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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

“The Almighty has done great things for me.” - Lk 1:49

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You Are a Priest, a Prophet, and a King The Second Vatican Council teaches that the “faithful are by baptism made one body with Christ and . . . made sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ; and they carry out for their own part the mission” of the Church in the World (*Lumen Gentium* 31). But where does “priest, prophet and king” appear in the Bible?

In varying places throughout the Old Testament you will find mentioned priests (Aaron and members of the Levite tribe, etc.), prophets (Elijah, Elisha, Moses, etc.), and kings (David, Solomon, etc.) In one place you will find all three terms (priest, prophet, king) mentioned together, but applied to three different people: *Zadok, the priest, and Nathan, the prophet, anointed David as king* (1 Kings 1:45). All of these Old Testament persons in some way pre-figure the *one* person Jesus Christ who is the true priest, *and* the true prophet, *and* the true king.

Jesus is priest because he came to make the world holy (to sanctify). Jesus is prophet because he came to make known the will of God (to teach). Jesus is king because he came to offer himself for our benefit (to serve). By Baptism we are grafted onto and into Christ Jesus, and are made partakers in his divine nature, thus sharing in his three-fold mission. As priests we sanctify, as prophets we teach, and as kings we serve. And we do so in various ways.

Our priestly role, to sanctify, is normally carried out through a generous spirit of sacrifice in our daily work and in our family and in our private prayer life; but in our liturgical life we can assist as readers, Communion distributors, servers, singers, musicians, ushers, or sacristans.

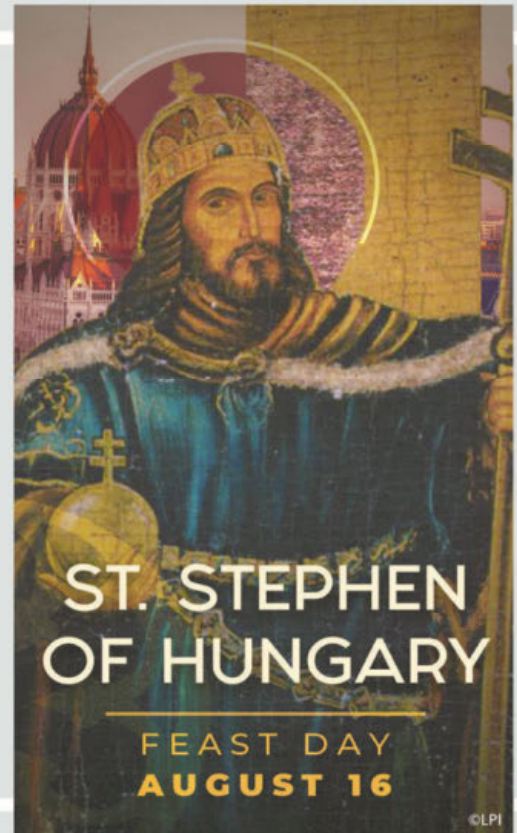
Our prophetic role, to teach, is normally carried out in the workplace, in our community, and in our families, by our example and also by our friendly and mind-expanding conversations with everyone we encounter. In a more organized way, however, we can teach in our parish religious education program, help to organize parish talks or missions, or participate in a small group.

Finally, our kingly role, to serve, is normally carried out in our homes with our families and in our community, but we can also serve by getting involved with our Parish Action Council as service or hospitality volunteers.

We Have Vision and Share a Mission Last year, at about this time, Father Robertson and the Pastoral Council developed a Vision Statement and a Mission Statement for the Our Lady of Peace Parish.

In keeping with the purpose of such statements, the parish Vision Statement, *To Live the Joy of Baptism*, reflects what we want to achieve, while the Mission Statement, *Prayer, Evangelization, Service*, states how we hope to achieve it.

These simple and succinct statements that are deeply rooted in what is taught by the Church in the Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium* and in the Catechism, and what is codified in Canon Law: By virtue of our baptism, we are configured to Christ and participate in his three-fold mission as priests, prophets, and kings.



Saint of the Week

Born a pagan in the 10th century Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross. The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood.

King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims. Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary.



Our Parish Picnic is today after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Enjoy pulled pork and sides with your fellow parishioners to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our parish. The cost is \$10 per person and there is no cost for children 12 and under. Everyone will have a chance to win one of three \$100 door prizes.

