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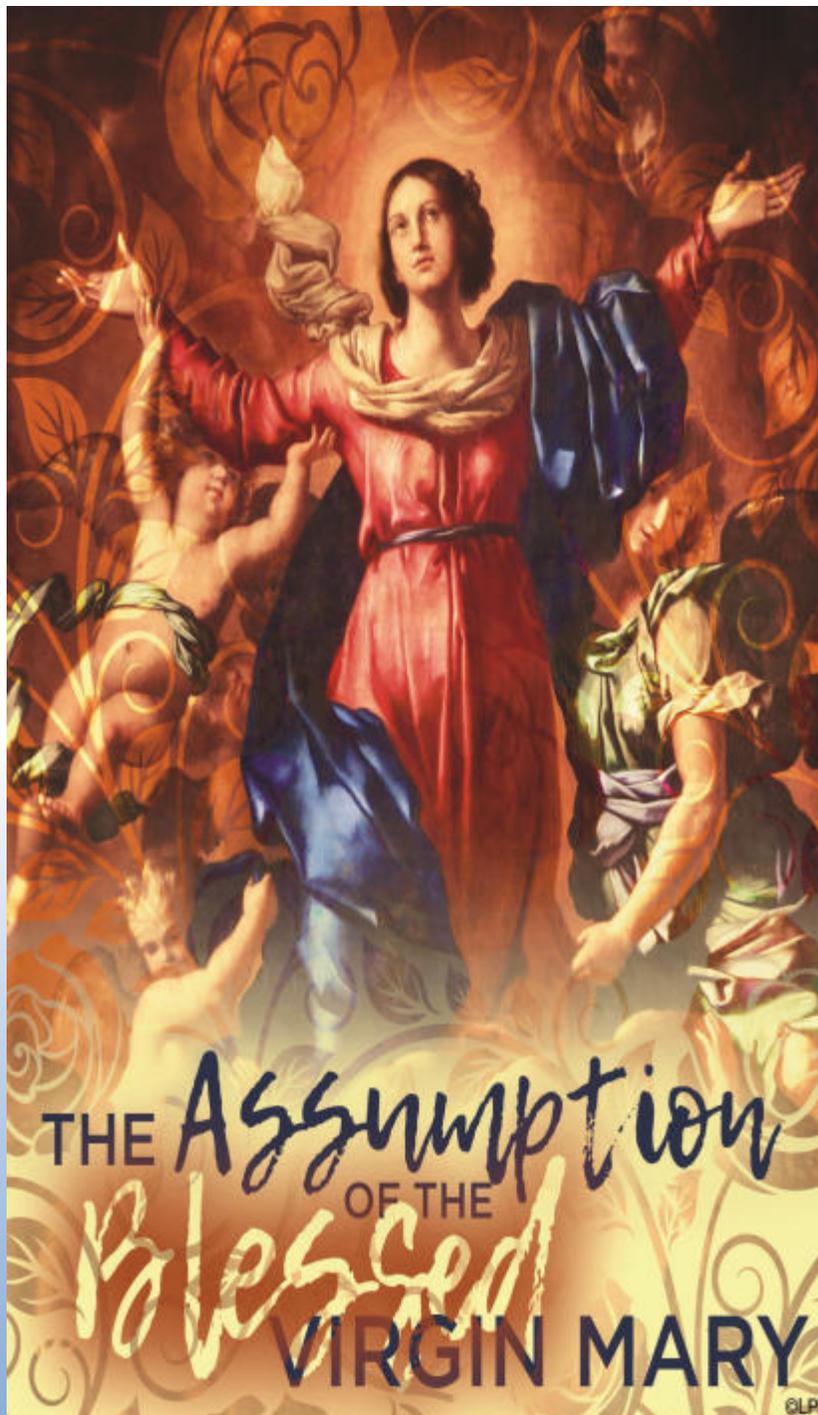
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Summer Office Hours: Limited, make sure to call before stopping in!



