

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Gathering Song

Refrain

The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,
and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. Come,
dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses

1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
crops 7 so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
light up the way Un - to your throne.
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.

Penitential Act

Gloria

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple
of good will. *To verses* will. *Last time* A - men, a - men, a - men.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

August 15, 2021

More "Blah, Blah, Blah" from Msgr. Mark

We have different tastes. Chocolate or vanilla (ice cream). Creamy or chunky (peanut butter). Caffeinated or decaf (coffee). When it comes

to religious poetry, some people treasure the 19th century. Long complex sentences. Lots of "Thees" and "Thous." I like poetry that makes me think. On this Feast of the Assumption of Mary, for example, here are parts of a lovely piece by poet Alla Renee Bozarth:

*"Before Jesus
was his mother.*

*Before supper
in the upper room,
breakfast in the barn.*

*Before the Passover Feast,
a feeding trough.
And here, the altar of Earth,
fair linens of hay and seed.*

...

*Before his offering,
hers.*

...

*Before the offering of the cup,
the offering of her breast.*

*Before his blood,
her blood.*

*And by her body and blood alone,
his body and blood and whole human being."*

While it is Christ's incarnation, preaching, healing, death and resurrection that redeems us, his costly work wasn't accomplished in a corner. Like the proverbial pebble in the pond, his self-gift rippled out and drew others in to make an offering. Think of the babies of Bethlehem slaughtered by Herod (and their parents). Think of John the Baptist. Of course, a key player was the Blessed Mother, whose "may it be done to me according to your word" is the very start of the Gospel (Luke 1:38). In order to taste death for our sake, God needed to borrow from us that mortality thing, and (as any decent parent will tell you) welcoming a child launches an avalanche of "may it be done to me according to your words." Another feast in our calendar that makes the point is a month away, the memorial of Our Lady of the Cross. Jesus suffered, and those around him suffered, too, ... with him.

It's from this very humane thought that the idea of Mary as the "first disciple" was born. It sounds a little odd initially, but as outfitted by God's grace, at the moment of the Annunciation Mary talks and walks as a disciple of her son even before his birth. Indeed, that "may it be done to me" line sounds remarkably like the words Jesus will speak to the Father in Gethsemane: "Not my will, but yours be done."

Today's feast is the bookend to the Nativity. That at the end of her life, the first disciple is the first of our kind to share in the power and grace of Easter. The illustration on the front of this bulletin tries to illustrate that moment theologically. The disciples are all gathered around the bed of the dying Mary, but what they don't see (but we do) are the angels and saints also gathered around, and in the center, Christ holding in his arms (look hard) the soul of his mother. The first disciple is home, and you and I are offered the same. Happy feast day!

Msgr. Mark Pierce

Sunday, August 15

7:30am Mass at CR: For the People of the Eastside Parishes
9:00am Mass at CR: +Ron Koltz
10:30am Mass at SM: For the Deceased Members of the Sobkowiak Family

NOTE: The rosary will be said beginning at 11:35 am before the Daily Masses. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass.

Monday, August 16

St. Stephen of Hungary

5:30pm Mass at CR: For the deceased Members of the Foegen and Webb Families
6:00pm Confessions at CR
6:30pm Men's Club Group in SM Cafeteria

Tuesday, August 17

12:10pm Mass at CR: For a Special Intention of Thanksgiving
3:00pm Mass at Primrose: +Marsha Dunn
5:30pm Rosary and Novena at CR

Wednesday, August 18

6:00am Study of the Catechism at CR
12:10pm Mass at CR: For the Living and Deceased Members of the Pitterle Family

Thursday, August 19

St. John Eudes

12:10pm Mass at CR: For the Living and Deceased Members of the Bradtke Family

Friday, August 20

St. Bernard

9:00am "What Catholics Believe" Bible Study at SM Parish Office
12:10pm Mass at CR: +For the Deceased Members of the Jahn Family

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 21

1:00pm Austin Waldvogel and Kaitlyn Love Wedding at CR
3:00pm Confessions at SM
4:00pm Mass at SM: +Lisa Krzmarcik

Sunday, August 22

7:30am Mass at CR: For the Deceased Members of the Klos Family
9:00am Mass at CR: For the People of the Eastside Parishes
10:30am Mass at SM: +Fabian 'Buck' Stachowiak

CR - Church of the Resurrection • SM - St. Michael Church

Eastside Parishes Contact Information

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Readings for the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

"Decide today whom you will serve." In today's readings Joshua challenges the Chosen People, and in the same manner Jesus challenges the Twelve. In the first reading, the Israelites—now firmly established in the Promised Land—reaffirm their loyalty and commitment to the God who brought them there. The twelve apostles make a similar affirmation to Jesus at the end of today's Gospel: "Master, to whom shall we go?" Most of the Gospel, describes the rupture of a relationship as many of Jesus' larger circle of disciples "returned to their former way of life ... and no longer accompany him." Why? Jesus' teaching was too hard to accept—especially his challenge to eat his flesh and drink his blood. What about us disciples? The decision to walk with Jesus must be continually reaffirmed. *What teaching of Jesus have you found too hard to accept? How do you deal with it?*

