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St. Mary of the Springs

Catholic Church

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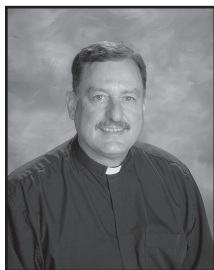
St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church sanctuary at Christmas 2018. The new Italian porcelain tile flooring and golden glazed wall behind the back altar were renovations done to the sanctuary in 2018. The rest of the church's flooring was a combination of carpeting under the pews and porcelain tile in the center aisle and back of the church.

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St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church

100 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71901
Phone: (501) 623-3233 | Fax: 501-609-9524

From the Pastor's Desk



My Dear Friends,

This year is a momentous time for us as a parish: we are marking 150 years of ministry. This year we will spend some time together remembering where we came from and the paths and people that have brought us to this moment. We will spend a lot of time honoring the men and women on whose shoulders we now stand and giving God thanks for His Providential Hand that has safely and securely brought us to this year.

This will also be a year of introspection and assessment as we ponder what lies ahead of us: what challenges we will encounter as we embark on the early years of this new millennium. The opportunities that await us to be more faithful and generous in our service to Our Lord and how well we will creatively and passionately engage our generation with the Gospel. If the past is any indication, it will surely be a grand adventure.

So as I write to you this year, I encourage you to remember with me the old stanza, "Only one life, twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last." In this "year of remembrance" may each of us strive for what is eternal and will never fade away. May our recollections help us to be thankful for what has been entrusted to us as a parish by those who have gone before us in the Catholic faith. May we be ever mindful of the patrimony that we ourselves will one day bequeath to our children and our children's children.

God's Prevenient Grace will be sufficient, let us then be faithful.

Fr. George Sanders

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Sanders".

Parish Information

Church Address..... 100 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71901
Church Office Phone 501-623-3233
Church Fax..... 501-609-9524
Church Emailstmcc@hotsprings.net
Church Website..... www.stmaryofthesprings.org
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Mass and Special Devotions Schedule

Tuesday	12:00 noon	Mass at CHI St. Vincent Hospital Chapel
Wednesday	12:00 noon	Mass
Thursday	12:00 noon	Mass at CHI St. Vincent Hospital Chapel
Friday	12:00 noon	Mass
Saturday	3:30 p.m.	Holy Rosary
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Holy Rosary
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Mass
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Holy Rosary
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Mass
Sunday	5:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
1st Friday Devotion	12:30 p.m.	Mass 12:00 noon

Confessions

First Friday..... 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Saturday 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday..... 8:00 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.

Parish Office

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch

Pastor

Fr. George Sanders Church: 501-623-3233
..... frgeo.stmcc@hotsprings.net

Deacons

Dc. Joe Harrison Home: 501-767-5479
..... Cell: 501-655-0719
Dc. Lee Leckner Cell: 501-318-7593

Church Office Manager

Diane Pollock Church: 501-623-3233
..... stmcc@hotsprings.net
..... Cell: 501-282-3834

Church Receptionist

Anne Sluppick Church: 501-623-3233
..... stmccadmin@hotsprings.net

Spanish Secretary

Gladys Gonzalez Church: 501-623-3233
..... stmccadmin@hotsprings.net

Director of Faith Formation

Brenda Sanders Cell: 501-282-2066
..... gratiaplana0224@gmail.com

Director of Music Ministries

Sheree O'Rorke Cell: 501-655-3674
..... voices2angels@gmail.com

Principal Organist/Pianist

Dr. Gary Williams Office: 501-623-3233

Youth Alive Director

Sally Pierce Church: 501-623-3233
..... stmarys.cym@gmail.com

Bookkeeper

Sheila Hansen Church: 501-623-3233
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Accountant

Madelyn Womack Church: 501-623-3233
..... stmcc@hotsprings.net

Parish Registration

It is important that individuals and families be registered, and keep their information current in the Parish. In some instances, Canon Law and Diocesan policy require full parish membership before some sacraments can be administered. This is particularly true of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders. Registration also helps to ensure that you receive all pertinent information from St. Mary's and the Diocese. To register or update your information, please contact the parish office by phone during office hours at 501-623-3233 or anytime by email at stmccadmin@hotsprings.net.

Parish Bulletin

Deadline for bulletin announcements: Fridays @ 12 Noon 10 days prior to the publication. Holidays are subject to different deadlines. Please email all requests to stmccadmin@hotsprings.net, drop them in the collection basket at Mass or send in regular mail. Acceptance of an announcement request does not guarantee publication.

