

Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

PARISH OFFICES

9323 Highway 165 South
P. O. Box 408,
Woodworth, Louisiana 71485
Phone - (318) 487-9894 - Website: mmjchurch.org



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.

Rev. Paul M. LaPalme, KHS

Pastor

2120 Coulee Crossing Road, Woodworth, LA 71485
(318) 487-9894 - fatherpaul@mmjchurch.org

Ms Cindy Campbell

Secretary/Bookkeeper ~ Safe Environment

(318) 487-9894 - secretary@mmjchurch.org

Dr. Mary DeVille, PhD

Organist/Director of Music

Adult Faith Formation ~ Lectors

(318) 487-9894 - devillem@nsula.edu

Mrs. Katie Upton

Director, Religious Ed and Youth Ministries

(318) 308-9991 - dre@mmjchurch.org

Mr. Brad Gadel

Confirmation Preparation

(318) 446-1153 - bgadel@prodigy.net

Mrs. Beth Chapman

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

(318) 623-8016 - bethachapman@bellsouth.net

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 OCTOBER 5, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
ADD'L COLLECTION: CATHOLIC CHARITIES CENLA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

4:00PM - Stephen Rodeback 4th anniv., Kristian Louviere

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: A. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00AM - Betty Jones

Lector: K. Bellard
Server: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Dee Smart, Andrew Legros

Lector: J. Antee
Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:00AM - Dr. C. J. Ellington

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00AM - Ben Van Mol

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00AM - Kenny Blair

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:00AM - Gene Bordelon

WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2024

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:00PM - Andy Brown

Lector: B. Patty
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00AM - Sharan Bellard 55th wedding anniversary remembrance

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Helen Mathews Smart

Lector: J. Leglue
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00AM - David Foshee, Sr.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00AM - Jackie Kroll Reine

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF DR. C. J. ELLINGTON
IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIS 105TH BIRTHDAY
BY AUDREY ELLINGTON & BRINDA EDWARDS

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 Normand

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Kent T. Milton and Grace E. Knott
February 22, 2025 - St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Mary Frances Brundrett, Aaron Emerson, Ava Ingo, Ashton Landry, Harper Landry, Rylie Landry, Amy Long, Andrew Mott, Garrison Mott, Kyleigh Mott, Sawyer Zhao

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.

Penny Brawner, Eva Chamberlain, Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Frances Dunn, C. J. Fuqua, Celia Halbert, Thomas Hickman, Brenda Holloway, Daniel Jones, Michael Leleux, Terry Melançon, Deacon Doug Moreau, Jo Tassin, John Upton, Charles Waller, Debbie Wood, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Michael Flynn, 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 - 09/29/2024

Regular Collection	\$ 4,074.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,439.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,925.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 412.00
Goal for September (5 Sundays)	\$ 34,625.00
Received for September	\$ <u>30,417.00</u>
Shortage for September	\$ 4,208.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 35.00

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

“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)

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2024	\$ 24,126.00
Received to Date (51 families)	\$ <u>25,295.00</u>
Overage	\$ 1,169.00

COMMUNITY REWARDS

Visit [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) and sign up under Community at the bottom of their home page. Mary, Mother of Jesus will receive a percentage of your purchases. There is no charge to the shopper.

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 PRE K - 2

Wednesday, October 9
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
John W. McDonald Community Center

GRADES 3 - 5

Wednesday, October 9
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Church Hall

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, October 9
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR BEGINNERS

Day of Retreat Follow-Up

2024-2025 Reading Plan

Church Hall - 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

- October 27 Introduction & Chapter 1
- January 26 Chapters 2, 3 & 4
- March 23 Chapters 5 & 6
- May 18 Chapters 7, 8, Conclusion

Join us as we read Christopher West’s popular book for understanding the basics of St. John Paul II’s *Theology of the Body*. We join together for discussions over coffee and doughnuts. Childcare will be provided. For questions or further information, please text Katie Upton at (318) 308-9991.



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 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. OCIA is the process by which people celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, in the Catholic Church.

CHURCH NEWS

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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle is available to burn weekly for any intentions for the living, the deceased, in thanksgiving, in need, etc. The suggested donation is \$7.00. Please call Cindy at the church office.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend we will take up a separate second collection for **Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana**, which helped hundreds of people in need by providing Mental Health Services, Disaster Response, and Basic Needs Assistance. Their efforts have impacted over hundreds of individuals and families across the four deaneries of the diocese. Interns and volunteers give their time and talent; however, this work requires funds to address the physical needs of residents. Thank you for blessing them with the means to bring the corporal works of mercy to our communities, www.cccenla.org.

PRO LIFE MINISTRIES

Jambalaya Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, October 13 - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Dine in or Take Out

\$8.00 pre-sale; \$9.00 at the door

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 online at www.mmjchurch.org, under the “parish forms” tab. Adult children no longer living at home and recently married couples are especially encouraged to register.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024: Gn 2:18-24 | Ps 128:1-6 | Heb 2:9-11 | Mk 10:2-16

Supernatural Love in Marriage

Do you love someone who isn't loving you back? Have you experienced God's supernatural love helping you love those who are difficult to love?

Those of us who are married expect to be loved by our spouses as much as we need to be loved. And we assume that it's always going to be mutual: We will always be loved with the same passion as we love them.

However, most marriages enter difficulties that require supernatural love as well as supernatural persistence. That's why we need the Sacrament of Matrimony instead of just a civil ceremony at the courthouse or beach. Marriages need divine grace to endure with the permanence that God provides.

Jesus explained that the law of Moses permitted divorce because of the hardness of people's hearts. This is not an approval of divorce. He wants us to have hearts like his own, which never stops loving anyone.

In the days of Moses, when a marriage became difficult or unsatisfying, many men abandoned their wives. Although marriage was, from the beginning (Genesis Chapter 1), supposed to be a permanent covenant that united one man with one woman, a bill of divorce would allow an abandoned or rejected woman to remarry for her protection. It was never intended to be an approval of divorce.



Marriage is a reflection of God's faithful union with us. Permanence in marriage is a divine gift from God so that we can reflect him well. If we don't believe in the permanence of love within marriage, how can we believe that God is always in love with us – including when we don't deserve it? And how can children who watch us believe?

Remember, sometimes the lover goes to the Cross for the beloved. The vocation of marriage ordains the spouses to be a reflection of Christ's passion for all.

God never forces us to stay "married" to him. He loves us even when we turn away from him. Likewise, an unloved spouse is called by God to continue loving the one who abandons the marriage, even if only from afar. This is also true in any God-ordained friendships, and between priests and the laity they serve, and parents with their children.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Have you ever quit a relationship because it was too hard? Did you really stop loving that person?
- † How is the way you handled it like or unlike the heart of Christ?
- † How has God helped you love someone who quit loving you? How did you open yourself to receive his divine help?
- † Describe how this reveals to others what God's love is really like.