

Holy Family

Catholic Community



St. Mary's

1158 North Second Street
Eldorado, IL 62930

Mass: Saturday - 5 pm



St. Mary

2000 West Poplar Street
Harrisburg, IL 62946

Mass: Sunday - 10:30 am

Confessions: 30 minutes before weekend Masses or by appointment.
The Rosary is recited at each Mass 20 minutes before the Mass time scheduled.

PRIEST:

FR. CHRISTIAN IWUAGWU

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FUNERAL POLICY

Please contact our parish priests before any arrangements are made with the funeral home involving the priest and the church.

OUR HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Rosary Guild meets 1st Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm at St. Mary's Eldorado Parish Center.

Holy Name Men's Society of St. Mary's Eldorado, meet 2nd Monday of each month in the St. Mary's Parish Center in Eldorado at 7:00 pm from March thru October 6:00 pm from November thru February.

St. Mary's Altar Society of St. Mary's Eldorado, Meet the 4th Monday of the months March, April, May, September, October & December at 6:00 pm in the St. Mary's Parish Center in Eldorado.

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary meet 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the St. Mary Parish Center in Harrisburg.

Knights of Columbus meet 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the St. Mary Parish Center in Harrisburg.

Holy Name Men's Society of St. Mary Harrisburg, 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Gift Shop

St. Mary's gift shop is open before and after Mass at the main entrance of St. Mary's Eldorado Church.

Contact Mona Edwards at 618-926-0390.

AUGUST 14TH AND 15TH, 2021
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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BELIEVING AND REJOICING

One of the most poignant moments in John's Gospel comes from the meeting between Jesus and Thomas the Apostle after the Resurrection. "Doubting Thomas" refused to accept the truth of Jesus' triumphant return until he had physically touched the wounds in his hands and side. In their exchange, we witness Jesus invite Thomas to "put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Although not this week's Gospel reading, connecting moments in Scripture can help the faithful cultivate a more profound understanding from the blessing of, in essence, remembering the rest of the story. St. Elizabeth's words to Mary at the Visitation illustrate the faithful response to God's promises and the markings of true faith. She says of Mary, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Words Jesus will echo in his exchange with Thomas 30-plus years later. Mary believed in God's promise of a Messiah before experiencing the miraculous Resurrection — truly blessed by not needing physical evidence in order to accept the truth. She trusted in the prophecies, in the promises of God, recognizing He is our ultimate salvation. Mary did not allow any obstacles to hinder her faith, and for that, she was blessed and rejoiced. How easily we can falter to believe, looking for signs and wonders as caveats of believing. Obstacles against seeing and accepting the truth of God's promises fulfilled can mount daily if we fail to view the world with the eyes of a heart willing to see God at work and embrace Jesus' glorious victory over sin, death, and the trouble of this world. Mary allowed grace to fill every ounce of her being — strengthening her to give a daily 'yes' to follow and believe. Before Jesus even explained to the disciples that the work of God is to believe in the One sent by God — Mary believed. As she stood before Elizabeth with the Fulfillment incubating within her, her Magnificat's bursts forth, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." We receive the same promises through the Eucharist; we see these Mysteries unfold with Jesus literally within us every time we receive the Eucharist. The grace that filled every ounce of Mary's being is available to us abundantly; we merely need to ask, accept, and cooperate with it. "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" ([Matthew 7:7](#)). What keeps us from asking? Although credited as doubting, Jesus did not withhold from St. Thomas what he asked for to help him believe. Mary reminds us that God "has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation." Believing without seeing, however difficult, is not impossible. God would never ask the impossible. He is a loving God that works the impossible within us through cooperation with grace. No one exemplifies the powerful results of allowing ourselves to be filled with the grace of God more than the Blessed Virgin Mary. May we turn to her intercession, especially today, so we too may be counted among the blessed who have not seen and yet believe.