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Members meet every other month to plan and address the needs of the Parish. This council is a consultative body to the Pastor who has ultimate responsibility for the pastoral care of the parish. (Canon 536)

The Parish Pastoral Council is a nine member board whose members are elected to serve three year terms. Elections are held in December of each year. Four commissions are part of the council: Education, Social Justice, Liturgy and Parish Life.

Parish Council Members

Dick Antoine	Cell: 501-622-7347
Charlie Cook	Cell: 501-658-5413
Gladys Gonzalez	Cell: 501-293-1096
Ken Kalahiki	Cell: 501-815-2528
David Meeks	Cell: 501-617-3121
Kathy Logan	Cell: 501-282-4387
Travis Sorrows	Cell: 714-875-1821
Greg Speas	Cell: 501-617-3700
Pietro Tomassi	Cell: 501-282-4427
Gary Westerman	Cell: 501-282-3758

Parish Finance Council

Members meet quarterly to aid the pastor in the administration of the parish goods. This council is a consultative body to the Pastor who represents the Parish in all juridic affairs and must see to it that the goods of the parish are properly administered. (Canon 532)

Finance Council Members

Bart Newman	Cell: 501-622-8446
Chairperson	
Ellen McCabe	Home: 501-760-3322
	Cell: 501-276-1410



Bob Standridge

Cell: 501-844-1826

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St. Mary of the Springs Church 150th Anniversary Year Calendar of Events

Date	Day of the Week	Time	Location
May 9, 2019	Thursday	6:00 PM	St. Mary's Church
*Anniversary Mass			
May 9, 2019	Thursday	7:30 PM	St. Mary's Parish Hall
*Anniversary Celebration			
June 2, 2019	Sunday	9:45AM & 12:15PM	St. Mary's Church
*Dedication of Church Doors & Dogwood Park			
June 7, 2019	1st Friday	10AM-2PM	St. Mary's Church
*Eucharistic Adoration & Mass			
July 6, 2019	1st Friday	10AM-2PM	St. Mary's Church
*Eucharistic Adoration & Mass			
August 3, 2019	1st Friday	10AM-2PM	St. Mary's Church
*Eucharistic Adoration & Mass			
September 6, 2019	1st Friday	10AM-2PM	St. Mary's Church
*Eucharistic Adoration & Mass			
September 8, 2019	Sunday	Noon-2PM	St. Mary's Portico
*Parish Picnic w/Cultural Food Stations			
October 4, 2019	1st Friday	10AM-2PM	St. Mary's Church
*Eucharistic Adoration & Mass			

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October 5, 2019	Saturday	5:30PM-7:30PM	Behind
*2nd Annual Whittington Blockfest			1st Presbyterian Church
October 6, 2019	Sunday	9:45AM-10:45AM	St. Mary's Parish Hall
*DVD Presentation of Italy Pilgrimage 2017			
October 19, 2019	Saturday	5PM-6:30PM	St. Mary's Parish Hall
October 20, 2019	Sunday	9:45AM-10:45AM	St. Mary's Parish Hall
*St. Mary's Round Table with long time parishioners			
*Video of Conversation with Nathalie Martin			
November 1, 2019	1st Friday	10AM-2PM	St. Mary's Church
*Eucharistic Adoration & Mass			
November 2, 2019	Saturday	10:00:00 AM Mass	Calvary Cemetery
Mass on All Soul's Day		Bishop Taylor to celebrate Mass	
*Dedication of New Addition to Calvary Cemetery			
*Dedication of Rosary Garden			
December 6, 2019	1st Friday	10AM-2PM	St. Mary's Church
*Eucharistic Adoration & Mass			
December 8, 2019	Sunday	Noon	St. Mary's Parish Hall
*32nd Annual Christmas Dinner			
January 3, 2020	1st Friday	10AM-2PM	St. Mary's Church
*Eucharistic Adoration & Mass			
January, 2020			
*DVD Presentation of Holy Land Pilgrimage 2019			
February 7, 2020	1st Friday	10AM-2PM	St. Mary's Church
*Eucharistic Adoration & Mass			
February 14, 2020	Friday	Evening	St. Mary's Parish Hall
*Party Hearty Dinner and Anniversary Celebration Wall Display			
March 6, 2020	1st Friday	10AM-2PM	St. Mary's Church
*Eucharistic Adoration & Mass			
April 3, 2020	1st Friday	10AM-2PM	St. Mary's Church
*Eucharistic Adoration & Mass			
May 1, 2020	1st Friday	10AM-2PM	St. Mary's Church
*Eucharistic Adoration & Mass			

Parish Mission Statement

St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church is called by Our Lord Jesus Christ to be a welcoming beacon of faith and love to all people on the spiritual journey to the Kingdom of God.

