



"My soul
proclaims
the greatness
of the Lord;
my spirit
rejoices in
God my
Savior
for he has
looked with
favor on his
lowly
servant.
From this
day all
generations
will call me
blessed."
- Lk 1:46-48

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2021
St. Catherine, St. Donatus, St. Joseph &
Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Churches

A MESSAGE FROM FR. MILLER/OTHER

Friends

Peace be with you.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because we celebrate it every August 15, it's rare that we get to do so at a Sunday Mass. In terms of church history, it's still a relatively new celebration, having been declared a dogma by the Catholic Church in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. However, the celebration itself goes back to at least the 12th Century in pictures and in the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. It's kind of an interesting celebration because, on the one hand, it's a celebration of Mary's commonality. Each of us hope to be like Mary and be taken up body and soul into heaven. However, it's also a celebration of Mary's uniqueness because, while the rest of the world awaits the general judgement of the world at the end of time to be taken up to heaven, Mary is given a special gift of being taken up into heaven before then because of her special status as the Mother of God. In many ways, this celebration had to follow the far more popular celebration of the Immaculate Conception because, if Mary was indeed born without original sin, it only makes sense that she would share in the immediate effects of the Resurrection of Jesus by being assumed into heaven. And so we will sing all the great Marian hymns this weekend and long to be welcomed to heaven with Mary even while we know what a special, unique gift was given to the one who said "Yes" to the angel when called upon to do so.

These past few weeks, I've been invited to take part in people's family reunions and it has been a real joy to do so. As you may know, I really struggle to learn names unlike Fr. Ambrosy who seems to know everyone already and pick up the names of new people quickly. What can really help me learn names is being able to sit down and visit and look a person in the eye to get to know where the person works and who the person is related to etc. I'm sure Fr. Ambrosy would echo me in saying that we appreciate those of you who have invited us over so we can do this. In the coming weeks and months, we hope to be able to do more of this.

Of course, part of what could bring this to an end is the darn coronavirus situation. I echo yet again my plea to get vaccinated. I know they are talking about a variant that seems to not be affected by the vaccine so we'll see what they find out about that. In the meantime, I have no plans to change the mitigation measures as they are. If you want to wear a mask, feel free to do so. If you don't, don't feel like you have to. If you see someone wearing a mask, please assume they have freely chosen to do so and don't harass them. We'll keep the sanitizer out. We're going to avoid the common cup just because it has a lot of downside and not a lot of upside. We get the fullness of grace in the host after all. If you want to social distance, there are generally ways of doing that in our churches, especially by sitting closer to the front and I'd ask that people try to respect people's desire to social distance. And please continue to pray for the ill and for healthcare workers.

Attention St. Joseph Parishioners:

St. Joseph Annual Pork Roast in Bellevue, Iowa will be on Sunday, September 5, 2021. There are a few changes for the parishioners for this year. These changes are also included in the parishioner pork roast letter that can be found on the counter top in the back of St. Joseph Church.



- ◆ Please drop off double crust pies or bars for the dinner line/sandwich stand in the Media Center before the 10:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 5th. If you need your pies or bars picked up, contact Renee Till at 563-599-5833.
- ◆ Raffle tickets should be turned in the day of the pork roast at the raffle ticket stand in the conference room in the parish center. The stand will be open by 9:30 a.m. that day. Raffle tickets can be dropped in the offertory collection. Raffle tickets will not be sold before and after Masses this year.
- ◆ Silent Auction items should be brought to the parish center on Wednesday, August 25th from 6-8 p.m. and on Saturday, August 28th from 9-11 a.m. Do not take silent auction items to the rectory. Please take them to the parish center on these two days.
- ◆ In town delivery for carry outs will be available for the elderly and handicapped. You can place your order on Saturday, August 28th by calling Mary Sieverding at 563-590-4466 to have a meal delivered to your home on Sunday, September 5th.

Is the Archdiocesan Lay Leadership program – IMPACT – for you? This program is open to any adult who desires a deeper relationship with Christ and a greater understanding of the Catholic faith in order to better serve others through leadership. **IMPACT** will begin another 2-year session in September 2021 with a two-day retreat on September 11-12, 2021. Monthly sessions for this two-year lay formation program will be held at St. Mark's Church in Iowa Falls. A portion of the cost is provided for all participants, with parish approval. To learn more about the IMPACT lay formation program and to register by August 27, please go to dbqarch.org/impact.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."
-St. Pius X, Pope - Feast day August 21st



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OTHER

St. Catherine/St. Donatus Parish News

• 2021-2022 St. Catherine/St. Donatus Faith Formation Program meeting

It's already August and time to be thinking of fall activities, including our parishes' Faith Formation program. There will be a **meeting on Sunday, August 29, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Donatus Church**, for registration and an overview of plans and the calendar for the 2021-2022 program. Parents and students: please plan to attend if you will be participating in our K-10 program this year, and encourage others not attending a parochial school to join us too. If you are new to our area or have not participated in our program before and want more information, please contact Marybeth Wagner, program director, at dbq181ff@dbqarch.org. We are looking forward to a great year.

