

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 AUGUST 9, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

4:00PM - Mary "Boonie" Treuting, Richard Gadel

Lector: M. Leleux
Server: J. Louviere

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00AM - Cheryl Armour

Lector: K. Bellard
Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Leo Dobard, Jr. 16th anniv.,
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Roshto

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: B. Upton

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00AM - Laura Gadel Jacob

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00AM - Walter Preau

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

5:30PM - Jacquelyn Brown

Lector: P. Gadel
Server: G. Gadel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00AM - Michael LaBorde

Lector: M. Brundrett
Server: A. Brundrett

WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

4:00PM - Billy Jean Prestidge

Lector: P. Gadel
Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00AM - Silvia Kitka

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Patricia Parslow

Lector: B. Lowe
Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lectors: J. Reynolds
Server: A. Byrd

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00AM - Stephen Rodeback

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00AM - Judy Smith

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00AM - Nola Chapman

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.

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, Terry Melancon, Deacon Doug Moreau, Jo Tassin, Tonya Wood

OUR HOMEBOUND

Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Joan McLure, Richard Milano, Sr., Beverly Jane Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson, Constance Weil

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Michael Flynn, LaVerne Fortenberry, Cecilia "Tookie" Liotta, 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 - 08/2/2025**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,535.00
EFT Collection	\$ 2,919.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,925.00
Overage	\$ 529.00
Goal for August (5 Sundays)	\$ 34,625.00
Received for August	\$ 7,454.00
Still Needed for August	\$ 27,171.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 21.00

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

Parish Goal	\$ 1,000,000.00
Pledges Received (132 families)	\$ 946,696.00
Monies Received	\$ 509,156.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 53,304.00

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

Parish Goal 2025	\$ 22,506.00
Pledged (38 families)	\$ 18,290.00
Balance Remaining	\$ 4,216.00

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

GRADES 7 - 8

Will meet weekly on Wednesday evenings in the *youth center* from 6:00–7:15 PM. The format will include lessons, small group discussion, and videos from current Catholic speakers.

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 - 12)

Meets on Wednesday evenings in the *church hall* from 6:00–7:15 PM. The format will include lessons, discussion, and opportunities for faith-sharing.

PREK - 6TH GRADE

A home-based program using God's Plan in Scripture from Ascension Press. Each week focuses on the same Bible story for the whole family, with age-specific workbooks for each child. The church will provide all materials, and support you with weekly emails, reminder texts. Katie is available for any questions or guidance.

WHOLE FAMILY NIGHTS (ONCE A MONTH)

Once a month, all families (PreK–12 + parents) will meet together in the church hall from 6:00–7:15 PM for a special evening of fellowship, review, and prayer. These nights will include a brief overview of the material, help preparing for the upcoming month, and a shared activity like the Rosary or Adoration.

Jr. High and High School students will come with their families and will not have separate class.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday, September 3 at 6:00 PM - *First Whole Family Night* (PreK - 12 + parents in the church hall).

Wednesday, September 10 at 6:00 PM - *weekly youth group* begins for Grades 7–12.

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

CHURCH NEWS**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY****A Holy Day of Obligation**

Thursday, August 14 - 5:30 p.m.
Friday, August 15 - 8:00 a.m.

Fr. Paul will bring Communion to our homebound on Friday.

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

This 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.

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.



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August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9 | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 | Lk 12:32-48

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

If we're honest with ourselves, we often want God to give us exactly what we ask for in prayer, or to provide immediate comfort in moments of need. But from the beginning, God revealed that the life of faith would entail trusting in his promises even as we wait for their final fulfillment. The example of Abraham in the second reading can be our model. We are called to emulate Abraham's obedient trust: "for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." Throughout the Scriptures God promised his people that he would prepare a place for them. This promise propelled the Israelites through famine, exile, and agony, until God brought them to their earthly homeland. Jesus promises a new and everlasting place of rest, where we will live with God forever. We wait in joyful hope that one day he himself will bring us to our heavenly home. Amid the difficulties of life, in seasons of grief, pain, or confusion, it is easy to let doubt creep in. This is when, more than ever, we must cling to our faith, which Paul describes as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Trusting in God, we are called to wait with hope and prepare ourselves to readily receive him when he comes. Today's Gospel from Luke provides an image for us to imitate: the faithful servant dutifully awaiting his master's return. What does Jesus say about these servants who keep close watch, always prepared for the moment their master will return? "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." The faithful witness of the servants in the Gospel reminds us not to overcomplicate our faith. We simply need to remain diligent in carrying out the work that God has given us to do here and now and to keep ourselves alert as we wait with patience for the coming of the Lord.

PRAY

Our faith strengthens us as we wait for the Lord — as we hold on to the radical belief that our destination is heaven, and our God keeps his promises. Wherever you find yourself on the journey today, cling to his promises! Ask for the grace for deeper trust in him and for greater faithfulness to the work of building up his kingdom as you wait for God to bring all things to their ultimate fulfillment.