Patronal Feast Day When Our Lady of Peace Parish was founded, Bishop Treacy assigned August 15, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as our patronal feast day as there is no official day dedicated to Mary under the title of Our Lady of Peace in the Roman calendar. During Ordinary Time, a parish may transfer the celebration of its patronal feast day to the closest Sunday; and since the Assumption is not a holy day of obligation this year because it falls on a Monday, we are celebrating our patronal feast day, the Assumption, today instead of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

PARISH ACTION APPEAL



As you know, on September 24-25 our Parish Action Council is hosting our first *Parish Action Appeal*—a call to everyone in the parish to become more active and

involved in the life of the Church. In last week's bulletin, we highlighted three opportunities you could embrace in response to this call: Reader, Communion Distributor, and Server. This week we feature three more:

Decorators For special occasions, feast days, solemnities, and liturgical seasons the church is prepared and appointed appropriately—Christmas, Easter, Advent, Lent, Ordinary Time, Marian Feasts, etc. This of course doesn't happen on its own, but requires creative and dedicated volunteers. Decorators enhance everyone's experience of worship by appealing to our aesthetic of beauty which comes from God himself. We could use ten or twelve more volunteer decorators; are you one of them?

Ushers Everyone who attends Mass is familiar with the role of an Usher. Ushers greet people at the door, hand out bulletins, take up the collection, assist people in finding a seat when necessary, or direct people in the Communion line. They are the face of welcome, friendliness, and assistance; they help people with special needs or those experiencing difficulties. They perform an extremely important service to all who gather to worship. We need many Ushers at every Mass to adequately accomplish all of this, and we are currently in need of quite a few more to have a full complement at each Sunday Mass. Any teen or adult can be an Usher, even you.

Sacristans Many people might be unfamiliar with the role of Sacristan. Sacristans help maintain the vestments, sacred vessels, and supplies necessary for the celebration of liturgical celebrations. They prepare and set out everything needed for the celebration of Mass and help to put these things back into their proper place after Mass. It is good to have two Sacristan scheduled for each Mass. Priests rely on Sacristans a great deal. Can Father rely on you?

Requiescat in Pace Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ivan Fuerlinger whose funeral was August 5, and for his family and friends who mourn his passing.

Faith Formation Marshfield Faith Formation for grades one through eight will begin on September 14. You can register at marshfieldfaithformation.org. We need catechists to teach in grades four, seven, and eight. If you are interested or have questions, please contact David Alcott at teachdisciples@gmail.com or call 715-384-3252 extension 6.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd St. John the Baptist Parish will be offering Level One (ages three to six) and Level Two (ages six to nine) from September 26 through April. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program. You can pick up a registration form in the main entrance of St. John the Baptist Church or call or email Jean at 715-387-0571 or saintplus6@frontier.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday August 16th	5:30 PM	† Shirley Kaiser by Kaiser Family
Wednesday August 17th	8:00 AM	†Clem & Helen Fleisner by Tom & Marie Fleisner
Thursday August 18th	8:00 AM	† Dwayne Poppy by Bob Fomel & Linda Loper
Friday August 19th	8:00 AM	† Dorothy Draxler by Bill Draxler
Saturday August 20th	4:00 PM	†Tom Langer by Marge Hansen
Sunday August 21st	8:00 AM	Our Lady of Peace Parish
	10:00 AM	†Adam Leonard by David & Dorothy Leonard

Campaign Goal		\$1,155,000.00
Pledged	74%	\$858,650.28
Under/Over Goal	-26%	-\$296,349.72
Average Pledge		\$4,403.33
Number of Pledges		195

A STEWARD'S GROWING PAINS

Have you ever written a check or seen the charge on the credit card machine that had far too many zeros on it for your comfort?

The brakes finally give up on the car you were hoping to nurse through the season. The water heater dies on the coldest week of the year. A medical procedure wasn't totally covered by insurance. We've all been here in this place, being asked to part with a not-so-small sum of money for a not-so-fun reason.

It's a little easier to bear when you're forking over dollar signs for a fun vacation or even a worthy cause like your child's education. But when it's something you weren't expecting, something negative, that uneasiness in the pit of your stomach can quickly become despair.

The next time this happens to you, embrace

it. Celebrate it. Wrap your arms around it and welcome it as a growing pain.

We are often asked, in life, to give more than we wish. Our loved ones demand greater patience than we think we have. Our prayer life is stalling, and we feel God isn't holding up His end of the communication bargain. The daily grind seems to be grinding us down. We feel that uneasiness in the pit of our stomach, just as we do when we part with money we thought belonged solely to us.

That place of uncertainty propels us in life, in stewardship, in relationship. All forward motion comes from that feeling. Put out your hands and let yourself be thrust into the pit — He will stoop to take you out from the mud. Spread your arms on your cross — joy is waiting for you.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your

parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!



OUR LADY OF PEACE

PARISH ACTION APPEAL

A call to
prayer,
evangelization,
and service

If not you . . . Who?
If not now . . . When?

Your parish comes to life
only if you get involved

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022

Sunday: Rv 11:19; 12:1-10/Ps 45:10-121 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56
Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-21/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-36/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-13/Lk 13:22-30

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