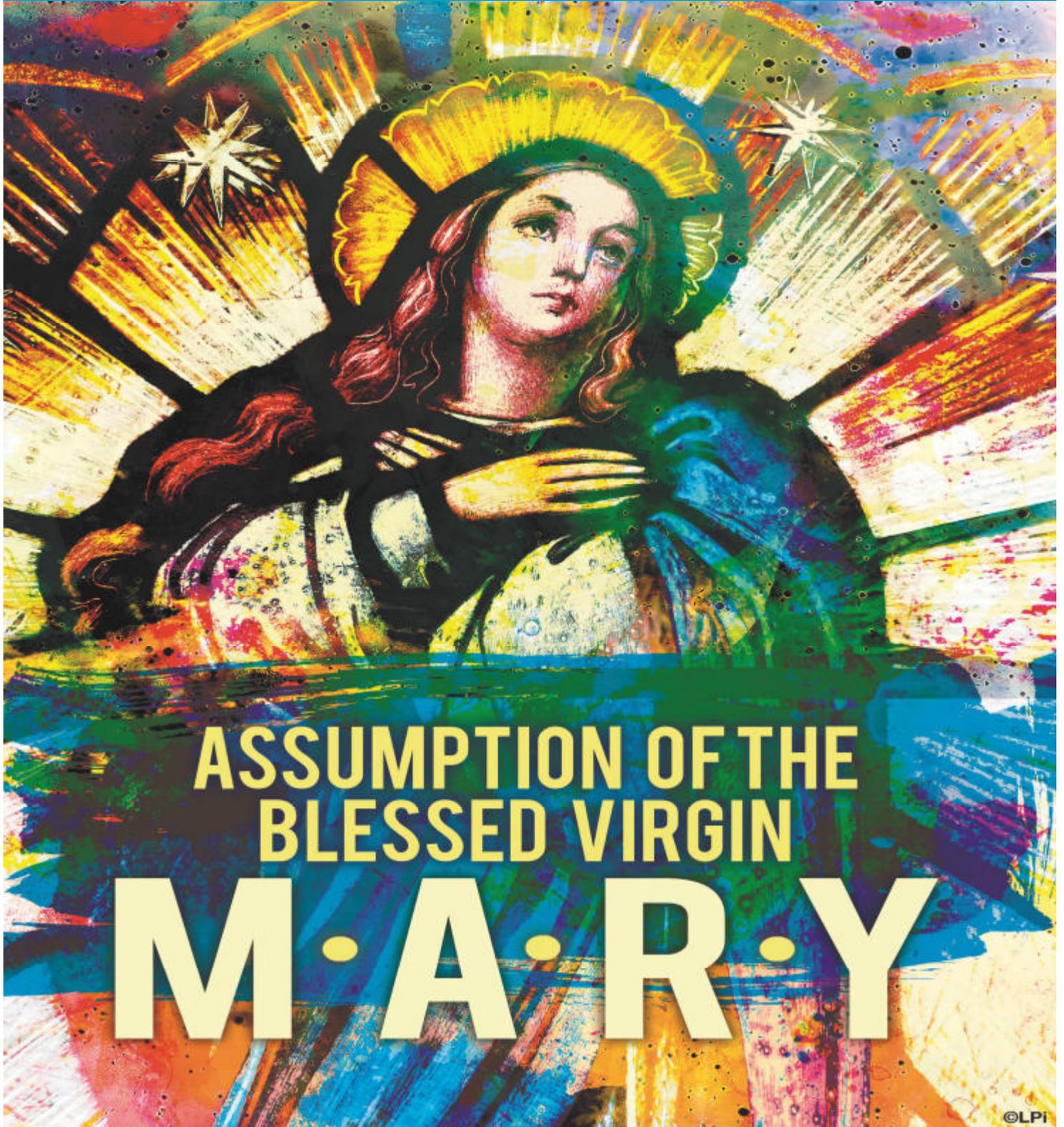


# Church of Corpus Christi

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Sunday, August 15, 2021



## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN M·A·R·Y

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### Mission Statement

The Church of Corpus Christi, a welcoming parish community, making Christ present through sharing his message, celebrating the liturgy and challenging members to practice justice, peace and charity.

## TAKING ANOTHER LOOK

### Doing Well

When exactly does one become an adult? Of course, different people would answer differently. Reaching a certain chronological age would be the marker used by some. Finally living on one's own, able to take care of oneself, might be another. Reaching the ability to procreate might be considered adulthood by yet others.



Of course, context might be needed to answer the question. "Do you mean legally?" Biologically? Financially?

Emotionally? Each context would probably elicit a different answer.