We commit, by the grace of Jesus Christ, to be a people of God who, in a welcoming environment, gather in worship and prayer to become more Christ-centered in our lives and actions, and lead a genuine Catholic life while teaching and treasuring the traditions of the Catholic Church and Holy Scripture. We pledge to provide challenging and quality filled Catholic education, to reach out with love and compassion, to serve those in need of our parish, community and the world.

In unison with the Roman Catholic Church, the Diocese of Little Rock and St. Mary's we will have a faith community that enables us through Christian stewardship to fulfill Our Lord's Commission, "Go forth and make disciples of all nations."

Inquiry

You want to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

This sacrament is available on Saturdays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., First Friday at 12:30 p.m, First Saturday at 12:30 p.m. and on Sunday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. Reconciliation is also available by calling the church office for an appointment. During Advent and Lent, Communal Reconciliation Services are offered.

You want to have your baby baptized:

Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis. Parents should call the church office at 501-623-3233 to register for a baptism preparation class. Baptism Prep Classes to be held the 3rd Sunday of the month from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

You want to make your First Communion or to be Confirmed:

First Holy Communion is received by children in the second grade or older in the spring. The Sacrament of Confirmation is bestowed on youth in the spring for eighth graders or older teens. Children/teens are expected to have attended Catholic school or religious education classes the year of the sacramental reception and the year previous to reception. Adults receive the sacrament after having gone through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process. Call the church office at 501-623-3233 for more information.

You want to get married:

Couples should contact the church office at 501-623-3233 a minimum of six months in advance to begin the marriage preparation process.

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You would like the priest to visit someone who is sick:

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You need to arrange for a Funeral Mass for the recently deceased:
Please call the church office at 501-623-3233.

You would like to arrange for a Mass intention for the living or deceased:

Contact the church office at 501-623-3233 and request a Mass. The offering is \$10.00 for a Mass.

You want to join the parish:

Registration forms for new members are available in the church office or in the back of the church. Please return completed forms in the collection basket or to the church office.

You are changing your name/address/telephone number/email:
Please contact the church office by phone at 501-623-3233 or email at stmccadmin@hotsprings.net

You have graduated from college and/or are no longer living in your parent's home:

Please contact the church office at 501-623-3233 and register as an individual member.

You would like to become a Catholic:

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please call the church office at 501-623-3233. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes are held on a weekday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from the month of September through to the Easter Vigil Mass.

You would like to get an annulment:

Please call the church office at 501-623-3233 to set up an appointment with an advocate.

You want to register your child for Catholic school:

Please call St. John's Catholic School at 501-624-3171

You want to register your child for Religious Education classes:
Registration is scheduled in August each year. The program meets on Sunday morning from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. during the school year. Please contact Brenda Sanders, Director of Faith Formation at 501-282-2066, email: gratiaplenu0224@gmail.com for more information.

You are not sure about taking your small children to Mass:

Children are always welcome at Mass. A Children's Liturgy program for children ages 4-7 takes place at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. This ministry is offered during the school year. No registration required.

You want to talk to the priest about a confidential matter:

Call the church office at 501-623-3233 to set up an appointment with the priest.

You want to return to the Catholic Church:

If you are interested in returning to the Catholic Church, please call the church office at 501-623-3233 to set up an appointment with the priest.

You want to rent the Carroll Room or the Parish Hall:

Call the church office at 501-623-3233 to speak with Diane Pollock or email at stmcc@hotsprings.net.

You would like to make a donation to St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church in memory or honor of someone:

Contact the church office at 501-623-3233 or mail in the following information:

- Indicate if donation is a memorial or honorarium.
- Name of person for whom the donation is being made
- To whom the acknowledgment card is to be sent and the mailing address
- Your name and address

Please make checks payable to *St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church*.

You want to find out information about Calvary Cemetery:

Please call the church office at 501-623-3233 and ask for Diane Pollock or email at stmcc@hotsprings.net.

You want to meet more people at St. Mary's:

Volunteer! There are many areas of service listed in the guidebook.

Volunteers are needed and appreciated.

