

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

9323 Highway 165 South
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OFFICE HOURS

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

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MMJ Prayer Line

(318) 625-9195

DIVINE WORSHIP

Monday - Thursday
7:00 a.m.

Saturday Anticipated
4:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

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 18, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

4:00PM - All Fathers Living and Deceased

Lector: P. Gadel

Server: J. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

8:00AM - All Fathers Living and Deceased

Lector: T. Long

Servers: O. Long

10:30AM - All Fathers Living and Deceased

Lector: J. Leglue

Server: C. Mathews

5:00PM - All Fathers Living and Deceased

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, JUNE 20

7:00AM - Betty Mathews

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

7:00AM - Rita and Eugene LaPalme 76th
wedding anniversary remembrance

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

7:00AM - Communion Service

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

7:00AM - Menard Wise

WEEK OF JUNE 25, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

4:00PM - Owen Gerrity

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: TBD

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:00AM - Mary Virginia Young

Lector: D. Bess

Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Terry Kohler, Austin Olivier, Jr

Lector: J. Foote

Server: M. Hawthorne

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Servers: L. Brouillette

MONDAY, JUNE 27

7:00AM - Virgie Wise

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

7:00AM - Terry Kohler

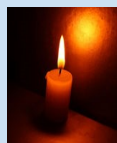
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

7:00AM - Lawrence Cospelich

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

7:00AM - Ashley Brinson

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN HONOR OF OUR FATHERS LIVING & DECEASED

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**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Jane Hollier, Stephen "Steve" Thompson

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Mallory Robichaux and Alexander Klein

OUR SICK

Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, Matt Brundrett, George Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Brian Dobard, Eric Duck, Randy Francis, Keith Johnson, Marlene Margnano, Helen Mathews, Jacques Matt, Terry Melancon, Debbie Norment, Jana Robinson, Lori Spratling, Kyle Stokes, Chuck Vernon, Michelle Vincent, Baby Scarlett Wood, Carmen Wyrick

OUR RECOVERING/CONVALESCING

Chris Andries, Michael Brewton, Gerry Craft, Rhonda Earhart

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Betty Jones, Janet Lamkin, Jane Richey, Adrienne Stevens, Joe & Irene Thompson

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Marie Hawthorne, Francis Thiels

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Kory Butler, Brandon Coreil, Travis Edwards, 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 - 6/12/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,169.00
EFT Collection	\$ 3,040.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>5,330.00</u>
Overage	\$ 879.00
Goal for June (4 Sundays)	\$ 21,320.00
Received for June	\$ <u>14,296.00</u>
Still Needed for June	\$ 7,024.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Fathers' Day	\$ 275.00
CLHC	\$ 50.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)**

Parish Goal 2022	\$ 20,744.00
Pledged (48 families)	\$ <u>26,456.00</u>
Overage	\$ 5,712.00

"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 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. Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. You won't need to write checks and prepare envelopes every week. And even when you can't attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: www.mmjchurch.org

FAITH FORMATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

June 20 - 25, 2022
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. Please register by June 3 to get a T-shirt! Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Call Brinda Edwards or the Church office.



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?

For more information please call Beth Chapman (318) 623-8016 or Cindy Sayes (318) 446-2893.

CHURCH NEWS

BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

Joint Meeting
Monday, June 20
6:00 p.m. - Church Hall

PRAYER SHAWL & QUILTING MINISTRY

Wednesdays beginning at 8:30 a.m.
Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123.

Prayer shawls are constructed with prayers and blessings for anyone of any age affected by physical or mental illness, autism, PTSD, etc.



Please call the parish office if you know someone who could benefit from this gift.

Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition (CLHC) needs the following: Bottled water; travel size deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, and soap; underwear (all sizes, men and women); individual hand sanitizers; bug spray; packs of white socks; blankets and tarps. Place monetary donations in the collection basket in an envelope marked CLHC.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60, 70th or other significant anniversary in 2022, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 11, 2023 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 Tuesday, August 31, 2022.