- The **Dubuque Area Labor Harvest organization** will be the recipient of monetary donations to our August Monthly Special Collection. Founded in 1988 to provide out-of-work or laid off workers with food so they could use what little money they had coming in to pay other bills, this non-profit all-volunteer organization now provides free meals and food assistance for low-income and elderly families in Dubuque County. Please put your donation in the envelope found in the back of our churches and place the envelope in the regular collection basket at either parish any weekend of this month.
- **All ladies of St. Catherine and St. Donatus parishes are invited to an outdoor gathering on Monday, August 23, at 1:00 pm in the parking lot at St. Catherine Parish Center.** We will share prayer and reflect on passages in the book *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly. Copies of this book can be found in the back of church. (*You don't have to have read the book to join us.*) Bring a lawn chair and something to drink if you like. Any questions? Please call Judy Lochner at 556-6643 or Marybeth Wagner at 582-0058.
- **A planning meeting for St. Donatus Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** will be held this Sunday, August 15th, after the 8:00 Mass. Please join us to plan this important parish event.

The Youth Group will have the Bender's Food Stand on the weekend of August 20th and 21st. Thank you for your continued support of our youth.

The Marquette Catholic School kitchen will accept any extra produce that you may have. Feel free to contact Tricia Schwager at 563-872-3356.

Marquette High School Class of 1970 will celebrate their 50+1 reunion on Saturday, August 21st. Classmates are invited to attend 4:15 pm Mass, then tour Marquette Catholic School. They will celebrate with a meal after that.

St. Joseph Pork Roast meeting will be on Wednesday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Fr. Kruse Parish Center.

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

St. Catherine

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Envelopes.....	\$1500.00
Online giving.....	\$80.00
Offertory.....	\$62.00
July Special Collection.....	\$10.00
Total.....	\$1652.00

St. Donatus

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$512.00
Offertory.....	\$64.00
Votive.....	\$17.00
Total.....	\$593.00

St. Joseph

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$3911.00
EFT (Auto Deposit)	\$3124.00
Online giving.....	\$880.00
Youth.....	\$3.00
Offertory.....	\$365.50
Votive.....	\$26.00
Total.....	\$8309.50

Sts. Peter & Paul

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$330.00
EFT (Auto Deposit)	\$126.00
Online giving.....	\$55.00
Offertory.....	\$297.25
Votive.....	\$11.00
Can return from BBQ.....	\$15.00
Total.....	\$834.25

TEC

Do you know a junior or senior in high school who could use a weekend away for faith renewal in a relaxed and fun atmosphere? The Archdiocese of Dubuque is offering three TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekends this year in Dubuque, Bellevue, and Dyersville. Registration information can be found in the brochures in the back of all four churches. Please contact Julie Schmidt if you have questions, DBQ012ym@DBQarch.org.



Congratulations to Katherine Herrig & Thomas Heiar, who were married this weekend at St. Donatus Parish.

YOUTH GROUP/ EPIC/HS FF/CONFIRMATION

- **Confirmation** - Sunday, August 22 - 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Parents & Confirmation candidates at SJ Church in the church body after Mass.

A MESSAGE FROM BROTHER STEPHEN/OTHER

August 15, feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast provides for us a wonderful opportunity to exercise our Christian imagination, to reaffirm our belief in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and to uphold our hope for new life wherein we too will be united with Christ in heaven.

In the Book of Revelation 12:1, Mary is depicted as “a woman clothed in the sun and crowned by stars.” What an awesome image to behold our imagination. We honor a loving mother presented as a queen, adorned in clothing as brilliant as the sun and wearing a crown of stars. We are drawn to imagine this loving mother of Jesus, mother of our Church, and our own heavenly mother, as “Queen of Heaven.” We can picture Mary, gloriously surrounded by the angels and saints (so many of our dear loved ones among them), reigning over heaven and earth.

There are multiple titles for Mary and we celebrate numerous feast days in her honor. The feast of the Assumption is especially personal for us because it is a foreshadowing of our own destiny. Through Jesus’ resurrection Jesus not only overcame sin and death but also ... “inaugurated a life of love and freedom” (1 Cor 15:24 - 25).

Considering Mary our heavenly mother, who better for us to call upon to intercede for us in our efforts to live through and overcome our struggles and shortcomings and to grant us the graces, the blessings, we need to live in the joy and the hope that is God’s presence among us.

We pray, Mary, full of grace and we ask for the grace to live lives of love and freedom. We pray for wisdom to understand that freedom is both a freedom from and, more importantly, a freedom for or a freedom to. We are free to love God, to love one another—all our brothers and sisters— in Christ. As we anticipate that day when we too will be united with the chorus of angels and saints in heaven, we are free to live lives of joy, hope, compassion, and service to our brothers and sisters in Christ. As children of God and believers in Jesus Christ we, like all the angels and saints, are destined to become one with Him, eternal in heaven.

