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# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021

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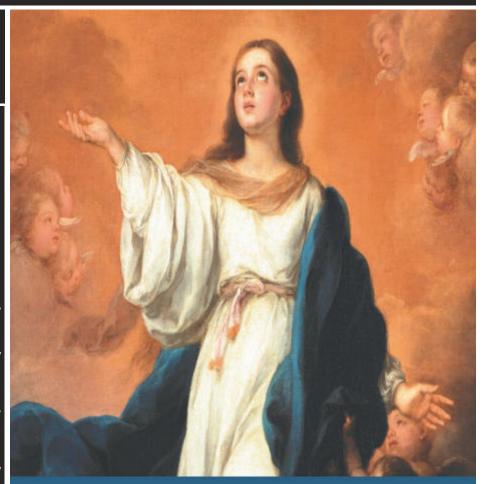


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Questions?

Contact Brenda Strayer at St. Mark.



# THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly." - Lk 1:48b-49, 52

"Desde ahora me llamarán dichosa todas las generaciones, porque ha hecho en mí grandes cosas el que todo lo puede. Santo es su nombre... destronó a los potentados y exaltó a los humildes". - Lc 1, 48-49. 52

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.
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#### A Note from Fr. Kevin

#### August 15, 2021 – The Assumption of Mary

I was going to write to you a bit about the history of the Feast we celebrate today, but then I found these excerpts from *catholicculture.org* that explain it just as well if not better. So, I share these with you for my article:

"Now toward the end of the summer season, at a time when fruits are ripe in the gardens and fields, the Church celebrates the most glorious 'harvest festival' in the Communion of Saints. Mary, the supremely blessed one among women, Mary, the most precious fruit which has ripened in the fields of God's kingdom, is today taken into the granary of heaven."

-Pius Parsch, The Church's Year of Grace.

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated.

At the Church Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later ... was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay ... You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbed with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events; they do not look only to the past. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine, and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God. –Excerpted from Fr. Clifford Stevens in *Catholic Heritage*.

Peace,

–Fr. Kevin

PS: Please keep in prayer our youth of St. Mary Eldora and St. Mark Iowa Falls who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, August 21s at the 6:30pm Mass at St. Mark.

PPS: I, Fr. Kevin, will be gone on vacation this week visiting his family. I will be returning sometime on Friday August 20th. I leave you in Fr. Frantz's good hands until my return!



Monday,	August 16	Saint Stephen of Hungary
8:30 AM	† Flo Lupkes	St. Mary, Ackley
5:30 PM	† Mary Beth Lawler	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Tuesday,	August 17	
8:30 AM	† Fr. Tom Braak	St. Patrick, Hampton
Wednesd	lay, August 18	
8:30 AM	† Charlene Reysack	St. Mary, Ackley
Thursday,	August 19	Saint John Eudes
8:30 AM	† Jim Pagel	St. Mary, Eldora
5:30 PM	† Marie McCormick	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Friday, A	ugust 20	Saint Bernard
12:00 PM	† Dave Rowen	St. Mary, Eldora
Saturday	, August 21	Saint Pius X
4:00 PM	† Bill Devereux	St. Patrick, Hampton
6:30 PM	† Shelby Miller	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Sunday, A	August 22 Twenty-fi	rst Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	† Mary O'Brien	St. Mary, Ackley
10:30 AM	† Joe Giannetto	St. Mary, Eldora
5:30 PM	For the People	St. Patrick, Hampton (Spanish)

#### SACRAMENTAL RITES & INFORMATION

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes prior to any weekend Mass in the linkage or by appointment.

#### Marriages

Contact Fr. Kevin a minimum of six months prior to the desired date of marriage. The couple will need to meet with Fr. Kevin before either Church or other parish facilities are reserved in the Parish Calendars. This includes those couples who wish to have a visiting Priest as their Celebrant.

#### Funerals

Please contact Fr. Kevin before setting the time and arrangements for the Vigil and Mass with the funeral director.

Please contact the Parish Offices for:

- ♦ Anointing of the Sick
- ♦ Communion Calls
- ♦ Initiation Sacraments for Adults & Youth
- Baptisms: Parents are required to complete a Preparation Program prior to their child's Baptism.