AUGUST 15, 2021 • ASSUMPTION OF MARY

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St. Mary Church — 303 West Monroe Street, Tomah

Saturday.....4:00pm
Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am

St. Andrew Church — 203 May Street, Warrens

Saturday.....6:00pm

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Mary, Tomah

Tuesday.....5:30pm
Wednesday-Friday.....8:00am

Liberty Village Assisted Living, Tomah

First and Third Wednesdays.....10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday.....4:30pm-5:15pm
Thursday.....5:00pm-6:00pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday.....4:00pm-5:15pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Are you a new or expectant parent? Baptism is the sacrament of initiation that welcomes your child into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Parents must complete baptismal preparation prior to their child's reception of the sacrament. Please contact Jon Burbach to schedule a class at 372-4516 x3.

MARRIAGE

At the time of engagement, but not less than six months prior to the wedding, please call the parish office to arrange for marriage preparation and to schedule your specific wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/HOME VISIT

Please contact the parish office for any sacramental ministry (anointing before a planned surgery, severe illness, etc.) or visitation to the sick or homebound.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of August 7-8

Estimated Weekly Need.....\$13,840.00
Envelopes/Plate.....\$9,771.09
Online Giving/ACH.....\$4,007.00

Weekly Total.....\$13,778.09

GOSPEL REFLECTION

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.

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PCCW NEWS

The August PCCW meeting will be held on August 19th at 4:00pm in the St. Mary's church hall. Hope to see you there!

RCIA 2020-2021

Are you someone, or do you know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Queen of the Apostles Parish will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

Don't be afraid to extend an invitation to someone... it never hurts to ask!

Sessions will begin in September. To register, or for more information, please contact Deacon Bob or the office.



TWO GREAT LESSONS from *Virgin Mary*
BY POPE FRANCIS

The faith of Mary
"Mary believes and proclaims that God does not leave his children alone, humble and poor, but sustains them with merciful care"

Life is not about wandering
"Life is not a senseless wandering, but a pilgrimage which, with all of the sufferings...has a sure destination"

INFORMATION FROM CATHOLICNEWSAGENCY.COM CatholicLink



Virginia Murray
August 4

INTENTIONS FOR THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, August 14 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Ermie Steinmetz and Jennifer Heding

St. Andrew — Warrens

6:00 PM Rhonda Zingler

Sunday, August 15 Assumption of Mary

7:30 AM James Mogenson

9:00 AM Don Tralmer Family

10:30 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the Apostles Parish

Tuesday, August 17

Adoration — 4:00pm-5:15pm

Confession — 4:30pm-5:15pm (SM)

5:30 PM Steven Schroeder

Wednesday, August 18

8:00 AM Mark Allen

10:00 AM *Liberty Village: Rutchik Family*

11:00 AM *Funeral of Virginia Murray*

Thursday, August 19

8:00 AM Leonard Stevens

Confession — 5:00pm-6:00pm (DK)

Friday, August 20 St. Bernard

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Bauer and Thompson Families

Saturday, August 21 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Mike Larkin

St. Andrew — Warrens

6:00 PM All Priests

Sunday, August 22 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Providence Arrigo

9:00 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the Apostles Parish

10:30 AM Oris Hall
Jack Baumgarten



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Keeping Current with
Queen of the Apostles
CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL



About a week ago I got back from a canoe trip to the Boundary Waters in Minnesota. The time up there was great - beautiful views, fresh air, some good paddling. We set up camp on a little island on Cherokee Lake and took smaller trips from there - a few days of just hanging out and a few of

moving made a good balance. The fishing unfortunately wasn't great; I didn't catch any but did get to enjoy some fresh northern caught by others in the crew. One of the things I especially appreciate when camping is the quiet of being out in the wilderness. Maybe my favorite part of these trips is turning my phone off and leaving it behind. At first this always feels very still and silent because all the noises and distractions I'm used to are gone. A few days into this trip, though, I started to notice all the life around me. Loons would call all night until the smaller songbirds took over in the morning. The wind moved the trees and the water kept lapping at the shore. It was almost like a different language, and I could see how if someone lived out there, they would be able to understand what was going on and what all these noises meant.

