

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021

Parish Office Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
CLOSED WEDNESDAY



First day of school for Holy Family Students August 16, 2021! Welcome back! We missed you!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

August 15, 2021

Today's solemnity celebrates "as Divinely revealed dogma that Mary, Immaculate Mother of God ever Virgin, after finishing the course of her life on earth, was taken up in body and soul to heavenly glory." By these words Pope Pius XII, exercising Pontifical Infallibility, declared on November 1, 1950, that the Assumption was a dogma of faith and was to be believed as such by the faithful. The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day even when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time as is the case today. Theologically speaking, death is understood to be a consequence of Original Sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if, perhaps, she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question. We'll find out, God willing, in heaven!

As you know, our parish is blessed to have Mark Bursott as a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate. Mark and his wife, Gail, have been attending formation weekends once a month, ten months a year for four and a half years now. The next step on the path to Ordination as a Permanent Deacon will take place during Mass at 10:30AM on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at the Diocese's new Sacre-Coeur Retreat Center when Bishop Tylka will institute Mark and his classmates in the *Ministry of Acolyte*. I invite you to attend. An Acolyte is appointed to attend to the service of the altar. Thus, he assists the Deacon and Priest at liturgical celebrations, distributes Holy Communion and instructs others who are to assist at liturgical celebrations. Mark has been preparing to be instituted formally into the *Ministry of Acolyte* for some time now by his studies and service at weekend Masses. The commitment that Mark and Gail have made to prepare to serve all the people of our parish is significant. We look forward to the day when Mark shares the graces of the sacrament of Holy Orders, and when both Mark and Gail know, in even deeper ways, the joys of following Christ's call in their lives. I encourage everyone to support them with your prayers.

See you at Mass!

Fa. Paul Joseph

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, August 16-Weekday

5:30pm †John Salanitro, Jr. by Joyce Salanitro

TUESDAY, August 17-Weekday

7:00am ††Gary & Robert Knapp by Bernie Knapp

WEDNESDAY, August 18-Weekday

7:00am †Elizabeth Araka Padavil by Philomena Padavil
5:30pm †Betty Marie Wenger by Chris & Dianna Russick

THURSDAY, August 19-Weekday

7:00am †Don Redman by the Langevin Family
10:00am **School Mass:** Blessings on the New School Year

FRIDAY, August 20-St. Bernard

7:00am ††Mary Frances Murray by Nickie Roberson

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, August 21

5:00pm Our Parish Community

SUNDAY, August 22

8:00am †Cal Glastetter by Jackie Glastetter
10:30am †Sr. Jean Francis Stenger by Cecilia Guth

The Sanctuary Lamp intention for the week August 14-20, 2021:
We remember in our daily prayers
†Mary Frances Murray
by Nickie Roberson.



PRAY FOR FRANCISCAN VOCATIONS

Maria Serrano will have the Franciscan vocation picture and say the prayers for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially to the Conventual Franciscans of Saint Bonaventure Province.

Please sign up for this important ministry opportunity in the vestibule.

Questions, please call: the parish office 688-3720.



ASSUMPTION
of the blessed virgin Mary



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Holy Family will be participating in the 40 Days for Life event on **Saturday, September 25th from 7am-7pm** outside of Planned Parenthood (2709 N. Knoxville Ave). This prayerful and peaceful vigil will bring together our Parish in praying for an end to abortion! Please consider signing up for a time-slot to pray outside of Planned Parenthood. The sign-up poster is in the back of the church. After you have chosen a time, please sign the Statement of Peace located next to the sign-up poster. **ALL participants must have a signed Statement of Peace in order to participate in this event.** You can also sign up for a slot of time by contacting the parish office at 688-3427.



PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR HOLY FAMILY STUDENTS AND STAFF

God, our Teacher and Guide,
Your wisdom is greater than our minds can comprehend, yet you give us the ability to learn and seek truth.

We give you thanks for our school which will be forming our youth.
Make it a place where students and teachers search for your knowledge;
Make it a shelter where young people discover the best of themselves;
Make it a home where all can grow together in wisdom; And make it a dwelling of light for all who seek to serve you.

May the teachers be blessed with compassion and patience; the staff be filled with joy and peace;
and the students be charged with curiosity and courage to make this world a home where hope endures.

We ask this in the name of the One who is wisdom beyond all understanding, Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Diana Macalintal, *The Work of Your Hands*

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

“And Mary said, ‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior for he has looked upon his lowly servant.’” Luke 1: 46

People love stories.

From the time we’re little children, we love to listen to stories being told to us and read to us. As adults, it’s why we love to watch TV and go to movies and read novels.

They tell us stories.

I remember, for example, as a very young child listening on Saturday mornings to the radio show “Let’s Pretend.” Remember it?

I know it dates me significantly, but it told stories that fully captured my young imagination.

As one author puts it, “Stories help us explain everything in our experience.”

The stories we tell radically shape how we think about the world and assist us in stepping out of our own reality and experience the perspective of others.

Stories are so important to us, in fact, that someone has even dared to say that “God made humans because God loves stories.”

More than that, God sees that each one of us is a story – a story that our God loves to listen to.

Luke, the writer of today’s Gospel, is a master storyteller. He understands at a very deep level how much people love stories because they can step into them, identify with the characters, and make them their own.

The story in today’s gospel is a uniquely endearing one.

It’s a story about who God is – a God that loves his people so radically, so profoundly that he wants to become one with them, wants to enter fully into their life experience, wants to join them in their joys and sorrows, their hopes and sadness, their delights and fears!

It’s a story also about something considered absolutely impossible - a child who is to be born of a virgin.