Facilities and Properties Usage

To schedule events or activities in the Carroll Room or Parish Hall, contact Diane Pollock in the church office at 501-623-3233. No events shall be scheduled in conflict with Sunday or Holy Day Liturgies.

Directory of Ministries & Organizations

Liturgy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS

They participate at Sunday, Holy Day and daily Masses assisting the Priest with Holy Communion. Special training is given by the Coordinator of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. One must be at least 18 years old, a Catholic in good standing and approved by the pastor. Re-certification of this ministry must be made by the Diocese of Little Rock every three years. Contact Betty Harrison at 501-767-5479 or Catherine Wade at 870-648-9881.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK/HOMEBOUND

They take Holy Communion to the home bound and the sick in hospitals and nursing homes. Special training is given by the Eucharistic Minister to the Sick. One must be at least 18 years old, a Catholic in good standing and approved by the pastor. Re-certification of this ministry by the Diocese is necessary every three years. Contact Karen Kirchner at 501-922-4166.

SACRISTAN

Person charged with the care of the sacristy, the church, and their contents working under the direction of the pastor. Contact Tim Phillips, Sacristan, at 479-256-0504.

ALTAR CARE MINISTRY

The primary purpose of this organization is the care of the physical church. Teams of 2-3 people are assigned to set up for weekend Masses having the responsibility of one weekend per month. This group works in conjunction with the Sacristan and under the direction of the pastor. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Catherine Wade at 870-648-9881 or wadebk2@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVERS

Boys and girls, who have made their First Communion, assist at weekend Masses, funerals, weddings, Stations of the Cross and other services. They must attend training sessions and be approved by the pastor. Servers may choose which Mass they prefer to serve. Contact Stephanie Nehus at 501-681-9335 for 8:30 am Mass, Margaret Hall at 479-462-5298 for 11:00 am mass, Gladys Gonzalez at 501-767-1809 for 5:30 pm Mass information.

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

Must be trained by an authorized person from St. Mary's and approved by the pastor. They can choose which weekend Mass they prefer to serve and are invited to serve at funerals, weddings and other services. Contact Wally Marroy at 501-318-9480 for information

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LECTORS

Lectors must be Catholics in good standing and receive an orientation/training session where duties and responsibilities are explained by the Lector Coordinator. Lectors may choose which Mass they prefer to serve. Contact Chris Frazier, Lector Coordinator, at 501-627-4369.

USHERS

Ushers' duties include: arriving 20 minutes prior to Mass, greeting and seating parishioners, passing collection baskets, obtaining gift bearers for each Mass, distributing bulletins after each Mass and closing the church after Mass. Contact Charles Smith, Chief Usher, at 501-318-8189.

PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir sings regularly for the Sunday Masses and other principal liturgies of the Church. Adults and high school students who love to sing are encouraged to join this group. Rehearsals are held in the parish hall and announced in the Sunday bulletin. Contact Sheree O'Rorke at 501-655-3674.

THE "BELLS OF ST. MARY"

The "Bells of St. Mary" is a wonderful way of getting involved with the Music Ministry at St. Mary's of the Springs Catholic Church. The handbell choir began in the fall of 2015. It's a special ministry that enhances the worship through playing instruments. The choir performs at select regular Masses, special liturgies, and during Christmas and Easter. The ability to read music is helpful, but not a requirement. However, a love of music and dedication to the group is a prerequisite. Adults and youth are welcome. Contact Sheree O'Rorke at 501-655-3674.

CANTORS

Cantors serve as song leaders for parish liturgies, including Masses, weddings and funerals. Audition and training is required. Contact Sheree O'Rorke at 501-655-3674.

"ANGELS AND SAINTS" Childrens Choir

For children in Grades 2-5 to enjoy the art of singing and playing bells while learning about God's love. Contact Sheree O'Rorke at 501-655-3674.

GREETERS

Greeters welcome parishioners and visitors at each door and answer any questions they might have. Please contact Karen Kirchner at 501-922-4166.

YOUTH ALIVE

St. Mary's Youth Ministry is focused on the holistic development of junior/senior grades (8th-12th) through spiritual, social, and service oriented activities. Adult volunteers are encouraged to be involved in the program as well. Contact Sally Pierce at 501-623-3233, 501-276-3936 or stmarys.cym@gmail.com.