I think we've got a metaphor on our hands: prayer isn't so different. Once we get rid of some of the noise and other distractions we can become attuned to the voice of God who hasn't stopped speaking but just gets drowned out sometimes. It's a good practice to have a bit of silence in our lives so we can hear the Lord who speaks sometimes in a still small voice. Maybe even get out in nature to find this!

Peace,
Fr. Sam

WEEKLY PRAYER

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

SCHOOL NEWS

****Partnering with parents to provide Catholic formation and quality education extending beyond the classroom****

Principal: Mrs. Deb Pfab

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School Office: (608) 372-5765

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am-2:30pm

School Open House

Wednesday, August 18 — 2pm-7pm

Come in any time during our open house to pick up your registration packet, meet the teachers and see the classrooms!

Safe Environment: Parents are invited to review the Safe Environment training materials onsite at the open house or online at www.dioc.org/safe-environment

First Day of School — Tuesday, August 24!

Teacher Aide Positions

We are currently seeking applications for part-time teacher aide positions. Duties may include assisting teachers in maintaining safe, supportive classrooms and learning environments, small group instruction, morning and/or playground duties, assisting the cafeteria manager with lunch preparation and serving. Candidates who can be eligible for a Wisconsin substitute teacher license and/or have experience working with school-age children is preferred.

Cover letter and resume can be sent to Debra Pfab, principal, at office@queenoftheapostlestomah.com or can be dropped off at the school office.

Catholic Q and A

Question: What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

Answer: Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people."

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.

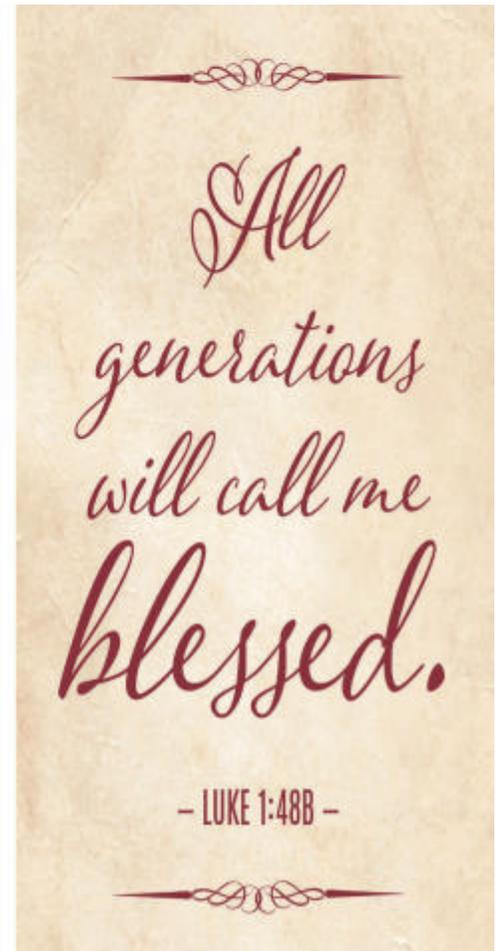


THIS SATURDAY!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

4:30PM-9:00PM

- Have you sold and turned in your raffle tickets yet?? Make sure to get them here before 8:30pm on Saturday to get them in the drawing!
- If you haven't gotten your dinner ticket yet, don't worry! We'll have them for sale at the Fest. The chicken dinner will be served from 4:30pm-6:30pm.
- If you're not a grilled chicken fan, the Knights will have their food truck and will be selling brats, burgers, hot dogs, etc., so there will be plenty of options!
- Basket Raffles and 50/50 Raffles will be ongoing throughout the evening, so make sure to get in on the fun!
- Parking reminder: W Monroe Street will be open, but the playground parking lot will be closed off. Extra parking at the middle school is available.
- See you there!!!!



WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING ON THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY?

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.



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