# In Remembrance

+ Dale Stock, of St. Patrick, Hampton, entered into eternal rest on August 6, 2021. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

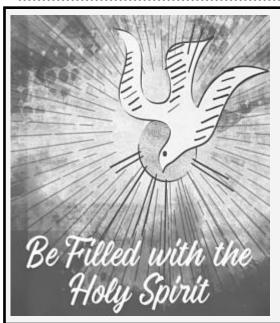


- † Congratulations to Millie Marie Brinkmeyer, baptized at St. Mary, Eldora on August 8. Millie is the daughter of Taber & Kim Brinkmeyer.
- † Congratulations to Agustin Anontio Grajales Starling, baptized at St. Patrick, Hampton on August 7. Agustin is the son of Agustin Grajales & Christina Y. Grajales.
- † Congratulations to Kimber Ann Kloetzer, baptized at St. Mary, Ackley on August 8. Kimber is the daughter of Seth & Caitlyn Kloetzer.

May God bless all of them washed in the waters of Baptism.

### Thank You

We have such generous parishioners willing to share their time, talents and treasures! In addition to those listed in the bulletin last weekend we want to thank all those who donated monetarily to help make Totus Tuus happen for our young parishioners. We are grateful for all those that have been praying for us. Please continue to pray for our young people and the missionaries as they continue to grow in and share their faith.



At confirmation we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and confirm our baptismal promises. Greater awareness of the grace of the Holy Spirit is conferred through the anointing of chrism oil and the laying on of hands by the Bishop.

We invite everyone to join us as we celebrate the youth of St. Mark, Iowa Falls & St. Mary Eldora receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

> **Next Saturday (August 21)** St. Mark at 6:30pm

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday & Friday......9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### **Parish Staff**

#### Parish Leadership - Committee Chairs

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Pastoral Council	Duane Sudtelgte
Finance Council	Jeff Frazier
Faith Formation	Mary Schumacher
Stewardship	David Keninger
Liturgy	Jolene Harms
Social Justice	Robert Harms/Keith Galpin
Parish Life	David Keninger
	Linda Sudtelgte
Building & Grounds	Jeff Frazier
Music	Pam Griffel/Julie Wojick

# Faith Formation Supply Tree

We are asking for donations for the Faith Formation program. Watch for the supply tree at the back of church.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

# Prayer Chain

If you would like the opportunity to pray for people of the St. Mary community call the parish office— you can be notified by phone or email. If you know of anyone who needs prayer please call Jim W. 641-751-7469, Kathy Burkle 641-847-2224 or Jolene Harms 641-847-2329 or 641-485-3468.

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 22 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8 a.m.

Lector: Joan Frazier, Jessica Schipper Ushers: Richard Bloom, Mark and Jodi Uthe Money Counters Mike and Bev Bonewitz Sacristan: Jo DeVries

It is your responsibility to find a sub if you will not be present for your scheduled Mass.



Mary was a constant and faithful witness to what God could do in a life that was open to God's grace. The solemnity of the Assumption celebrates our belief that when her time on earth was over, Mary was taken into heaven, body and soul, to be with God. Pray Mary's song of praise in today's Gospel (it begins with "My soul...") and be open to God's grace in your life.

# **Book Club**

Book Club September 13 at 6:30 p.m.

# Giver of Stars

by JoJo Moyes

Everyone is welcome we would love to have you join us!

## Stewardship - Treasure

#### Sunday, August 8

Budget Envelopes	\$1195
Offertory	
TOTAL	
EFTs in July	\$1675

Parish Office Hours		
Wednesday-Thursday	8:30 AM-11:30 AM	
Parish Staff		
SecretaryPat Fuchs	DBQ073sec@DBQarch.org	
Faith Formation	Deacon Rob Claypool	
	DBQ108d@DBQqarch.org	
Caretaker	Grace Kadolph	
Parish Leadership - Committee Chairs		
Pastoral Council	Lorelei Lake	
Finance Council	Brian Krause	
Faith Formation Commission	Andrea Sparrow	
Stewardship	Cecilia Penning	
Liturgy Vice Chair	Judith Andrews	
Social Justice		
Building & Grounds		
Seton Circle	Diana Stickney	



St. Mary students pause for a moment with their counselors during Totus Tuus, a program aimed at increasing the knowledge of our Catholic faith.