Catechetical Ministry

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

RCIA is a process of formation, education, prayer and discernment for adults seeking to join the Catholic Church. Classes begin in September each year and individuals join the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Volunteers could assist by being sponsors for new Catholics or in providing refreshments. Contact Brenda Sanders at gratiaplerna0224@gmail.com or Mary Leath at 501-470-6815.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes guide a young person for the completion of baptismal grace. For “by the sacrament of Confirmation, (the baptized) are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.” (CCC 1285) The classes are for young men and women who are in the 8th grade or older. Classes are on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. during the school year. Contact Brenda Sanders, gratiaplerna0224@gmail.com or Jodie Tooke at 501-693-6231.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is one week. The classes are for children Pre-K through 6th grade. Volunteers are always needed. Please watch bulletin announcements for specific information each year.

ADULT Faith Formation

The Education Committee facilitates programs to benefit the entire congregation. The following are included - Bible and book studies, a DVD rental library, scheduling of Pilgrim Virgin Mary Statue and Rosary at your home on a weekly basis during Advent and Lent. New to our church in 2018 is the FORMED app available on your mobile website. Call the office for the St. Mary's access code. If you would like to contact us, complete the form located under Faith Formation on the church website.

COFFEE CAT

Led by Father George Sanders, we meet every Sunday 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall for fellowship and discussion time on various topics. The topics are timely and address the tough questions of our modern culture, relating them to the timeless teaching of the Church. Bible studies including Catholic faith books and books of the Bible are also used for this coffee catechesis. Look at this time as an opportunity to grow in your understanding, to re-examine and reconnect with your faith. This time on Sunday was made for you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This program, offered during the 11:00 a.m. Mass, proclaims and explains the Sunday Gospel at an appropriate level for children. It is designed for ages 4-8 and no pre-registration is required. Parents and/or older siblings are welcomed to accompany their child. Children are to sit with their families at Mass and listen for the presider's instructions to gather for Children's Liturgy. The children will process to the Parish Hall with volunteers and will return to sit with their families before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Volunteers are always needed on a rotational basis. Contact Gina Cate at 501-538-4095 or ginacate@rocketmail.com.

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Parish Life

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Members of this group prepare meals for the family following the funeral in the parish hall. Members bring food, serve it and clean up afterward. Members alternate responsibilities between funerals. Contact Gladys Gonzalez 479-387-6093.

SOUP AND CONVERSATION

Soup and Conversation for the Soul is a support group that meets in the Carroll Room. We offer help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. No matter how long you have been grieving, we have a place for you at our table. Contact Anne Sluppick at 479-387-6093.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

This ministry includes welcoming newcomers, visiting the sick and home-bound, sending cards and making telephone calls. Contact Nancy Russell at 816-457-0155 or Margo Myers at 501-762-2614.

GARDEN CARE

Garden areas at the church and rectory are maintained year round by volunteers. Contact Karen Hill at 501-262-4613.

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HANDS OF MARY (ALTAR SOCIETY)

The Hands of Mary group welcomes the participation of all women of the parish. The primary purpose of this organization is to prepare the Church for Jesus in the Eucharist and minister to the Body of Christ. The funds from dues and the annual Bake Sale in November are used to purchase items for liturgical celebrations. The group hosts receptions with gifts for the 1st Communion and Confirmation classes. Contact Peggy Bodemann at 501-262-5260, peggybodemann@yahoo.com or Kathy Fehr at 817-266-9318.

MEN OF MARY

The Men of Mary is our men's service organization dedicated to serving God, our church and our community. All Men of the Parish are invited to join. Information about meetings, socials or projects is posted in the Bulletin. For further information contact John Steinhaus at 501-547-2188 or Bob Gasper at 501-624-0598.

SPECIAL EVENTS

During the year the church sponsors events such as a Fat Tuesday Lunch for our parish seniors and receptions for the 1st Communion class, Confirmation class and graduating high school and college seniors.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

St. Mary's holds its annual Christmas dinner for all its parishioners on the 2nd Sunday in December. This event is in its 31st year.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

These soup suppers are held on Friday nights during Lent after the Stations of the Cross.

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER GROUP

This Prayer ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings in the Church at 6:30 p.m. All people are welcome to join this group and to submit prayer requests. Contact Ruth Sliger at 501-282-5292 for information about the group and to submit prayer requests.