For our sake here, let's ask, "When exactly does one become an adult spiritually?" Having thought about this question for some time now, my answer – at this point – would be: *the day one decides that the time has come to live not for oneself, but rather for others.*

Most of us have heard this comment given either to ourselves or to someone else: "You've really done well for yourself!" It's usually meant as a compliment of greatness. Some people even claim themselves to be great because of the money, power or prestige they have accumulated unto themselves.

But, does such accumulation really make a person great? Considering it as disciples of Jesus, we'd have to ask, "Is that true greatness, or just a worldly measure of accomplishment?" It might be great, but in itself it doesn't make a person great. After all, nobody would have said to Jesus at the end of his life here, "You've really done well for yourself!"

When our journey here on earth is completed and we find ourselves face-to-face with God, will we really consider our worldly accumulations to be relevant at all? No, I don't think so. They are passing things. Whatever value they had here in this moment of earthly life will have vanished.

So then, if "doing well for yourself" isn't a true measure of greatness that matters forever, what might be? Let me suggest to you that changing just one word brings nearer the accurate answer to that question. Exchange "yourself" with "others." My, you've done well for others!

A rich young man approached Jesus. What he had gained for himself wasn't the matter that mattered. That he couldn't give it away for the benefit of others in need was what mattered, for it stood between him and the Kingdom of God, between mere worldly greatness and greatness in the eyes of God. The good, rich young man walked away sad that day. So did Jesus.

I believe the measure of any generation is not what that generation has gained for itself, but rather what it has contributed to the future generations. The legacy of true adulthood, we might call it.

If such is the true measure, we might do well to stop and ask ourselves, "So, how has *my* generation done so far? And what about me?"

Two weekends ago, several of our young people returned with their chaperones from a week-long mission trip to Benton Harbor. On our parish website (ccmn.org), as well as inserted in our printed bulletins for this weekend, you'll find their written thoughts on the experience.

—continued in next column

## TAKING ANOTHER LOOK *continued*

You may want to take some time reading and contemplating their thoughts. Those writings inspired my writing here in this column. The young people encountered the opportunity to practice true adulthood for a few days. And they loved it!

Thanks all of them for sharing their thoughts with us. And thanks to the adult chaperones who accompanied them and to all of you who made the trip possible through your financial support for the mission trip. To all of you I say, "You've done well for others. Congratulations!"

—Fr. Michael

## PONDERING THE MORSELS

[Offering a look back on last weekend's homily]  
*From Sunday, August 08, 2021*

We refer to ourselves as disciples of Jesus Christ. But, what is a disciple really?

Father Michael remembered back to an early 1970's television show, *Kung Fu*, the story of a man, Kwai Chang Caine, who in the 1870's travels the American Old West in search of his half-brother. As a boy Kwai Chang had been orphaned. As a teen, he entered a Buddhist monastery where he was mentored by two great Masters: Master Po and Master Kan. We meet him as an adult, but see him often as a boy in flashbacks. The challenges and moral questions that confront him in the rough and tumble Old West cause him to always remember the way of the Masters. Those ways direct his every step, often in the path of pain and danger as a consequence of his doing what he had learned in the monastery.

Kwai Chang was a true disciple. As a teen, he had learned the desire to be disciplined into a right path. From the Masters, he had learned the path. As an adult, he treasured that path, trusted that path, submitted to that path. He chose that path, not because he "should" or "had to." He chose it because it was greater than him and *his* way.

Here are some points to perhaps aid your reflection this week: According to this description of Kwai Chang's relationship with his Masters and the Way they had taught him, Are you truly a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Do you actually *desire* to be drawn to Jesus? If so, how close do you wish to become? Always *closer*? How strong of a bond? Always *stronger*?

Or perhaps only to a certain point, a line in the sand? If so, where is that line? And why do you say "enough" at that particular point?

Get a good snapshot of where you are now. That's the starting point to grow closer!

## PARISH NEWS

### PARISH BARBECUE

Thanks to all who attended the parish barbecue last weekend. It was great to see everyone and join together as a community.



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

### LAST WEEKEND! BACK-TO-SCHOOL COLLECTION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Are you interested in helping a child get off to a great start in the new school year? Each summer, school children are given long lists of supplies required for the coming academic year. Unfortunately, many children go to school without the supplies that their studies require.

We will again be sponsoring the collection of back-to-school supplies for Roseville students whose families need a bit of assistance. Please bring new school supplies this weekend. There will be collection bins in the Gathering Area and in the Parish Office entrance, door #1.