MMJ PRAYER LINE

Call (318) 625-9195 to pray, in the presence of Christ, with one of our *Prayer Companions*.

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. If you're interested, please call Cindy at the church office.

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

Corpus Christi Sunday

Genesis 14:18-20

Ps 110:1-4

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11b-17

Monday June 20

2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15a,18

Ps 60:3-5,12-13

Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

2 Kings 19:9b-11,14-21,31-36

Ps 48:2-4,10-11

Matthew 7:6,12-14

Wednesday June 22

2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3

Ps 119:33,34,36,37,40

Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday June 23

Birth of John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6

Ps 139:1b-3,13-15

Acts 13:22-26

Luke 1:57-66,80

Friday June 24

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Ps 23:1-6

Romans 5:5b-11

Luke 15:3-7

Saturday June 25

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19

Ps 74:1b-7,20-21

Luke 2:41-51

"Love is like five loaves and two fish, always too little until you start giving it away." This is

the message inscribed at a shrine near the northern end of the Sea of Galilee, built where Jesus multiplied a small amount of food to provide for the needs of everyone in the large crowd who had come to see him.

In front of the altar is a Byzantine mosaic of the loaves and fish, dating about 480 A.D. It's next to the rock upon which Jesus blessed the food. However, in the mosaic you can see only four loaves, not five. Why?

The fifth loaf is the bread of the Eucharist in which Jesus comes to us in Holy Communion at every Mass.

The Eucharist is more than the True Presence of Jesus. It's more than a communion with the Body of Christ that's become the whole Church community. It's a miracle of multiplication. Whatever we lack from God, it comes to us in Jesus through the Holy

Spirit, and when we participate in the Eucharistic celebration of Mass, we can (and should!) ask Jesus to multiply our insufficiencies into an abundance.

We can trust that he will give us all that we need, at the perfect time in whatever way we're able to receive it, albeit often through a growth process.



Do you have enough love in your life? Most of us would say no, because there is no one – except God – who is capable of giving us all the love that we

need: No one, regardless of how close to us they are, regardless of how loyal and trustworthy, regardless of how close to Christ they are.

The Eucharist is our earthly, direct connection to all the perfect love of God. The reason we don't feel the fullness of that love is because we don't fully understand how to unite ourselves to the Eucharist. To receive the Eucharist fully, we have to be the Eucharist fully. The Eucharist is love given in sacrifice for the sake of others. If you're not receiving enough love, give more love – be the love you want to receive. Be Eucharist for others.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Is God's love sufficiently filling in the gaps where others don't love you enough? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to give more love instead of focusing on getting more, then ask Jesus to multiply the love that you give so that it's more than enough for your needs as well as the needs of others.
2. Describe an experience of love being multiplied.
3. How did that experience prove: "Love is like five loaves and two fish, always too little until you start giving it away"?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

During the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, children ages 4-7 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 have a child who will be entering 11th 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 & QUILTING MINISTRY**

Wednesdays beginning at 8:30 a.m.

All those interested in knitting/crocheting prayer shawls for the sick and homebound. This is also an opportunity to quilt and/or learn how to quilt. Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123 if you're interested.

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we livestream the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. To view it, click on the YouTube tab on our home page: mmjchurch.org.

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 3rd Monday of the month from September to June 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 for our Church and World.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Provides for the luncheon following the funeral of a member of our parish family. Contact: Bobbie Long, (318) 442-3578

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: Sally Cranford (318) 792-5019 or Deacon Paul deaconpaul@mmjchurch.org.

ALTAR SERVER

Any young person in at least the 3rd grade, or adult, is invited to serve at the altar during Mass. Training is provided. Contact Deacon Paul.

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 Dr. Mary Deville to share your gifts.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

All ministers must be confirmed and in a valid Catholic marriage, 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. 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.

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