

August 15 & 22, 2021



**ASSUMPTION OF THE
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Holy Spirit Catholic Community enkindles the fire of God's love in our lives through worship, discipleship and service.

Tues.-Fri. 7:30 a.m. Mass • Sat. 3-4 p.m. Penance & 4:30 p.m. Mass • Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass

Fr. Daniel Haugan, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS

August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Holy Spirit parish

10:30 a.m. Married couples

August 16, St. Stephen of Hungary

August 17

7:30 a.m. Henry Brezinski†

August 18

7:30 a.m. Women religious

August 19, St. John Eudes

7:30 a.m. Special intention

August 20, St. Bernard

7:30 a.m. Priests & deacons

August 21, Pope Saint Pius X

4:30 p.m. Holy Spirit parish

August 22, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Patricia & Richard Dillont†

Mary Pat Flynn†

Mary O'Neil†

10:30 a.m. Holy Spirit students

August 23, St. Rose of Lima

August 24, St. Bartholomew

7:30 a.m. Pope Francis

August 25, Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz

7:30 a.m. Rosemary Manderfeld†

August 26

7:30 a.m. Synod small groups

August 27, St. Monica

7:30 a.m. Archbishop Hebda

August 28, St. Augustine

4:30 p.m. Helen Poole

August 29, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Holy Spirit teachers & staff

10:30 a.m. Jeffrey Flores†

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

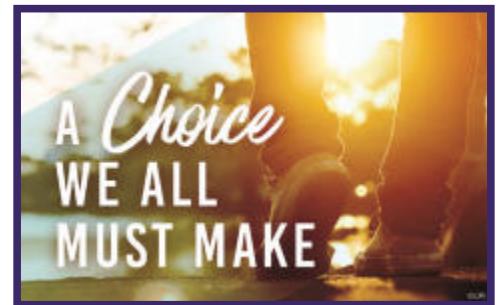
Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of

Helen Whaley
whose funeral was on Aug. 6

CONGRATULATIONS, FR. DAN!

Fr. Dan was recently appointed as the Spiritual Advisor of the Archdiocesan Council for Catholic Women. Congratulations!

Established in 1933 by Archbishop Murray, the St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites its members to respond to Christ's call to serve others. Learn more at accwarchspm.org.



AUG. 15 READINGS

First Reading

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Rev 12:1)

Psalm

The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)

Second Reading

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:20)

Gospel

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name." (Lk 1:48-49)

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- AUGUST 22-

Gospel Meditation

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

Greetings Holy Spirit families,

I hope you are enjoying summer and finding time to rest, relax, and rejuvenate your body, mind, and soul. I have been busy learning about Holy Spirit and what makes this community so special. I have enjoyed meeting the faculty and staff and look forward to meeting more families at Back to School Night on Sept. 1.

This month alone, we have enrolled **eight** new students! We can't wait for them to join our family! Word of mouth marketing is a powerful tool. Will you join us in sharing our positive story with family and friends? We have room for more children in many grade levels and we'd love to welcome additional students. I'd like to give a special thank you to Dr. Krieger for her wonderful work enrolling new families this summer.

World language is coming back to the Middle School this fall! Spanish will be offered two days a week. We know this will be a wonderful addition to the middle school program as we prepare students for high school.

While there are still many things with COVID-19 that need to be determined, we are planning on holding many extracurriculars, including athletics, robotics, the school play, and more!

We are also excited to announce that Holy Spirit is one of 10 local Catholic schools selected to be a part of the Peace of Mind 2.0 Initiative through the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE). This three-year initiative will help us meet the needs of our school community through instruction in social emotional learning with support from Dr. Jules Nolan and her team at Phoenix School Counseling.

As a partner school, we will receive:

- 1 additional day per week of school counseling services. This year, through the initiative and additional outside funding, we will have a school counselor on site 3 days a week!
- Teachers will receive on-going training and support on social emotional learning (SEL) from Dr. Nolan.
- A grant for up to \$3,000 to host a middle school experience (retreat or event) that grows student connections with parents and builds SEL skills.

Together, we will help students further develop their skills in self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, relationship skills, and social awareness.

We are looking forward to a fantastic new school year. I feel blessed to be your new principal. Thank you for supporting Holy Spirit Catholic School.

Wishing you joy, peace, and blessings,
Sandy Kane
Principal



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