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SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

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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Current Mass Schedules

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 pm;
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday: Tuesday–Friday 8:15 am

Holyday: announced times in bulletin.

**Sunday 8:30 am Mass is also available
by Live Stream or Recording on
SSM Facebook Page**

Sacraments

Baptism: Call parish office for
appointment and preparation.

Confession:

- By appointment

Marriage: Please contact priest at least
six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline-Monday Noon

St. Stephen Martyr Parish Vision:

To be a community that loves and serves God
and one another

St. Stephen Martyr

Parish Mission Statement:

To worship God as a Catholic faith
community for the salvation of all

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:



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.



Readings for the week of 08/15/2021

Sun: 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Next Sun: 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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"The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name."
Luke 1:49

Indeed God does great things for us. Unless we take time to reflect on His goodness, we may not recognize, or give thanks, for the great blessings he has entrusted to us.

Parish Support

08/07/2020 - 08/06/2021 = \$388,628.19

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... and for all our sick and homebound.

... and all our families who remain homebound due to virus concerns

Pray for our Parish Community

LITURGICAL LIFE
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear in Proverbs how we are called to participate in divine wisdom. Who do you see as a wisdom figure in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul sees one pathway to wisdom is to avoid evil, ignorance, and drunkenness, and be filled rather with gratitude. For what in your life should you be grateful?

Gospel Reading:

How do you understand Jesus' assertion: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

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From the Desk of Stuart Wicke, Director of Music:

For many long months, churches all over the world were unable to encourage full participation at Mass. Last month here at SSM, when we placed our hymnals back in the pews at long last, I was absolutely astounded – not just because it had been so long since I’ve been able to hear this parish (or any parish) sing, but also by the enthusiasm and excitement I could hear in everyone’s voices. I can tell we’re all ready to start singing again.

That’s why this month, I’d like to encourage everyone who may be interested to consider joining the choir once again. It has been awhile since we have had a full choir here (those of you involved before may remember our rehearsals ending somewhat abruptly last March), which is why I’d like to meet before beginning rehearsals again to hear from those of you who want to return.

I’ll be holding a choir “interest meeting” in the church next Thursday, August 26 at 6pm – I hope to talk about scheduling and repertoire of course, but also to get to know those of you who want to lend your voices to the choir a little better. The last year and a half has given me a lot of new ideas and a lot of time to think about how the choir can best support the liturgy – if you have ideas too, I encourage you to bring them up next Thursday.

Choirs have been singing at Mass nearly as long as people have been going to Mass. The first choirs sang together in unison – not four parts, or SATB, like we often think of today – in what was known as plainsong. Through centuries of innovations like Gregorian chant, two- and three-voice organum, isorhythm, etc., etc., choral music came to be what it is today. (Don’t worry, there won’t be a test or anything next Thursday.)

Days like today are a perfect example of how choral music can be used to elevate and support the Catholic liturgy. Although the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was not adopted officially into the Roman Catholic dogma until 1950, August 15 has been a holy day in many churches, including the Eastern Catholic church, since at least the 6th century. In the fourteen-hundred years between then and now, countless hymns were written which today still help us understand the Assumption, and which deepen our connection with the liturgy through their beauty.

Stuart Wicke

COME JOIN THE CHOIR!



The Archdiocese of Louisville has changed the mandate on masks. Due to this change, masks will now be required during indoor CSAA activity for all vaccinated, and unvaccinated student-athletes, coaches, and anyone else attending a practice, game, or organized team activity. Masks may be removed during physical activity/competition by athletes. More updates will be sent out as they are issued by the Archdiocese of Louisville.

welcome!



Welcome to our new Deacon Ken Roberts, Jr. and his wife Terry. Deacon Ken was ordained to the permanent diaconate in August of last year and will be working alongside Deacon Steve DaPonte and our Deacon Emeritus, Syl Nitzken. Dcn. Ken and Terry have been married for 25 years and have three children, Jake, Jill, and Jenna. He is a graduate of St. Xavier High School, proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, and currently works as the IT Operations Manager for Metal Sales Manufacturing. Terry is an English and theology teacher at Presentation Academy. Dcn. Ken and Terry have been active members of St. Paul Catholic Church, serving on numerous committees, as extraordinary ministers of the Holy Communion, and lectors. We are very happy to welcome Deacon Ken and Terry to our St. Stephen Martyr community.

