

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
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.

Rev. Paul M. LaPalme KHS

Pastor

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(318) 447-3149 - lkelly@mmjchurch.org



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 AUGUST 6, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

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

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: J. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00AM - Richard Gadel

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Gene Tucker

Lector: T. Reynolds
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Servers: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00AM - Menard Wise

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00AM - Leonie Gadel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

7:00AM - Irma Cospelich

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00AM - Russell Cospelich

WEEK OF AUGUST 13, 2022

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

4:00PM - Kyle Ogaard

Lector: P. Gadel
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00AM - Charles "Greg" Gravel

Lector: R. Normand
Servers: B. Emerson

10:30AM - Austin Olivier, Jr.

Lector: B. Lowe
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00AM - Laura Gadel Jacob

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00AM - Jacqueline Brown

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

7:00AM - Nola Chapman

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00AM - Rose Gerchow

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



**FOR THE SPEEDY RECOVERY OF IZZIE ANTEE
BY MIKE & MARCIA LELEUX**

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 DECEASED**

Alexander "Bud" Lavigne Heitman, Jr.
Dennis Dale Hooker

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Jennifer Smilie and C. J. Fuqua
April 15, 2023

OUR SICK

Lynn Bawner, Mary Louise Bawner, George
Juan Burns, Rachal Burns, Richard Charon, Bri-
an 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

Deborah Bess, Michael Brewton, Dan Brou-
sard, Matt Brundrett, Rhonda Earhart, Marie
Hawthorne, Marshall Long, Chuck Reich

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 Smi-
lie



*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 - 7/31/2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 2,751.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,800.00
Weekly Goal	\$ <u>6,530.00</u>
Shortage	\$ 1,979.00
Goal for July (5 Sundays)	\$ 32,650.00
Received for July	\$ <u>30,990.00</u>
Shortage for July	\$ 1,660.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

A man sees a malnourished girl, barefoot and
shivering with cold, and almost angrily shouts to
God: "Oh God, why don't you do something
for that little girl?"

God replies: "Of course I did something for that
little girl: I made you!"

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2022	\$ 20,744.00
Pledged (47 families)	\$ <u>26,628.00</u>
Overage	\$ 5,884.00

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 pre-
pare 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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD REGISTRATION**

We are now accepting registrations for the 2022/2023 school year. Please go online to mmjchurch.org, click on the both the Religious Education Registration and the Information for Parents/Guardians under the Faith Formation tab. You may pay the registration fee utilizing the online giving tab on our home page.

Registration Fee:

- 1 Child - \$25.00
- 2 Children - \$40.00
- 3 or more Children - \$50.00

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Live Streamed and In Person

Tuesdays: September 6, 13, 20, and 27

***Early Christian Heresies
and Non-Canonical Scripture***

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Mrs. Mary DeVille, PhD

Week 1: 1st & 2nd century heresies

Week 2: The Gospel of Thomas

Week 3: The Gospels of Philip, Peter, Truth, Mary Magdalene; The Berlin Codex

Week 4: 3rd & 4th century heresy: Pelagianism. The response of Augustine of Hippo. Pelagianism in the Church of the 20th & 21st century.

Please register online for this presentation. The \$15 supply fee for ***"The Gnostic Gospels Collection"*** may be paid online at mmjchurch.org

The Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5:1 -7:29

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Presenter: Deacon Paul Sunderhaus, MD

Online registration is not required. Please bring your bibles.



Meet & Greet

Wednesday, August 24 - 5:30 p.m.
Church Hall

CHURCH NEWS**QUILTING MINISTRY**

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



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.

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.

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

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9
Ps 33:1,12,18-22
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Monday August 8

St. Dominic

Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28c
Ps 148:1-2,11-14
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday August 9

Ezekiel 2:8 3:4
Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131
Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday August 10

St. Lawrence

2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Ps 112:1-2,5-6,7-8,9
John 12:24-26

Thursday August 11

St. Clare

Ezekiel 12:1-12
Ps 78:56-59,61-62
Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday August 12

Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63
Isaiah 12:2-6
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday August 13

Ezekiel 18:1-10,13b,30-32
Ps 51:12-15,18-19
Matthew 19:13-15

We're told in Luke 12:32-48 that God is "pleased" to give us his kingdom, which includes eternal life in heaven as well as all the benefits of his love and goodness here on earth.

God does not withhold anything good from us. But do we avail ourselves of all he offers?

Jesus explains: If you value earthly treasures more than you treasure opportunities to share God's love and blessings with others, your hands are full of nothing that will last. If your "money bags" are filled with worldly goals that push God out, or selfish plans that push others out, or ungodly relationships that push holiness out from your life, there isn't much room for the wondrous and eternal gifts of God. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

Anything not of God is detrimental to us and, in the end, pointless, because it does not unite us to God and we cannot take it to heaven. We need to trade it in for the inexhaustible treasures that come from God.

Jesus isn't saying that we have to literally sell all of our worldly possessions in order to make room for divine treasures. What matters is our motive for having these things. Are they used for serving the kingdom of God or are they serving only earthly, temporary, selfish purposes?



Whatever enhances our union with God – and only this – is a treasure that we'll enjoy for all of eternity.

Jesus warns us not to waste time being lazy about purging our lives of earthly treasures. We don't know when the Master will come to take us to the heavenly banquet of eternal union with God. Will we be ready? Not if we're more interested in feeding our worldly desires.

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This is why God, in his great mercy, provides Purgatory. Separation from earthly treasures (the purging) is painful when we prefer them over heavenly goods; Jesus describes this as the "beatings" that the Master's servants get. Why wait for that? Now is the time to prefer only the kingdom of God and build up our cache of gifts that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. If you knew you were going to die tomorrow, what would you do today to prepare?
2. What attitudes, what goals, and what plans do you have that don't assist the kingdom of God? What habits or addictions? Unloving behaviors? Unforgiveness and unresolved conflicts?
3. Describe an earthly attachment you used to have and explain how God helped you let go of it. What divine treasure did you gain?

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 9:00 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 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. To view it, click on the YouTube tab on our home page: mmjchurch.org.

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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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