**Fun Fact**- Mother Angelica, founder of EWTN, and an amazing Catholic speaker & author, her Baptismal name was Rita Rizzo.

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, August 22, 10:30 am

Lector: Brian Krause

Altar Servers: Jacoby Hobson, Jada Hobson

Gifts: Clark & Beth Lawler

Greeters: Mark & Andrea Sparrow Family

Usher: Ted Mosher

Offering counters: Dan & Sharilyn Kadolph, Marg Ruble

It is your responsibility to find a sub if you will not be present for your scheduled Mass.

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates: Madeline Dials, Leah Pieper, Brynn Smith, Nathan Miller and Alan Mosher.



CONFIRMATION MASS SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 ST. MARK

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. While she lived on this earth she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is close to us, actually, "within" all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God. Being in God and with God, she is close to each one of us, knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness and has been given to us, as the Lord said, precisely as a "mother" to whom we can turn at every moment.

## No Rosary...No Peace Know The Rosary...Know Peace

Join Deacon Rob every Tuesday @ 2:00 for the Rosary and sharing special prayer intentions.

**Seton Circle once again** organized a successful garage sale. Their thanks to everyone who donated items, helped set up and clean up, and purchased items. The Circle donates their time and treasure for the betterment of St. Mary, helping to further the mission of being disciples to others.

## Stewardship - Treasure

# Date

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Budget	\$945.00	
Offertory		
TOTAL		
EFTs for July	\$3670.00	
Online Giving for July		

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# Thank You

Knights of Columbus .......Kevin Bredthauer

Music ......Lisa Barnett

Thank you to everyone who helped make Totus Tuus possible again this year. After taking a year off, I wasn't sure what to expect, but it was an amazing week. We had more participants this year than in the past and wonderful volunteers who stepped forward to help. I appreciate everyone that helps me provide such impactful programming for our parishioners. I could not do it all without you. Thank you!

Brenda Strayer



Join us for our next session on learning about St. Joseph. The book study will begin in September.

Weekly **gatherings** will be held **in-person & virtually**.

Contact Brenda Strayer with any questions or to sign up!

# **Thrift Store Volunteers Needed**

St. Mark is scheduled to work at the CWU Thrift Store on September 3-4, with two shifts each day, 10:00am-1:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm. Please call Rose Atkinson at (515) 689-4269 to volunteer.

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, August 21 – 6:30pm (Confirmation Celebration)

Lector: Confirmandi

Ushers: Confirmandi Parents Greeters: Confirmandi Parents Gift Bearers: Confirmandi

Music: Jessica Lara, Christine Burchfield

Offertory Counters: Kathy Kuennen, Shari & Al Keninger

Livestream: Mary Quinlin

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#### YOUTH

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -

\* WE are gearing up for the 2021-2022 academic year. To register, go to www.myschoolsystems.com/ArchDBQ/DBQ108/registration.php?who=student Any questions or if you need help, contact Brenda Strayer ASAP. Classes start in a few weeks!

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION -

\* If you have a child that you would like to baptize, please contact Brenda Strayer for more information.

#### **ADULTS**

IMPACT - We have a great opportunity coming to our parish beginning this fall. The Archdiocese is offering a 2-year program to help adults learn more about the Church and are especially beneficial to those who teach or are in a leadership position. *Sessions will be held once per month here at St. Mark!* If you are interested, know someone who this would be good for, or would like more information contact Brenda Strayer ASAP. Registration due this month!

**SAINT JOSEPH** - We will be offering a book study on this wonderful holy man again this fall. We will begin in September. Watch for more details in future bulletins or on our social media pages.

JOINING THE CHURCH - Have you considered joining the Catholic Church? Contact Brenda Straver.