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2021 Peter's Pence Collection

During the week of August 14/15, the Archdiocese takes up the Peter's Pence Collection, which supports the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and serve as a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. For more information, visit www.peterspence.va/en.html

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF August 15, 2021

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Friday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Pius X, Pope

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Bernard was like a medieval rock star who never stopped touring Europe. He traveled with an entourage, drew enormous crowds, was wildly popular, and called the cream of society his friends. The details of Saint Bernard's life are abundantly documented. He was nearly as prolific a writer as Saint Augustine, but primarily via letters.

And these letters outline his character in sharp profile. He was intelligent, emotion laden, erudite, forceful, and contemplative. He spoke and wrote poetically, beautifully, clearly, and deeply.

Bernard was born in a castle to a highborn family and was sent away by his parents during his youth to receive a classical education. After the death of his mother, he pondered more seriously what God wanted of him. When Bernard was a child, in his native region of Southeastern France, a local monk decided to try something new. He founded a new monastery at a place called Cîteaux in the hope of living the Benedictine Rule with exactitude and rigor. At the age of twenty-two, still mourning his mother, Bernard decided to dedicate his life to God and to enter this new, experimental monastery. With all the force of his mind and personality, when he knocked on the door of the abbey, he was not alone. Behind him at the door stood a long train of thirty of his brothers, cousins, and friends, all noblemen. Bernard was the leader. They were the followers. They wanted to become monks because he wanted to become a monk. This natural gift to command and lead was a sign of things to come.

Cîteaux inspired and gave its name to the Cistercian movement of monastic reform. Because of Bernard's dynamic presence, Cîteaux soon overflowed with monks, and Bernard was sent, as Abbot, to found a new monastery at Clairvaux, or Clear Valley. This was his base for the rest of his itinerant life. As the first Abbot of Clairvaux, Bernard stamped the Cistercian movement with its distinctive character: sobriety in art and architecture, solemnity in liturgy, austerity in life, industriousness in labor, strictness in observance of the Rule, and silence pervading all. Cîteaux gave birth to Clairvaux. By the time of Bernard's death, there were 343 Cistercian monasteries.

Bernard, ironically, spent much of his life on the road. His gifts were such that he was consulted by princes, kings, and popes on every imaginable issue. He participated in Church councils, mediated civil conflicts, inaugurated Crusades, and wrote commentaries on prayer, theology, and Scripture. He became famous as a miraculous healer. Bernard's authentic and tender devotion to the Virgin Mary was expressed sublimely in his writings. Saint Bernard was canonized in 1174 and named a Doctor of the Church in 1830.

Masses for the Week of 08/16/21 – 08/22/21

Tuesday, August 17 -

8:15 am Ronald J. Pohl †

†=deceased

Wednesday, August 18 -

8:15 am Gilda Feige †

Thursday, August 19 -

8:15 am Dorothy Beach †

Friday, August 20 -

8:15 am Joe Raque †

Saturday, August 21 -

4:00 pm Chips Cronen †

Sunday, August 22 -

8:30 am Our Parish Community

10:30 am Ellen Bidwell †

Church and School Offices are Open -

Parish Office hours are 8:30am-4:30pm (Mon-Fri)

1st Day of School is Wednesday, August 18th

Students can arrive at 7:15 and classes begin at 7:50

Dismissal is 2:50. Early Dismissal days are at 1:00 pm

Parish Calendar of Events –

A Parish Calendar of Events is now available on the home page of the ssmartyr.org web site. This online calendar will be updated at the end of each week. All events/activities must be appear on the calendar prior to use of any facility on campus. Please call the parish office (635-5813) to request addition of your event/activity to this facility usage calendar.

SSM Dare to Care Food Pantry—

Wednesday – 08/18/2021 -

3:45-5:00 pm Dare-to-Care Food Distribution Weiker Rm

Dare to Care served 121 families consisting of 147 adults, 91 children and 50 seniors for the month of July.

Guide Book & Directory

Advertising Opportunity—We have contracted Guide Book Publishing (GBP) to publish a Guide Book & Directory for our congregation that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes annually. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book. GBP would prefer to place advertisements for members of our congregation over your business's competitors. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call our office at 635-5813.

Update Membership Information—It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Call our office at 635-5813 to update any information.



The Lord's Laundry! - Have you ever wondered how all those cloths we use at mass get cleaned and pressed? Well there is a small group that takes the purificators (to wipe the cup of blessed wine) and towels home to wash and iron. It is a simple ministry yet so important and one that can be done from the comfort of your own home! We need more help. You can do a small batch of laundry each weekend of the month you choose and your ministry is done! Please call Diane Thieneman (931-6869) to inquire . Thank you!

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