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**AUGUST 15, 2021 • THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

## Parish Office

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Rectory: 630-448-4035

Office Hours: Mon.—Thur. 8am—4pm  
Fri. 8am—Noon

## Mass Schedule

Daily: Mon.—Fri. at 7:30am

Tues. at 6:15pm

Fri. at 12:15pm

Sat. at 8:00am

Weekend: Saturday at 4:30pm

Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am

## Staff

Fr. Stephen St. Jules, Pastor

Fr. Steven Sabo, Parochial Vicar

Dcn. Mark Chaplin, Permanent Deacon

Dcn. Mike Lane, Permanent Deacon

Larry Harris, Music Coordinator

Stephanie Heusinger, Business Manager

John Lamperis, Evangelization

Mary Stola, Faith Community Nurse

Deb Surmin, Youth Ministry / Secretary

Pat Weis, Director of Religious Education

## Sacraments

Reconciliation: Weekdays 7:00-7:25am

Sat. 3-4pm, or by appt.

All Other Sacraments: Please contact the pastor at the parish office.

## Religious Education

Classes are offered for grades 1-8.

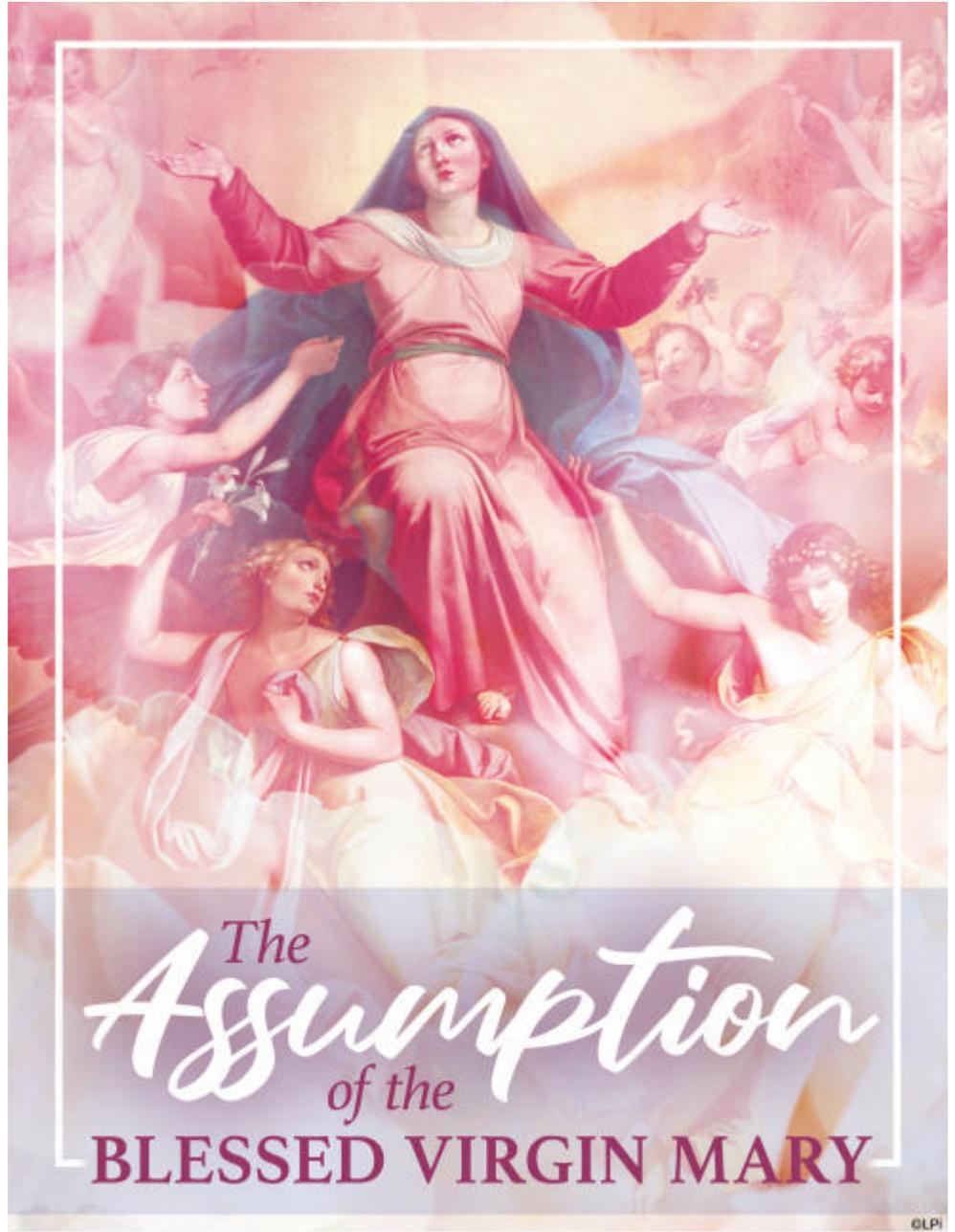
Registration is online.

