

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 APRIL 12, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

4:00PM - Bessie Dee Williamson

Lectors: B. Patty, G. Patty

*Servers: J. Schexnyder, A. Schexnyder
B. Gadel*

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

8:00AM - Lillian Villemetz

Lectors: G. Delaney, E. Lohman

Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Janet and Donald Normand

Lectors: M. Brundrett, J. Foote

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lectors: J. Montalvo, J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, APRIL 14

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

7:00AM - Irma "Tookie" Cospelich

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

7:00AM - Ernestine A. Moras 53rd anniv.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

6:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: P. Gadel

Servers: B. Gadel, B. Upton

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

3:00PM - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Lector: E. Lohman, P. Gadel

Servers: B. Gadel, C. Lohman, A. Brundrett

6:00PM - Stations of the Cross

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

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.

WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

8:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lectors: B. Patty, G. Patty, J. Montalvo

P. Gadel, S. Cranford, E. Lohman

Servers: B. Gadel, C. Lohman, V. Montalvo

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:00AM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

10:30AM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Leglue

Server: A. Byrd

5:00PM - **NO MASS**

MONDAY, APRIL 21

7:00AM - **NO MASS**

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

7:00PM - Stephen Rodeback

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

7:00AM - David Foshee, Sr.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

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

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 PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE**

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONYRandy L. Smith and Mallary A. Soileau
June 7, 2025 - St. Francis Xavier Cathedral**PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST**Mary Frances Brundrett, Ava Ingo, Ashton Landry,
Amy Long, 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.*Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Celia Halbert,
Thomas Hickman, Annie Johnson, Daniel Jones,
Brad Kohler, Pearl LaFleur, Deacon Doug Moreau,
James Moser, Laura Strange, Jo Tassin, Tonya Wood**OUR HOMEBOUND**Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Cecilia "Tookie" Liotta,
Joan McLure, Richard Milano, Sr., Beverly Jane Richey,
Joe & Irene Thompson, Constance Weil**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**Michael Flynn, LaVerne Fortenberry, 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 - 04/06/2025**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,661.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,261.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,925.00
Shortage	\$ 3.00
Goal for April (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for April	\$ 6,922.00
Still Needed for April	\$ 20,778.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 144.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 1,131.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**MERCI BEAUCOUP!!****MMJ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Parish Goal	\$ 1,000,000.00
Pledges Received (118 families)	\$ 900,861.00
Monies Received	\$ 388,180.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 99,139.00

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2025 \$ 22,506.00

As a Catholic community we are called to be one body in Christ and to live as His disciples. The Annual Diocesan Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to become one in His body by supporting the ministries of the local Church and contributing to the ADA.

"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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025****JUNE 9 - JUNE 13**

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Early drop off begins at 7:30 a.m.

Register online under the Faith Formation Tab.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Please contact Katie Upton if you would like to volunteer. Various opportunities are available

GRADES 2 - 5

Wednesday, April 16

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Church Hall

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, April 16

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Church Hall

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Sunday, April 27

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

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass

During the Liturgy of the Word

Ages 3 - 7 - Youth Center



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**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Should you need a pledge card, please speak with Fr. Paul or one of our sacristans after Mass. In this way we can track our success as we move through the future. If you are having trouble setting up online giving, call Cindy at the office.

PRO LIFE MINISTRIES

Monday, April 14

5:00 p.m. - Church Hall

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

FORMED

This online platform subscription service offers 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.

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.

LIVE STREAMING

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass each week. To watch it anytime on You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth.

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.

LENTEN NEWS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health. It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the 50 days of the Easter season. The donors and those to be remembered will be listed in the June 14-15 bulletin. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews, your monthly packet, or one of your own. Don't forget to include on the envelope the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered/honored.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 27, 2025**

Immediately following 10:30AM Mass, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and pray the chaplet of the Divine Mercy followed by Benediction. Everyone is encouraged to join us.

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

Saturday, April 12 – 4:00 p.m.

Mass will begin in the Hall

Sunday, April 13

8:00 a.m. - Mass will be celebrated in the Church

10:30 a.m. - Mass will begin in the Hall

5:00 p.m. - Mass will be celebrated in the Church

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

There will be 4 priests to celebrate individual Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

The altar of repose will be in Cumella Hall for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This year we ask that families spend up to one hour in adoration at the following times: Last name begins with...

A-H: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

I-P: 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

P-Z: 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

These are not exclusive assignments, merely recommendations. Anyone may spend time in adoration at any time from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Fr. Paul will be bringing Communion in the morning to our homebound parishioners.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18, 2025

The Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.

The Way of the Cross - 6:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 19, 2025

8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Mass

9:00 a.m. - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

9:45 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. - Mass

No 5:00 p.m. Mass Easter Sunday

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Church Operating Fund

For the 3 Months Ended March 31, 2025

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

	3rd Qtr FY 2024-2025	3rd Qtr FY 2023-2024	VARIANCE
CHURCH RECEIPTS			
Regular Collections and Contributions	\$ 82,760.35	\$ 84,924.00	\$ (2,163.65)
Repairs & Maintenance Collections	\$ 248.00	\$ 860.00	\$ (612.00)
Building Fund Collections	\$ 362,008.51	\$ 800.00	\$ 361,208.51
Special Parish Purpose Collections	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,495.00	\$ (1,375.00)
Fundraising Adult, Youth, Other Income	\$ 2,159.15	\$ 1,133.00	\$ 1,026.15
Parish Suppers	\$ 516.00	\$ -	\$ 516.00
Church Hall Rental Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Regular Non-Collection Receipts	\$ 8,100.07	\$ 4,786.70	\$ 3,313.37
Total Receipts	\$ 455,912.08	\$ 93,998.70	\$ 361,913.38
CHURCH EXPENSES			
Clergy Earnings	\$ 9,173.66	\$ 8,823.83	\$ 349.83
Lay Employee Salary & Benefits	\$ 26,983.20	\$ 18,777.83	\$ 8,205.37
Diocesan Support Assessment	\$ 15,720.00	\$ 15,150.00	\$ 570.00
Charitable Donations	\$ 365.00	\$ 600.00	\$ (235.00)
Mass & Liturgical Supplies	\$ 13,112.87	\$ 9,428.46	\$ 3,684.41
Insurance	\$ 6,769.91	\$ 5,480.94	\$ 1,288.97
Interest & Bank Charges	\$ 1,780.51	\$ 1,329.75	\$ 450.76
Parish Offices & Rectory	\$ 8,791.25	\$ 8,022.04	\$ 769.21
Religious Education, Programs & Services	\$ 422.04	\$ 8,036.84	\$ (7,614.80)
Youth, Programs & Services	\$ 1,354.90	\$ 285.82	\$ 1,069.08
Parish Supper Expenses	\$ 1,284.81	\$ 403.34	\$ 881.47
Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 2,589.20	\$ 3,143.67	\$ (554.47)
Buildings, Furnishings, & Remodeling	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 11,627.50	\$ (6,027.50)
Utilities & Telephone	\$ 7,244.58	\$ 6,787.88	\$ 456.70
All Other Expenses	\$ 10,969.79	\$ 950.81	\$ 10,018.98
Total Expenses	\$ 112,161.72	\$ 98,848.71	\$ 13,313.01
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	\$ 343,750.36	\$ (4,850.01)	