#### Stewardship - Treasure

# August 7 \$931.00 Offertory \$9.00 TOTAL \$940.00 EFTs for July \$6485.00 Online Giving for July \$935.00

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday .......9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### Parish Staff

#### Parish Leadership - Committee Chairs

Pastoral CouncilFinance Council	•
Faith Formation	
Stewardship	Sue Rowen
Liturgy	Sue Basye
Social Justice	Donna Devereux
Parish Life	Sue Garrett
Building & Grounds	Dick Nelson
Knights of Columbus	
Music	Leon Kuehner



# **Upcoming Events Próximos Eventos**

#### Tuesday/Martes, August/Agosto 17

8:30 AM - Mass/Misa

6:00 PM- Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:00 PM - AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

#### Wednesday/Miércoles, August/Agosto 18

10:00 AM-Noon-Food Pantry/Mediodía Despensa de Alimentos (Social Hall)

Thursday/Jueves, August/Agosto 19

6:00 PM - Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración

Saturday/Sabado, August/Agosto 21

4:00 PM - Mass/Misa-English/Ingles

Sunday/Domingo, August/Agostos 22

3:00 PM Bible Study-Spanish/Estudio bíblico-Español

5:30 PM - Mass/Misa-en Español-Llamamiento a la misio

#### Thank You

A HUGE THANK YOU to Ryan Conlon, Juan Valenzuela, Ron Schermer, Bryan, Issac, Carter and Sean Heilskov for your help unloading the pork donation from Iowa Select! It was greatly appreciated!



Reminder--Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting August 17th @ 6:00 PM in the Social Hall. Please try to attend because there are a lot of items to discuss!

Recordatorio – La reunión mensual de los Caballeros de Colón se llevará a cabo el martes 17 de agosto a las 6 p.m. en el salón social. Por favor, trate de asistir porque ¡hay muchas cosas que discutir!

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### Saturday, August 21 4:00 PM

Lectors: Julie Streblow

Servers: James and Joseph Conlon

Offertory Counters: Chad Murray, Jose & Maria Alonzo

Usher: Madonna Weiland Sacristan: Madonna Weiland

Linen: Judy Nelson

Domingo, Agosto 21-5:30 PM

Lectores: Esther Garcia, Janeth Morteo

Monaguillos: Jessenia Valenzuela, Maria Ramirez Contadores de Dinero: Rafael Garcia, Gabby Garcia

Sacristan: Esther Garcia

It is your responsibility to find a sub if you will not be present for your scheduled Mass.

Es su responsabilidad encontrar un submarino si no estará presente para su

*Garage Sale!!* Sue Garrett and Sue Rowen are initiating a Garage Sale to be held September 3 from 9AM-6 PM and September 4 8 AM-Noon in The Religious Education Center. Start collecting your gently used or new, clean/laundered items that are in usable condition!

No large appliances, furniture or electronics will be accepted. They will reserve the right to refuse items. Items can be dropped off on these days: August 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31 from 9 AM-1 PM. No donations accepted after August 31.

Many volunteers are needed, so please consider helping with setup, during the sale and/or clean-up. More information to come. Contact Sue Garrett, Sue Rowen or the Parish Office if you have questions.

¡Venta de Garaje! Sue Garrett y Sue Rowen están organizando una venta de garaje que se llevará a cabo el viernes 3 de septiembre desde las 9 a.m. hasta las 6 p.m., y el sábado 4 de septiembre, desde las 8 a.m. hasta el mediodía en el centro de educación religiosa. Comience a recolectar artículos nuevos o poco usados, limpios y lavados ¡que estén en buenas condiciones!

No se aceptará electrodomésticos, muebles o artículos electrónicos. Nos reservaremos el derecho de rechazar artículos. Las donaciones se pueden pasar a dejar los siguientes días: 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 y 31 de agosto, desde las 9 a.m. hasta las 1 p.m. No se aceptará donaciones después del 31 de agosto.

Se necesita de muchos voluntarios, así que por favor considere ayudar con la instalación, durante la venta y/o ordenando al terminar. Pronto habrá más información disponible. Contacte a Sue Garrett, Sue Rowen o a la oficina parroquial si tiene preguntas.