It’s a story, then, about a world being turned upside down, a story in which the arrogant will be scattered, the mighty pulled down from their thrones, the rich sent away empty handed. It’s a story about how the lowly will be exalted, and the hungry will be filled with “*good things*.”

The main character in this particular part of the larger story of God’s infinite love for each of us is the person of Mary.

It’s a beautiful story about a young woman who has been chosen out of all others since the beginning of time to carry in her womb and to give birth to the most important person in all of history.

But more than that even, it’s the story of her response to the astonishing and startling announcement from an angel: total trust, humility, acceptance. “Let it happen to me as you say.”

But here’s maybe the most beautiful part of Mary’s story:

It can become our story – the story of our trust, our submission to God’s will, and our willingness and readiness to say to the angel of God in our life: “Let it happen to me as you say.”

Mary is the perfect disciple of Jesus. She is the ultimate “yes” to God’s invitation to each of us to follow him and to make our lives like his. But Mary’s story is also one in which she is puzzled to the point of saying:

“I don’t know what it will mean. I don’t know where it will lead. I don’t know what it will require. But what I do know is that God is asking it of me, and I am saying a wholehearted Yes to God.”

This is why Mary is the model for each one of us in our own lives. We are each called to do the same as she did:

To trust, to quiet our fears, to open our hearts to the activity of grace, to say a wholehearted “Yes” even when we don’t know the full implication of what it all will mean.

Mary’s story is there to be read and listened to by all of us.

How about your story? How will it read?

Ted Wolgamot, Psy.D.

Readings:

Week of August 16-22

- Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2,10-14
- Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Dn 7:9-10,13-14/2Pt 1:16-19/ Mk 9:2-10
- Saturday:** Dn 6:4-13/Mk 17:14-20
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51



When: Saturday, September 11th 1-5pm

Where: Kelleher's Irish Pub Parking Lot

It's all the fun of a real tailgate party while you support the Maggie Bertram Foundation for the Fine Arts. Just reserve your parking spot for the big day. Then pack the cooler & car with your favorite food and beverages. The day kicks off with the national anthem followed by the areas favorite band, Patrick N Swayze. Plus plenty of other entertainment and fun throughout the evening.

Spots are limited so reserve your spot today at: MaggieBertramFoundation.org.

Use the Holy Family discount code –[HolyFamily25](#) and save \$25 through August 15th.

FINANCE CORNER

If you would like to make contributions electronically, please contact our business office at (309) 688-3427 x 201.

Anyone interest in a convenient method to make their regular Sunday contributions can use the link below. Here at Holy Family, we have implemented a secure website to accept your donations. The website for online donations is:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/peoriahollyfamily>

Thank you and God Bless you.

Aug-21

First Sunday	\$16,532.75
Second Sunday	\$8,026.30
Third Sunday	
Fourth Sunday	
Fifth Sunday	

Monthly Total	\$24,559.05
Monthly Budget	\$59,700.00
Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(35,140.95)

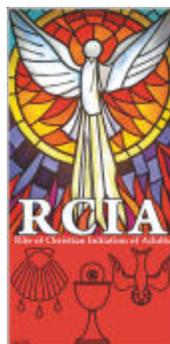
Fiscal Year Total	\$64,065.55
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$109,400.00
Fiscal Year Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(45,334.45)

DIOCESAN 25TH & 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2021, notify the parish office at 688-3427. Each couple will receive a personal invitation this summer from the Bishop to attend a Mass on September 26th at 3:30pm in your honor.

RCIA REGISTRATION



Registration forms for those interested in being a part of the RCIA program for Holy Family parish can be found at the back of church or the parish office. If you have questions please contact Deacon Joe LaHood at: 309-657-8209 or the parish office at: 309-688-3427. Start date will be mid to late September.



NOVENA OF BLESSED MARIE-CLEMENTINE ANUARITE NENGAPETA

NOVENA DATES: AUGUST 15 - 23, 2021
FEAST DAY: DECEMBER 4, 2021

Holy Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
The whole Church and I thank you
for filling with your grace,
Your servant, Sister Marie Clementine Anuarite
Nengapeta who kept her vow of chastity until death.

Grant me, in her example, the grace
to be steadfast in keeping Your Word,
serving others and living out
my baptismal vow.

May it please You to honor her and
make her known through the Church,
as a virgin and martyr of the Church.

Through her intercession, grant me Your grace!

Mary, Queen of martyrs,
Anuarite was your beloved daughter,
Pray for us to your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ.



STEPPING UP

Caitie Crowley, a Catholic millennial, was in a traumatic car accident on her way home from work and almost lost her life. She couldn't walk for 10 months. She took that time to write about her experiences and how her faith in God carried her through her pain. This book takes the reader through Caitie's physical struggle of learning to walk again and her interior struggle of learning to walk with God through the cross. Through Him, you can find hope when it appears hopeless. To pre-order the book now, go to <https://enroutebooksandmedia.com/steppingup/> and select "Buy Now!"

JOB OPENING

St. Mark's Parish
1113 W. Bradley Avenue
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St. Mark's Parish is seeking a business manager for the church and school to oversee the accounting, financial management, budgeting and planning, tuition management, and human relations functions. Additional responsibilities include data management, advancement work, and facilities oversight. Qualified candidates will have a bachelor's degree in accounting and at least 3-5 years experience, preferably at a Catholic parish or other not-for-profit. Experience with FACTS and ParishSOFT, and knowledge of Spanish language skills are helpful.

Interested candidates should submit their resume and professional references to stmark@saint-mark.net attention, Msgr. Brian Brownsey.

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