## Prayer Chain

To receive or submit prayer requests,  
email [hesseling1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hesseling1@sbcglobal.net).

## Bulletin Submittal

[bulletin@skdmail.org](mailto:bulletin@skdmail.org) 10 days in advance.



## ST. KATHARINE DREXEL MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Katharine Drexel's joyful spirit invites us to a deeper appreciation of Christ's love for us and our need to respond as one of His disciples, fostering a welcoming, caring and faithful Catholic community.*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - 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. ©LPi



### July Giving

Sunday Envelope Online .....	\$27,966.67
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Sowing the Seeds of Faith .....	\$4,029.68
St. Vincent de Paul Online .....	\$421.00

## Installation Ceremony

**Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.**

Join us as we celebrate the Installation of our new pastor, Rev. Stephen St. Jules with Bishop Malloy



A small reception in the narthex will follow.

## Minna Diocese Mission Priest is Coming—August 28/29

Fr. John Mark Ogu will be visiting our parish to speak about the Diocese of Minna, Nigeria.

Minna Diocese is located in Niger State, North Central, Nigeria. Minna Diocese was canonically erected a Diocese in 1973. Today it has a catholic population of approximately 97,525. The first Mass was celebrated in 1911 by a missionary priest, Rev. Fr. Leon Bourg, SMA. Minna Diocese ministers to mostly poor rural population who must survive with an average daily wage of less than \$1.25. Therefore, Minna Diocese depends on your donation to run primary health care clinics, civic education and social justice programs, build schools in poorer communities, provide drinkable water and worship place. Fr. Ogu will speak about this vital missionary work of the Church.

## “Come and See” has begun

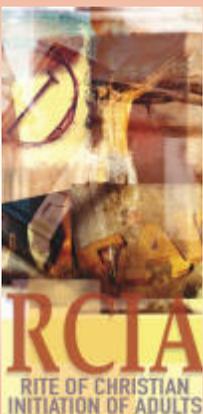
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Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm in Rooms 105-106.  
Bring your questions and join in some lively discussion.

**This Dynamic Spiritual process may be for YOU if you are:**

- **Married to a Catholic and wonder about certain beliefs**
- **A person who has not been Baptized and is searching**
- **A Baptized Christian of another denomination who thinks about becoming Catholic**
- **A Baptized Roman Catholic in need of one or more Sacraments**
- **A Parishioner with questions**

For more information contact Deacon Mark & Laura Chaplin at  
630-561-9993 or mchaplin5575@gmail.com



### Monday, August 16

7:30am Christen Brickert Fuqua  
Requested by: Bill & Jane Brickert



### Tuesday, August 17

7:30am Carlye Lunardini  
Requested by: Teresa Konen  
6:15pm Sharlene Shanahan  
Requested by: Dick & Joanne O'Connor

### Wednesday, August 18

7:30am † Liz Brummette  
Requested by: Bill & Jane Brickert

### Thursday, August 19

7:30am † Ed O'Connell  
Requested by: Dan & Charene Nagel, Rich & Marge Renck,  
Kathy Nagel

### Friday, August 20

7:30am Andrea Skoglund Lacey  
Requested by: Bill & Angie Skoglund  
12:15pm Tom & Mae Ernst  
Requested by: Fr. Steven Sabo

### Saturday, August 21

8:00am † Mark LaLonde  
Requested by: Laura Weiland  
4:30pm † Bernice Kunold  
Requested by: Kunold Family

### Sunday, August 22

7:30am † Danny Ryan / The People of SKD  
Requested by: Helen Snyder  
9:00am † Joseph Reidy  
Requested by: Terry & Julia Michels  
10:30am † Bill Johnson  
Requested by: Scanlan Family

Eucharistic

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Feel free to stop in and visit with the person who knows everything about you and loves you no matter what!

Adoration on Wednesday \* 8am-6pm  
Could you not spend one hour with me?



### Religious Education Classes 2021 - 2022 Grades: 1 - 8

Register today at [www.stkatharinedrexel.org](http://www.stkatharinedrexel.org).

There is an opening for a 5<sup>th</sup> grade catechist. Any parishioner 18 or older is welcome! This is a great opportunity to not only educate the next generation in our faith, but to also grow your own faith life.

For questions, contact: Pat Weis, Director  
[patweis@skdmail.org](mailto:patweis@skdmail.org) / 630-466-0303 ext. 109

### Men's Ministry

**SAVE THE DATE—NOVEMBER 8th**

9th Annual

**BEARS NIGHT OUT**



## Nursing our Bodies...Nursing our Faith Notes from our Faith Community Nurse

### Stress Relief from Nature

The world has a variety of nature settings that God created for us to enjoy. When was the last time that you took a slow, intentional walk in a nature preserve or national park? When did you look up at the sky and notice the cloud formations or go to the beach to watch the waves? No matter where you live (or visit), you can take advantage of the curative effects of nature that research affirms has calming and curative effects.