**Mission Co-Operative Visitor for this summer:
Fr. Thomas Nirappal**



When this area was initially opened to European settlement, the Church wasn't far behind. Missionary priests would follow the rivers that served as high-ways into this region and gather Irish, French-Canadian, and German settlers to establish the Church. Their salaries, catechetical books, and materials for building mission stations were often paid for by mission societies made up of clergy and laity in Germany and France where the Catholic community was already well established. Now it is

our turn. So, annually all the parishes of the Diocese welcome a priest or religious from the emerging Church to speak about the growth and needs of the home where the faith is expanding. August 21-22 we will host Fr. Thomas Nirappal. Fr. Thomas is from India and will speak about the work of his order, the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. Currently working in the Diocese of La Crosse, he is the Pastor of St. Adalbert in Rosholt. Do welcome him.

In the process of moving metal folding chairs around in St. Michael's cafeteria and in Resurrection's Brennan Hall, some of the older chairs will be replaced with newer ones that have been in storage. **We have approximately 70 used chairs that are available for the taking** ... first-come, first served...you haul them. Chairs will need to be picked up by noon on August 19. Please contact Phyllis at 715-842-4283 to arrange to see the chairs.

Please remember all of our homebound and hospitalized parishioners from Resurrection and St. Michael Parishes in your prayers this week.

Resurrection Sanctuary Lamp burns this week ...

In Celebration of an August Birthday

St. Michael Votive Candles burn in memory of:

Tom Vick
Delmar Michlig
Henry Brerzinski



The Eastside Parishes welcomes **Adeline Victoria Mattek**, daughter of Kyle and Katrine Mattek, who was baptized on August 15, 2021, at Church of the Resurrection; and

Andrew Harrison Solum, son of Nicholas and Brenna Solum, who was baptized on August 15, 2021, at St. Michael Parish.



Wedding Banns

Please be mindful of these engaged couples who are members of our parishes. We invite your prayers and good wishes for the young people who will be married on August 21, 2021:

Austin Waldvogel and Caitlyn Love
will be married at Church of the Resurrection

Jordan Schalow and Ashley Chibici
will be married at St. Mary's in Briggsville, WI

Faith Formation Registration Open

Registration forms, calendars, and information are available on our website for Faith Formation (K-12), and Sacramental Preparation.

Go to eastsideparishes.org/ff today to access registration forms and other helpful information.



COVID procedures at Sunday Masses at the Eastside Parishes last updated August 8, 2021

As the expectations have changed over the last few weeks, here's a rundown of our current procedures at worship:

- For the unvaccinated, the continued wearing of face coverings and social distancing is encouraged but not required; those who have been vaccinated are welcome to mask as they see fit.
- Most of each church will be available for seating with two exceptions: first, the pew at the front and the pew at the back of each section will continue to have an empty "buffer" row (behind or ahead of it) for those who would welcome more space between them and others. And for the near future, the 7:30 am Mass at Resurrection will continue to require 6' distancing and the wearing of masks by all.
- Taking the offering "passively" at the entrances of the church will continue for now.
- Our current Mass schedule (one on Saturday late afternoon and three on Sunday morning) is only for the time being, and we expect to adjust worship times again as we edge our way back to "normal."

Stay tuned. Things change.

4 Financial Giving August 8, 2021



St. Michael Parish

Church of the Resurrection

Adult Envelopes/Offertory.....	\$9,395.57
Electronic Contributions.....	\$0.00
Weekly Total.....	\$9,395.57
Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions.....	\$59,188.40

Adult Envelopes/Offertory	\$14,720.25
Electronic Contributions	\$0.00
Weekly Total.....	\$14,720.25
Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions....	\$64,136.25

"We Believe" Giving August 8, 2021

Cash contributions this week.....	\$5,655.00
Electronic contributions this week.....	\$0.00
"We Believe" weekly total	\$5,655.00

Total pledges (including friends' match)...\$1,341,987.43
(not counting St. Ambrose Financial Services interest forgiveness)

Total "We Believe" cash contributions to date\$1,140,881.17



To Touch is To Heal, To Heal is To Touch

August 2021

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

"He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp."
Leviticus 13:46

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. This annual observance highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your life. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all aspects of life, including the ability to openly socialize, attend important appointments, and participate in routine activities. Now is the time to continue to receive routine vaccinations. Is your tetanus up to date? Shingles vaccine? Fall is coming and is the time for the annual flu vaccine.

