them everlasting life. This heavenly food would be a gift of total love, self-surrender, suffering, and sacrifice and would lead the way to victory over death through His Resurrection. Jesus was pointing out His divinity, which was more than they could handle.

Clergy and those who have ever served as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on visits to the homebound in hospitals, nursing homes, or prisons often witness a profound demonstration of what Jesus meant by “living

bread.” It is truly humbling to walk into a hospital room to visit an elderly patient who is suffering and crying. When they receive Communion, their whole disposition often changes, and their face breaks out in a smile of relief and peace. By the same token, how beautiful it is when a retired deacon in the final stages of Alzheimer’s Disease cannot carry on a conversation or do anything for himself, yet when offered prayers and Communion, he mouths the familiar prayers and smiles in recognition when receiving Jesus.



Without a doubt, the True Presence of Christ is with us in the Eucharist. Christ brings hope, healing, strength, and renewal to our souls. This gift is for all of us at every stage of our journey in life. Best of all, Christ promises everlasting life in heaven with Him for those who believe and

follow Him. May we all be grateful and treasure this incredible gift of the Eucharist that we have been given.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Do you embrace the Eucharist as Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity?
- † Are there any other Church teachings that you struggle with? If so, will you commit to seek out the Church’s wisdom with patience and trust – and the help of the Holy Spirit – in order to increase your understanding?
- † What does it mean to experience the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?
- † What are the fruits of going to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?