Multiple studies over the past two decades have confirmed that green spaces, water and sunlight provide health benefits such as improved healing rates after surgery, strengthened immunity, decreased chronic pain and improved mental health. Being near water has a positive impact on health.

Research shows that seeing or hearing water triggers a release of neurochemicals that increases blood flow to the brain and heart. It is instantly calming! This happens when you are looking at an aquarium, swimming, looking at ocean waves, listening to a trickling brook or sitting on a bench and watching ducks swim. Find the places in nature with water that you can enjoy and benefit from! Another way to benefit from nature is to feel the immensity and awe of nature around you. While hiking, gardening, or taking a walk – slow down and notice the wonders of nature. Stop and appreciate a rainbow, visit a forest preserve, watch a butterfly or smell and take in the colors of a flower. By taking a short break outdoors, you will give yourself a serotonin boost (the feel-good hormone) and make cortisol levels drop. You will notice the change in your mood and even sleep habits by spending time outdoors soaking in the light of the sun and appreciating the beauty of nature that God has blessed us with.

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:6-7. For assistance or resources to improve your health, contact me at 630-466-0303 ext-113 or [mary.stola@amitahealth.org](mailto:mary.stola@amitahealth.org).*

Peace,

Mary Stola, RN, Faith Community Nurse



### Reminder about Hospital Stays

Under the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, hospitals are greatly restricted in their ability to disclose patient information. Consequently, the pastor or church office may not be notified that a parishioner has been admitted to the hospital. In the event you are hospitalized or ill, and you would like the pastor to know, you or a family member should inform the church office directly.

### Come Celebrate Holy Mass and Receive Holy Anointing

**Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm  
Followed by lunch and fellowship.**

Anyone suffering from any ailments (physical, mental, emotional) are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to the parish office at 630-466-0303. State number attending and any dietary restrictions.

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## Pro-Life Corner

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

I am 5 months old now. I'm 12 inches long and I weigh about one pound. I'm really getting big and mommy can now feel me kick and move around! Hey! Someday maybe I'll play soccer! Keep praying for me.

"God's love-individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives." ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

God of all goodness, you have entrusted us with the gift of life. Help us to appreciate that gift from the first moment of conception to the last breath of life.

Waterleaf Clinic—630-701-6270 or  
TEXT 630-360-CALM  
Sherry Miksa  
St. Katharine Drexel Pro-Life Ministry



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Prayer Partners Needed

We are looking for **18 additional adults** who are able to commit one or two minutes of prayer each day for our young church!

**There are no meetings.  
No training is necessary.  
Everything is done from home.**

Sign up to prayerfully intercede for one of our teens on the SKD website under Youth Ministry.

**Thank you!**

### Everyday Stewardship Reflection—WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. **What Would Mary Do?**

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



### St. Vincent de Paul—SKD

Our motto is "Changing Lives... Restoring Hope." We do this by providing person-to-person service to those in need within the community.

If you are in need of assistance, please call 630-466-8833 or visit [www.svdsp-skd.org](http://www.svdsp-skd.org). We are here to help!

### St. Vincent de Paul — Help our Regional Efforts!

St. Vincent de Paul Warehouse in Aurora is in desperate need of helpers. Even if for a couple hours a week. The Déjà Vu Clothing Shop in Geneva is always in need of more help as well.

If interested, please contact to Ann Vargo, 630-715-0289



*LORD, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Amen.*

German Arroyo, Collin Backus, Max Brien, David Buttery, Nick Carlstrom, Tony Chavez, Hunter & Emily Cork, Richard Hauser, Fr. Jason Hesseling, Jack Hinterlong, Samuel Keilty, Brad Komes, Audrey Krantz, Logan Krause, Joshua Ledbetter, Eric Martin, Eric Ortlund, Ryan Quinn, John Reiland, Luke Reiland, Raymond Ritter, Jayson Rischl, Matthew Rischl, Alexander Schaefer, Jacob Smith, Bradley Wilson, Ashtyn Winkler.

If you would like to add a name, call the parish office or email [bulletin@skdmail.org](mailto:bulletin@skdmail.org).

## Around the Community...

### Lazarus House Golf For Goodness Fundraiser

Lazarus House is hosting its GOLF FOR GOODNESS fundraiser on Friday, September 17, 2021 at Prairie Landing Golf Club in West Chicago. The cost is \$185/golfer. Sponsorship are available ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. All proceeds will benefit Lazarus House operating funds. Call Barb at 630-587-2144 or visit <https://lazarushouse.ejoinme.org/GolfForGoodness> for more information or to make reservations.



### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER HAS GONE VIRTUAL

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." Find out how to live your Sacrament to the fullest by participating in the next in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Aug. 20-22 in Madison, WI; Sept. 17-19 in Geneva, IL, or Oct. 15-17 in Madison, WI. There are virtual experiences on Sept. 13 thru Oct. 12 (Monday & Wednesday) and Nov. 13-14.

Visit our website at - [www.alifetimeoflove.org](http://www.alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653. Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250.

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