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AUGUST 15, 2021 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly." - Lk 1:48b-49, 52

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD







KC BREAKFAST

St. Ann KCs will host their first Breakfast of the year on Sunday, August 22, in the Great Hall. All are invited to come enjoy a meal and support our KCs!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tootsie Roll Drive will be held

August 26-28 in the North Scott community. Please be looking for sign up sheets in the Gathering Space soon. Proceeds benefit North Scott Food Pantry and local Special Education class programs. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!!!

The Women's Choice Center of the Quad Cities offers a big

THANK YOU!!!

for the continued support St. Ann parishioners show for their needs and programs. "We are so grateful for your loving and consistent support," says Linda Rubley, Executive Director of the Center.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

is available on-line **now**, or you can register *in person* with Joyce and Julia on August 21- 22 and 28-29 at all Masses. Catechists are still needed for some of the class levels.

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question: What are we celebrating on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary?

Answer: The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will.

The church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven.

What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather, we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God. This is the hope and assurance that Mary's assumption celebrates. It is a **Celebration** of our assumption as well. She is one of us, providing a model of what God has in store for all who love and give of themselves to God. ©LPi

NORTH SCOTT FOOD PANTRY: FOOD NEEDS:

- August — canned peas, canned carrots, Jelly, jam, school supplies

- September — school lunch items, snacks The pantry is also collecting personal items like soap, shampoo, deodorant, razors, etc.

The Food Pantry is open:

Tuesday evening – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Friday morning – 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. The North Scott Food Pantry is located on the northwest side of Faith Lutheran Church, 500 W. Le Claire Rd, Eldridge.

We are always collecting food and supplies for the NS Food Pantry. Just drop them in the basket in the entryway, or in the basket by the offertory table as you enter the church. Thank you for your donations and continued support of the area food pantry.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: CREATIVE COURAGE:

When difficulties face us, we can either give up and walk away, or we can engage them. At times, difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had.

Joseph must have had extraordinary courage to do all that he did. He accepted Mary into his home, he accepted the role of earthly father to Jesus, and he moved his family again and again against all reason but at the prompting of the Spirit. He faced all of these difficulties with what Pope Francis calls "Creative Courage" – the ability to find resources within ourselves that we didn't know we had. Can Joseph teach us how to develop this?

Ponder: When have I needed to be courageous? How difficult was it, and did I come out on the other side better because of the experience?

Pray: God of wonder and surprise, make my courage match my desire to serve you. Amen.



REGISTRATION

Next weekend, August 21-22, will be the first of two registration weekends!! If you cannot make that, you can register on our web page www.stannslonggrove.org

We have the calendars available there as well. I pray you are getting excited because we are only a month away for classes!!!!

The weekend of August 21⁻22, we will have a blessing for the return of school! And the Knights will have their first breakfast of the season. Lots going on this weekend!!!

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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures. **CLPi**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 15, 2021 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well. with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.