Pope Francis in a homily delivered on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Daejeon, Korea World Cup Stadium, 15 August 2014 says it best: “Let us turn to Mary and implore the grace to rejoice in the freedom of the children of God, to use that freedom wisely in the service of our brothers and sisters, and to live and work as signs of the hope which will find its fulfillment in that eternal kingdom where to reign is to serve.”

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat

Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. is hosting a local Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, September 24-26, 2021 at the Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque. For more information, visit <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>. Details of the local retreat can be found at dcrtl.org/rv or call 563-556-5960.

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Joseph - Saturday, August 21 at 4:15 PM

Lector: Kim Moore **Eucharistic Minister:** Patty McClimon, Kim Moore, Cortney Kueter, Judy Moran

Lead Rosary: Marilyn Ploessl **Sacristan:** Volunteer

Servers: 3 Volunteers **Ushers:** Kathy Dunn, Russ Kettmann, Jim Kilburg, Greg Schulte

Sunday, August 22 at 10:15 AM

Lector: Julie Schmidt **Eucharistic Minister:** Melissa Sturm, Dahlia Beauchamp, Kristie Pfiffner, Carolyn Weber

Lead Rosary: Gene/Joan Gerardy **Sacristan:** Angela Burken **Servers:** Jacklyn Pataska Moore, Patrick Dunn, Juli McHugh **Ushers:** Dalton Jackson, Shawn Jackson, Mark Jess, Mark Michels

Sts. Peter & Paul - Sunday, August 22 at 8:00 AM

Lector: Mike Griffin **Eucharistic Minister:** Leon Stillmunkes **Server:** Connor Thomas & Cameron Gerlach **Lead Rosary:** Anita Griebel **Ushers:** Kevin & Darin Banowetz, Jr. Steines, Jim Banowetz

St. Donatus - Sunday, August 22 at 8:00 AM

Server: Myles Herrig **Lector:** Ana Herrig **Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Herrig **Ushers:** Larry Herrig & Jonathan Herrig

St. Catherine - Saturday, August 21 at 5:30 PM

Lector: Francis Weber **Eucharistic Minister:** Vicki Weber **Ushers:** Joe Kies & Randy Helmle

Card Party at St. Joseph’s Bellevue

St. Joseph’s Church in Bellevue will be hosting their monthly euchre card party this Sunday, August 15th. Lunch will be served first at 6:00 p.m. with cards to follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Fr. Kruse Parish Center. Cost is \$3 and includes lunch and prizes. All are welcome.

Immaculate Conception Parish, Petersville, Iowa, Beef & Pork Dinner, Sunday, August 29th from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Handicap accessible. Country store, raffle, bingo.

Stewardship Quote ... “After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship...She was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role as ‘handmaid’ in terms of service and fidelity.”

Faith Formation

If you have not received an email from Julie Schmidt in regards to Faith Formation for grades K-10, please contact the rectory office at 563-872-3234.

Fish Pond Items

The Pork Roast Committee is looking for fish pond items for the fish pond at our annual parish Pork Roast. Please drop off fish pond items in the drawer marked “Fish Pond Items” in the back of church.



MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

Tuesday, August 17

8:25 AM - SJ † Melvin Wagner; † Mary Ann Till
† Arnold Steines & Family

5:30 PM - SC † Tom Herrig

Wednesday, August 18

8:25 AM - SJ † Mary "Shirley" Monner; † Eldon Weis
10:00 AM - Mill Valley Care Center
† Mary Ann Till

Thursday, August 19

8:00 AM - SPP † Hugo & Harold Kilburg & Ray Fuegen

Friday, August 20

8:00 AM - SD † Deceased Members of the Ambrosy
Family

8:25 AM - SJ † Jeremy Theisen; † Marilyn Clasen

Saturday, August 21

1:30 PM - SJ Wedding of Justine Kalmes & Jacob
Formella

4:15 PM - SJ † Lucille Bormann; † Rose Zeimet
† Darlis Schmidt; † Lillian Knake
† Ken Green

5:30 PM - SC For the People

Sunday, August 22

8:00 AM - SD † Deceased Members of the Ambrosy
Family; † Milton Weber, Marie & Carlyn Denlinger

8:00 AM - SPP † Ed, Marie, Wayne, Delores, & Maya
Banowetz & Eugene Bormann

10:15 AM - SJ † Cletus, Florence & Sue Deppe
† Harry & Phyllis Wagner

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS CONTINUED

Sunday, August 22

10:15 AM - SJ † Mary Ann & Roger Ties
† Eldon Sieverding

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PUZZLE

Which picture name begins with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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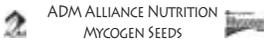
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