

August 15, 2021 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

“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

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Holy Mass Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Monday– Friday 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday, Tuesday and Friday 6:00 PM;
Saturdays 4:00 PM; or by appointment

**BULLETIN
STANDARD DEADLINE:
9:00 A.M. MONDAY**

Dear Parishioners,
When Christ began the Catholic Church in 33ad he founded it upon the Apostles who in turn handed the faith on to others. Faith is meant to be handed on. Throughout these past 2,000 years the Catholic faith has been handed on to many. Beginning with twelve in the world who now number over 1.2 billion. That's incredible growth which continues today. There is a beautiful and powerful preparation the Church offers those who feel drawn to the Catholic Church, to those who desire to complete any sacraments they have missed to those who want to become Catholic. It is known by its acronym; RCIA which stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Many, including Catholics, wonder what RCIA is all about. It is a powerful time of learning the teachings of the Catholic faith and acclimating oneself into the Catholic parish community. There is a lot of growth and connectedness that happens during the class. This year we will meet from September 29th to the Easter Vigil on April 16. It is a powerful time of learning and building community. These classes are primarily for those who desire to enter the Catholic Church and for those who are missing sacraments such as Baptism, First Confession, First Communion, or Confirmation. Those not married in the church please call the parish office to set up a time to prepare to have your marriage raised into a sacrament to unlock those sacramental graces into your relationship. To all parishioners, I ask for your help. If you have spouse that is not Catholic, please invite them sign-up for RCIA. If you have friends or neighbors or coworkers that are not Catholic, please invite them to sign-up for RCIA. It has been shown that the great majority of those in RCIA class come because they were invited. Please invite! The RCIA class will begin with an open house in the parish center behind the church September 22nd at 7:15 pm. This will give you an opportunity to learn more and to ask any questions that you may have. If God has put it on your heart to learn more about the Catholic faith or to become Catholic go to our parish website at <https://stjbsom.org/rcia> or call the parish office at 815-498-2010. Classes begin September 29 at 6pm in the parish office.
God Bless,
Fr. Butler

CATECHIST NEEDED

Religious Education

Consider sharing your faith as a catechist in our 3rd or 4th grade RE classes this fall. If you would consider one of these positions or if you know someone who would, please contact Judy Kreczmer at 815-353-6562.

Thank you.

RCIA OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 22, 7:15 PM Parish Center

Have you ever thought about joining the Catholic Church? Were you raised in a Protestant tradition but now feel drawn toward Catholicism? Is your spouse/fiancé Catholic and perhaps you would like to share in his or her faith? Are you a baptized Catholic who has never celebrated 1st Communion or Confirmation? Are you unbaptized but feel a call from God to draw closer to him and the Church? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, then RCIA may be right for you. If you have questions about RCIA or to sign up for the class please contact the parish office at 815 498-2010.

**First class is
Wednesday, September 29th, 6pm.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration is open including preparation for First Communion and Confirmation. Students entering 7th thru 12th grade this fall will begin the two year Confirmation preparation program. Both years of Confirmation Preparation must be completed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students entering 2nd grade will begin Communion Preparation as well as newly scheduled classes for any students entering 3rd thru 12th grade who have not yet received their First Communion. For more information or to register, scan the QR code or visit: stjbsom.org/religious-education.



SCAN ME

August 15, 2021
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary
Gospel Meditation

There 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.

Know of someone in need of financial assistance? Call St. Vincent De Paul at 815-826-1690. Members establish personal relationships with our neighbors in need, not only providing material assistance such as rent, utilities, food, or clothing, but also offering understanding, and prayer.



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SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Our candle offerings this week are:
In Thanksgiving
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The American Red Cross is offering free home fire safety information and smoke alarm installations in collaboration with your local fire department. Contact Charlie for a free smoke alarm installation appointment at 312-350-8100.

MASS INTENTIONS

August 16-22, 2021

Monday 8:00 am Becky Fanchi
Req by Joseph Fanchi
Tuesday 8:00 am Vaughn Hauser
Req by Scott & Cyndy Hauser
Wednesday 8:00 am Joseph Pfeifer
Req by Dolores Pfeifer
Thursday 8:00 am Don & Jean Wegener
Req by Craig & Lynda Zuege
Friday 8:00 am Sister Adrienne Weseman
Req by Jeff Weseman
Saturday 5:00 pm Ed Kreczmer
Req by Judy Kreczmer
Sunday 8:00am Pro Populo
People of the Parish
11:00am Galen Wautier
Req by Chuck & Sandy
Durancik

LITURGICAL ROLES

August 21-22, 2021

Saturday 5:00 pm Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 8:00 am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 11:00am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

ALTAR SERVERS

August 21-22, 2021

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

Sunday 11:00 am N/A

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Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

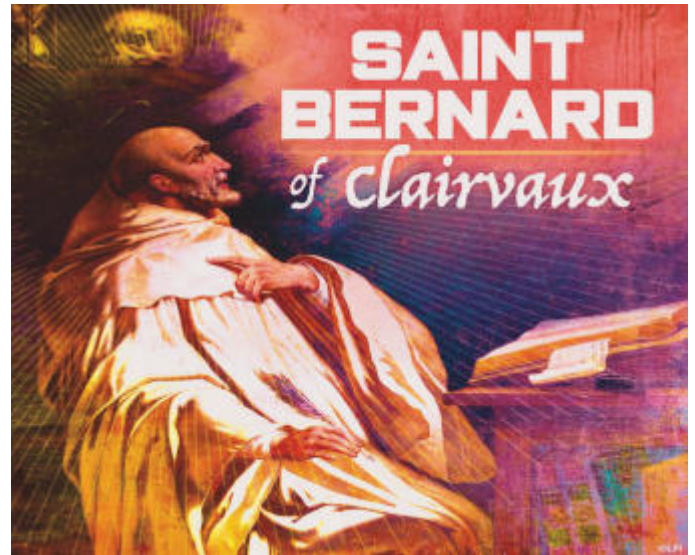
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THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY, August 20, 2021

Rosary at the Grotto

8:30 am



Of all his virtues, Christ specifically commends one to us, *humility*. 'Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart,'
St. Bernard of Clairvaux

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/

1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/

Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

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