Continue to talk with your health care provider to ensure you and your family are protected against seasonal diseases by getting caught up on routine vaccinations. Vaccinations are highly effective and easy way to keep your family healthy. Vaccinations help provide immunity before you are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases. Children will be returning to school and the flu season approaches. Vaccines have been tested to ensure that they are safe and effective. We are returning randomly to COVID-19 safety measures of mask wearing, social distancing and hand sanitizing.

Ensuring immunizations are up-to-date is essential for protecting individuals and communities from vaccine preventable diseases and outbreaks and reducing the burden of respiratory illness during the upcoming influenza season. Research continues with the FDA and CDC gathering data. The CDC feels it was premature to change mask recommendations. The masking recommendations were updated to ensure the vaccinated public would not unknowingly transmit viruses to others, including the unvaccinated and immunocompromised loved ones.

The COVID-19 vaccines effectiveness reduces the risk of infection, protects against milder COVID illness, prevents more serious outcomes, including hospitalizations, prevents spread of the illness, provides long-term protection, and protects against new variants.

The greatest and most important element to remember: **IMMUNIZATIONS WORK!**

"But stay awake at all times praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:36

Blessings, Pam Frary, RN

JOB OPPORTUNITY: St. Therese and St. Mark Parishes are looking for an accountant/bookkeeper, 20 hours per week at each parish. Basic responsibilities are bookkeeping and payroll using Parish Soft and QuickBooks. Knowledge of payroll management, QuickBooks Online, and Microsoft Excel and Word is expected. Contact Father Slowiak (St. Mark, 715-359-5206) or Father Albert (St. Therese, 715-359-2421).

Newman Catholic Schools: St. Mark Job Opportunity: Nutrition Employee/Server
Hours: 3 hours per day; approximately 15-17 hours per week while school is in session. Prior institutional food service experience desired. Interested parties are asked to contact: Jennifer Derks, Food Service Coordinator, at (715) 845-5735 ext. 2033.



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Revelation 11.19a; 12.1-6a, 10ab

Response: Psalm 45



Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15.20-27

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 1.39-56

Profession of Faith: Nicene Creed — see sidebar on front

The Universal Prayer

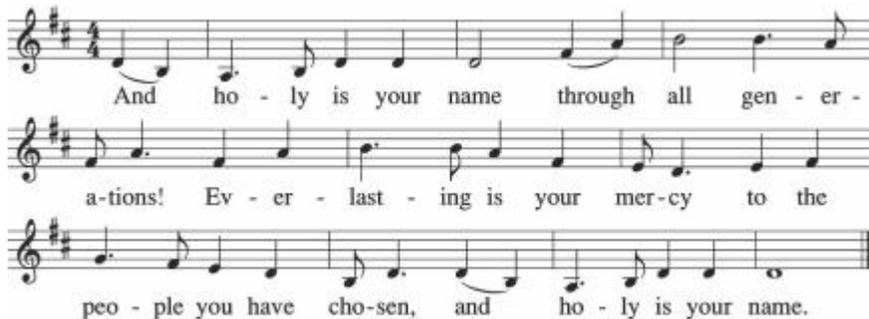
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Preparation of Gifts and Altar

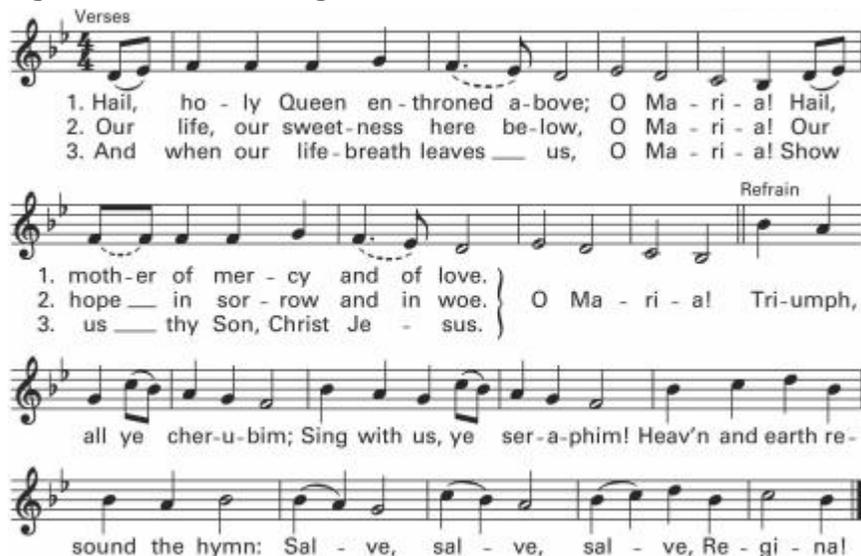
Preface Dialogue

Eucharistic Acclamations — see sidebar

Song During the Communion Procession



Song after the Final Blessing



EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil... and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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