

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 JULY 26, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JULY 26

4:00PM - Mary Mrozinski

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: A. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, JULY 27

8:00AM - Mabel Foster

Lector: D. Bess

Server: B. Emerson, E. Lohman

10:30AM - Shirley Allemand Olivier

Lector: J. Leglue

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, JULY 28

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, JULY 29

7:00AM - Chris Jardoin

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

7:00AM - Mary "Boonie" Treuting

THURSDAY, JULY 31

7:00AM - Gene Tucker

WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

4:00PM - Kristian Louviere

Lector: S. Cranford

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00AM - Theresa Strzelewicz

Lector: G. Delaney

Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Patricia Parslow

Lector: J. Antee

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lectors: J. Montalvo

Server: B. Winegeart

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00AM - Chris Jardoin

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

7:00AM - Judy Smith

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00AM - Randy and Mallary 2 month wedding anniv.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00AM - Noah Chapman

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF MABEL FOSTER

BY HER SISTER, AUDREY ELLINGTON

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 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.

Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Robert Gates, Celia Halbert, Thomas Hickman, Annie Johnson, Daniel Jones, Brad Kohler, Pearl LaFleur, Cecilia “Tookie” Liotta, Terry Melancon, Deacon Doug Moreau, 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 - 07/20/2025**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,674.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,331.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,925.00
Shortage	\$ 920.00

Goal for July (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for July	\$ 18,728.00
Still Needed for July	\$ 8,972.96

Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 21.00
Church in Africa	\$ 100.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!!

MMJ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal	\$ 1,000,000.00
Pledges Received (131 families)	\$ 941,695.00
Monies Received	\$ 503,531.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 58,304.00

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2025	\$ 22,506.00
Pledged (38 families)	\$ 18,420.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 4,086.00

On behalf of Bishop Marshall and myself thank you for your generosity to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your gift can make a real difference by supporting faith formation, Spiritual Renewal through the work of Maryhill Renewal Center and in the education and formation of our seminarians. If you have not made your gift it is not too late. Pledge envelopes may be placed in the collection basket, brought to the parish office or mailed directly back to the diocese.

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**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass
During the Liturgy of the Word
Ages 3 - 7 - Youth Center

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.

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.

CHURCH NEWS**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70th or other significant anniversary in 2025, we would like to honor you on Saturday, February 7, 2026 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, 2025.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY REWARDS

Visit 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.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage? Do you need time just for the two of you? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world and promotes Weekend experiences for couples who want to make their good marriage even better. For more information call 800-586-5469 or log onto wwme.org

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Church Operating Fund

For the 3 Months Ended June 30, 2025

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

	4th Qtr FY 2024-2025	4th Qtr FY 2023-2024	VARIANCE
CHURCH RECEIPTS			
Regular Collections and Contributions	\$ 91,903.30	\$ 93,902.14	\$ (1,998.84)
Repairs & Maintenance Collections	\$ 5,248.00	\$ 4,462.00	\$ 786.00
Building Fund Collections	\$ 128,256.74	\$ 850.00	\$ 127,406.74
Special Parish Purpose Collections	\$ 722.00	\$ 13,549.00	\$ (12,827.00)
Fundraising Adult, Youth, Other Income	\$ 1,996.21	\$ 2,418.33	\$ (422.12)
Parish Suppers	\$ 176.73	\$ 100.00	\$ 76.73
Church Hall Rental Income	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)
Insurance Proceeds	\$ -		
Regular Non-Collection Receipts	\$ 35,721.45	\$ 2,297.19	\$ 33,424.26
Total Receipts	\$ 264,024.43	\$ 117,778.66	\$ 146,245.77
CHURCH EXPENSES			
Clergy Earnings	\$ 9,071.31	\$ 9,036.69	\$ 34.62
Lay Employee Salary & Benefits	\$ 26,203.26	\$ 18,661.20	\$ 7,542.06
Diocesan Support Assessment	\$ 15,720.00	\$ 15,150.00	\$ 570.00
Charitable Donations	\$ 856.92	\$ 1,824.70	\$ (967.78)
Mass & Liturgical Supplies	\$ 15,334.80	\$ 9,868.05	\$ 5,466.75
Insurance	\$ 15,474.74	\$ 5,598.42	\$ 9,876.32
Interest & Bank Charges	\$ 2,273.95	\$ 727.92	\$ 1,546.03
Parish Offices & Rectory	\$ 6,482.26	\$ 9,005.40	\$ (2,523.14)
Religious Education, Programs & Services	\$ 1,195.97	\$ 10,102.27	\$ (8,906.30)
Fundraising Adult, Youth, Other			\$ -
Youth, Programs & Services	\$ 1,956.73	\$ 2,477.00	\$ (520.27)
Parish Supper Expenses	\$ 1,427.61	\$ 772.30	\$ 655.31
Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 7,238.82	\$ 9,234.36	\$ (1,995.54)
Buildings, Furnishings, & Remodeling	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Utilities & Telephone	\$ 7,531.50	\$ 7,306.17	\$ 225.33
All Other Expenses	\$ 39,518.56	\$ 1,192.66	\$ 38,325.90
Total Expenses	\$ 150,286.43	\$ 100,957.14	\$ 49,329.29
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	\$ 113,738.00	\$ 16,821.52	



July 27, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32 | Col 2:12-14 | Lk 11:1-13

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Sounds lovely, doesn’t it? I remember understanding this verse as though God is like a genie in a bottle and prayer is like a delivery service. But when I encountered true hardship, this interpretation was tested. I was seeking, but I couldn’t find what I wanted. My request seemed to go unanswered. I was asking, but my hands were empty. I couldn’t reconcile this. Did this mean God wasn’t telling me the truth? Trusting that couldn’t be the case, I pressed in a little harder. In time, and through the grace of God, I realized I’d been reading this verse through selfish eyes. I was understanding this passage to say, “ask for whatever you feel like in the moment, and I’ll drop it on your doorstep.” But what does Jesus *actually* say? He says that if we ask, he will always give us *the Holy Spirit*. This understanding can change how we pray. The Lord doesn’t promise to instantly cure our maladies, or to remove every ounce of pain on this side of the veil. But he does promise to send his Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with us through it all. And that is far better than any type of delivery service.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today’s psalm echoes the Gospel message that the Lord never abandons us. In our response, we unite our voices with the universal Church as we say, “Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.” We encounter hardship on a daily basis. From the tiny irritations that tempt our tempers to flare to the heavy crosses we carry, we are reminded of how much we need God’s help. And yet, how often is our response to turn inward and grow weary, discouraged, or angry? Next time we come eye to eye with a challenge, let’s try to respond like the psalmist, and cry out to the Advocate. He is very near. *Come Holy Spirit.*

REFLECT

We are reminded in today’s readings that the Lord is always near, that he hears us, and that he responds generously. Thank God this is true even when it doesn’t seem like it. As we face our daily hardships, let’s not forget to ask Jesus for help. Don’t forget that he never rations the Spirit, and though he will never force himself on you, he’s waiting eagerly to pour his love into your heart. Ask! Seek! Knock! He knows your voice, and he is ready to respond.