Especially needed supplies include:

- Backpacks
- Box #2 pencils
- Ruler with metric and standard scales
- 1" spine 3-ring binder
- Box of colored pencils, 12 count
- Box of crayons, 24 count
- Washable color markers – wide & thin
- Thin dry erase board markers
- Pack 3x5 lined index cards
- Calculator – inexpensive, scientific, solar powered that includes calculus application
- Spiral wide-ruled notebooks in different colors
- Plastic hinged pencil/crayon box
- Pocket folders in a variety of colors
- Unscented tissues
- Scissors - small and pointed (Fiskars are good)
- School glue
- White glue sticks
- Large pink eraser
- Pack of pens – black or blue
- Highlighters – thin or wide tip
- Pencil sharpener
- Composition books different colors – wide ruled
- 3" zipper binder with pencil pouch
- Loose-leaf paper – wide ruled



The supplies will be distributed by Roseville Area School's social workers and teachers. Thanks for your participation!



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### 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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are looking for fun adults who have a desire to share their faith with our youngest parishioners. Catechists are needed for Sunday School (Grades PreK-5) and Wednesday Night Faith Formation (Grades 6-12). All volunteers must complete a background check, code of conduct, and VIRTUS training as required by the Archdiocese. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b48a8a722a02-202122>, or on our website at [www.ccmn.org](http://www.ccmn.org). Contact Scott at [scott@ccmn.org](mailto:scott@ccmn.org) or 651-846-9215.



### WELCOME WEEKEND

The next Welcome Weekend is Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12. We are looking for someone to greet people as they walk in, and be available after Mass to answer any questions. Help is needed for Saturday, September 11 at the 5pm Mass. Please contact Maureen Connelly in the Parish Office at [office@ccmn.org](mailto:office@ccmn.org) or 651-639-8888, if you are able to help.





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**WEEKEND MASSES—CHURCH**

Saturday.....5:00 pm      Sunday.....10:00 am

**DAILY MASS—CHURCH**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.....7:30 am

**BAPTISM**

Congratulations! Catechetical class required. Please contact the Parish Center for more details and registration at 651-639-8888.

**MARRIAGE**

Congratulations! Please contact the pastor one year prior to scheduling a wedding date.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Monday at 9:00 am

**MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thursday at 9:00 am



## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### MONDAY, AUGUST 16

7:30 am—Mass—Church

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

7:30 am—Mass—Church

8:00 am—St. Paul Farmers' Market—  
Parking Lot

9:30 am—Bible Study—Gathering Area

10:00 am—Bible Study—Room 6

6:00 pm—Finance Meeting—Gathering Area

7:00 pm—Parish Council Meeting—Gathering Area

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

6:45 pm—Mom's in Prayer—Room 6

7:00 pm—Bible Study—Fire Pit

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

7:30 am—Mass—Church

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

4:00 pm—Reconciliation—Reconciliation Room

5:00 pm—Mass—Church

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

10:00 am—Mass—Church

### Upcoming: Sunday, August 29 & Sunday, September 5

Outdoor Mass at the State Fair.

Fr. Fitz will be presiding. Mass starts  
at 9:00 AM at the Family Stage at Baldwin Park. [https://  
www.mnstatefair.org/schedule/catholic-mass/](https://www.mnstatefair.org/schedule/catholic-mass/)



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### 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 6:60-6

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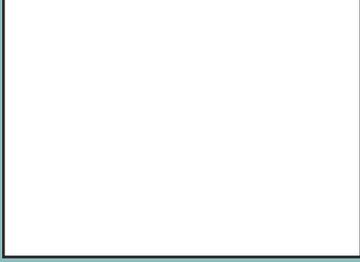


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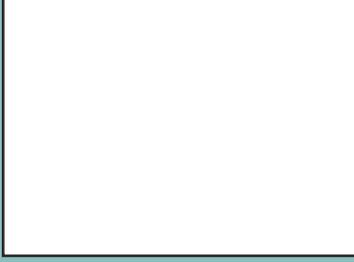
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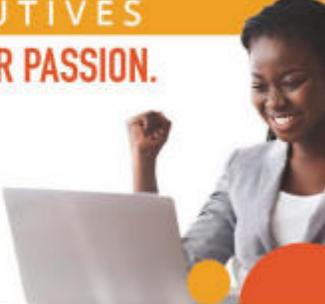
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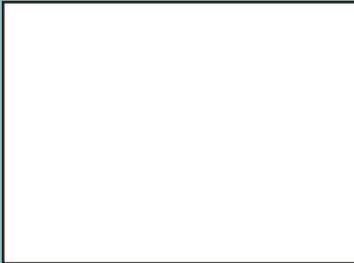
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