CHILDREN OF GOD PRAYER GROUP

This prayer ministry meets each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Roland Room-Women's Center-CHI St. Vincent's. All people are welcome to join this group and to submit prayer requests. Contact Christy Miller at 501-624-0585 for information about the group and to submit prayer requests.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Catholics respect the holiness of life from conception to natural death. It is our moral responsibility to protect all life. This committee promotes respect life activities including Life Chain, Crosses for Life, 40 Days for Life, Respect Life Sunday, Mass and March for Life. Our Monsignor Leo Riedmueller Spiritually Adopt-a-Baby Program supports the local crisis pregnancy center. Contact Karen Kirchner at 501-922-4166.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

This ministry coordinates the transportation needs of the parish as they arise. Contact for trips: Anne Sluppick 501-623-3233.

We have been blessed with a golf cart to drive our parishioners that have trouble walking from their vehicles in the parking lot to the church entry way. A group of volunteers rotate driving the cart for all the Masses. Contact Ursula Rhode at ursularhode@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Parish Outreach

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS/ANGEL TREE

St. Mary's provides gifts and food baskets to needy children/families during the Christmas season. Angel Tree participants are recommended by a school counselor. Parishioners take an "Angel" and fulfill the request, then return the gift to church for pick-up/delivery by volunteers. Further information will be published in the bulletin. Contact person is Phyllis Baltz at 501-231-6040 or pebaltz424@gmail.com.

ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open each Monday from 10:30-noon in the Carroll Room. This Outreach Ministry is operated by volunteers from the parish. Recipients need some form of ID. If a Monday is a holiday, the Food Pantry is open on Tuesday from 10:30-noon. Contact person is Bonnie Newman at 501-627-6059.

HAITI MISSION

The mission is a joint effort between St. Mary of the Springs and St. John the Baptist Catholic churches. The Mission work is centered in the parish of St. Andrew in Colladere, Haiti. The parish is located in the Diocese of Hinche in the Central Highlands. The mission supports a Catholic school in Colladere with food supplies and teacher's pay as well as other projects for St. Andrew's parish and the village of Colladere. There are two mission churches in the villages of Copeal and Campeche. Contact Brenda Sanders at gratiaplana0224@gmail.com.

Social Justice Outreach

These community organizations are supported by donations of time, treasure and talent from St. Mary's parish and her parishioners.

ARKANSAS RIGHT TO LIFE

www.artl.org/www.gcrtl.wikispaces.com

The ultimate goal of the Right to Life Committee is to restore legal protection to innocent human life. The primary interest of the Right to Life Committee and its members has been the abortion controversy; however, it is also concerned with related matters of medical ethics which relate to the right to life issues of euthanasia and infanticide.

CHANGEPOINT PREGNANCY CARE AND RESOURCE CENTER

www.cprchotsprings.org

A non-profit organization whose purpose is to serve families by defending the Sanctity of Human Life through empowering, educating, equipping and providing services to men, women, and children and to encourage families by sharing the love of Jesus. They are funded solely through donations. 501-624-2273.

COOPERATIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES AND CLINIC

www.ccmchs.org

CCMC is a non-profit Christian Ministry that strives to improve the quality of life of the needy of the Hot Springs area. It does so by providing general medical care and medications to the uninsured, dental and vision services to the under insured and serving as an advocate for the needy. CCMC will collaborate with other organizations and their clients to provide seamless coordination of care of community services. As an act of Christian kindness, CCMC strives to improved physical, spiritual and social well-being while encouraging responsible lifestyles. 501-623-8850.

THE HOPE MOVEMENT

The mission of the Hope Movement is to guide women recovering from an addictive lifestyle to become fully devoted followers of Jesus as they discover life in abundance, as God intended (John 10:10). The Hope Movement recognizes and assists in providing such needs as a safe living environment, gainful employment, life-skills training, and Christ-centered counseling, with discipleship-training to follow Jesus as the core of the Hope Movement. Contact Lynn Pellegrino at 501-353-6984 or lynn.pellegrino@gmail.com.

JACKSON HOUSE

www.jacksonhouse.org

Community Crisis Intervention Services, Inc., Jackson House is an interfaith community crisis center that provides short-term emergency assistance to men, women and children of Garland County. It is a private, non-profit organization funded by local sources and does not seek government funds. 501-623-4048.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

www.kairosprisonministry.org

The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen. Contact Pietro Tomassi at 501-282-3427.



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SAMARITAN MINISTRIES

www.samaritanhs.org

Samaritan Ministries is a full service Rescue Mission for men in Hot Springs, AR. The mission will first meet the physical needs of the area's homeless and needy men, and then address their spiritual needs. 501-321-2888.

PROJECT HOPE FOOD BANK

www.projecthopefoodbank.org

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