Allison Gingras

Mass Intentions

August 14-15, 2021

St. Mary-Harrisburg: *John Molinarolo, Jr.,
Judy Piche*

St. Mary's-Eldorado: *Phyllis Drone, Donna Koester,
Hattie Ruiz*

Weekday Mass Times

August 10-13, 2021

Tuesday 6:00 PM St. Mary Harrisburg
Wednesday 8:00 AM St. Mary's, Eldorado
Thursday 7:00 AM St. Mary Harrisburg-
Adoration 6:30 AM
Friday 8:00 AM St. Mary's Eldorado - Adoration 7:30

Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination

Join us on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at St. Mary Harrisburg in a Mass of Thanksgiving as we celebrate 25 years of Priesthood for **Fr. Christian Iwuagwu.**

A reception will follow with lunch being served at noon at the Church Hall.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity – 15 August 2021

At the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening

1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2. Psalm 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14. 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57. Luke 11:27-28.

Mass during the Day

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab. Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16. 1 Corinthians 15:20-27. Luke 1:39-56.

Taken to Heaven. In the Eastern Churches, what we call the Assumption, they call the Dormition of Mary — her falling asleep in the Lord. A wonderful image to face death that may be soon or far away.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

for the weekend August 21-22, 2021

5:00pm Saturday, St. Mary's, Eldorado
Lector: Jane Meyers

Eucharistic Minister: Eric Stricklin
Ushers: Jeff Campbell, Jim Campbell

8:00am Sunday, St. Paul's Vienna

10:30am Sunday, St. Mary, Harrisburg
Lector: Bob Dick
Eucharistic Minister: Clara Jones

Collections
August 7-8, 2021

St. Mary's Eldorado

Envelopes: \$1,355.00 Loose: \$130.00

St. Mary Harrisburg

Envelopes: \$1,378.00 Loose: \$155.00
Building/Roof Repair: \$400.00

Roof Collection

St. Mary Harrisburg has received pledges of \$77,310 of the estimated \$70,000 needed for our new roof. We have collected \$62,875 of the pledged amount. Thank you to all who have donated so far!

Those who still want to contribute to this capital campaign can place donations or pledge cards in the collection basket or bring/mail them to the parish office. We appreciate you.

RCIA PERIOD OF INQUIRY

How someone comes to consider joining the Catholic Church is unique to each individual. Years of marriage to a Catholic spouse, conversations with a Catholic friend or co-worker, or even something written or viewed in the media can move adults toward membership in the Catholic Church. The inquiry period is a time to seek, to ask questions, to begin to learn about the Catholic Church. There are no commitments made or asked during this time. Inquiry is designed for attendees' questions and to begin to feel comfortable with the Catholic community. If you know of anyone outside our Catholic community that has strayed away from the faith or has questions about the faith, please share this information. Let's grow our numbers. Classes will start September 7th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary parish hall.

PSR

Mark your calendars: PSR will start this year on Sunday, August 22nd in the Harrisburg Parish Hall at 9am. Thankfully, we are returning to normal life after a crazy year! Our classes will be held in-person & breakfast will be provided to the students just like it was pre-COVID! Registration Forms will be available a couple weeks prior to the start date of PSR, they will be at the entrances of both St. Mary's Harrisburg and St. Mary's Eldorado. Secondly, we are also happy to announce that we will be having a BIG celebration for the entire Parish to kick off this year's PSR! The theme is going to be Welcome to the Jungle. The big bash will be held on the PSR start date (Sunday August 22nd). We will have dinner following Mass along with fun activities for both the kids and adults! More info to come! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Megan Burris at 618-926-8232.

Bingo games will be available with prizes for the lucky winners. Bingo prizes are appreciated & may be turned into the office. Thanks!



Private Intentions

Please notify the office of any names that need added to the prayer list.



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| 8/2 Kim Edwards | 8/18 Connor Henshaw |
| 8/3 Bryan Elders | 8/19 Megan Burris |
| 8/6 Hayley Marks | 8/19 Ranessa Cunningham |
| 8/7 Brandon Henshaw | 8/20 Austin Bradley |
| 8/8 Rita Etienne | 8/20 Kenneth Etienne |
| 8/10 Ann Marie Podoriski | 8/23 Patricia Whyte |
| 8/11 David Nudo | 8/24 E.T. Seely |
| 8/12 Amy Elders | 8/25 Wayne Horstmann |
| 8/13 Steve Lindsey | 8/28 David Etienne |
| 8/17 Andrea Goebel | 8/28 Katie Unthank |
| | 8/30 Diane Mason |



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