## Stewardship - Treasure

Budget	\$1375.00
Offertory	
Social Justice	
TOTAL	\$2042.00
EFTs for July	\$3876.00
Online Giving for July	

## Noticias del Ministerio Hispano

Telefono de Ministerio Hispano: 641-512-5118
Coordinador del Ministerio Hispano Soiree Lara - DBQ097s@DBQarch.org

Una nota del P. Kevin

#### 15 de agosto. 2021 – La Asunción de María

Iba a escribir un poco sobre la historia de la Fiesta que celebramos hoy, pero encontré estos extractos en *catholicculture.org* que lo explican bastante bien, sino mejor. Así que los comparto para mi columna:

"Ahora hacia el final de nuestra temporada estival, cuando los frutos ya están maduros en los jardines y campos, la Iglesia celebra el 'festival de cosecha' más glorioso en la Comunión de los Santos. María, la supremamente bendita entre todas las mujeres, María, el fruto más precioso que ha madurado en los campos del reino de Dios, hoy se lleva al granero de los cielos."

-P. Pío Parsch, El Año de la Gracia de la Iglesia.

La Asunción es la fiesta más antigua de Nuestra Señora, pero no sabemos cómo comenzó a celebrarse.

En el Concilio de la Iglesia de Calcedonia en 451, cuando obispos de todo el mundo mediterráneo se reunieron en Constantinopla, el emperador Marciano pidió al Patriarca de Jerusalén que trajera las reliquias de María a Constantinopla para ser consagradas en la capital. El patriarca le explicó al emperador que no había reliquias de María en Jerusalén, que "María había muerto en la presencia de los apóstoles; pero que su tumba, que se abrió más tarde, ... estaba vacía y entonces, los apóstoles concluyeron que el cuerpo de María fue llevado a los cielos".

En el siglo octavo, San Juan Damasceno se conocía por dar sermones en los lugares santos de Jerusalén. En la tumba de María, expresó la creencia de la Iglesia en cuanto al significado de la fiesta: "Aunque el cuerpo fue debidamente enterrado, no permaneció en estado de muerte, tampoco se disolvió por descomposición ... Fuiste trasladada a tu hogar celestial, O Señora, Reina y Madre de Dios en verdad".

Todas las fiestas de María marcan los grandes misterios de su vida y su participación en la obra de la redención. El misterio central de su vida y persona es su maternidad divina, celebrada tanto en Navidad, y una semana después (1 de enero) en la fiesta de la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios. La Inmaculada Concepción (8 de dic.) marca la preparación para esa maternidad, para que tuviera la plenitud de la gracia desde el primer momento de su existencia, completamente sin pecado. Todo su ser palpitó con vida divina desde el principio, preparándola para el dignificado rol de madre del Salvador.

La Asunción completa la obra de Dios en ella; ya que, no corresponde que la carne que le dio vida al mismo Dios debiese corromperse. La Asunción es la coronación de la obra de Dios cuando María termina su vida terrenal y entra en la eternidad. La fiesta vuelve nuestros ojos hacia esa dirección, donde la seguiremos cuando nuestra vida termine.

Las fiestas de la Iglesia no son sólo la conmemoración de hechos históricos; no sólo miran al pasado. Miran al presente y al futuro, y nos dan una idea de nuestra propia relación con Dios. La Asunción mira a la eternidad y nos entrega la esperanza de que nosotros, también, seguiremos a Nuestra Señora cuando nuestra vida termine.

En 1950, en la Constitución Apostólica *Munificentissimus Deus*, el Papa Pío XII proclamó la Asunción de María como un dogma de la Iglesia Católica en estas palabras: "Inmaculada Madre de Dios, la siempre Virgen María, habiendo completado el curso de su vida terrenal, fue asumido cuerpo y alma en gloria celestial".

Con aquello, una creencia antigua se convirtió en doctrina Católica y la Asunción de María se declaró una verdad revelada por Dios.

-Extraído de Catholic Heritage del Padre Clifford Stevens

Paz,

-Fr. Kevin

PD: Por favor tengan en sus oraciones a los jóvenes de Santa María, Eldora, y San Marcos, Iowa Falls, quienes recibirán el Sacramento de la Confirmación el sábado 21 de agosto durante la Misa de las 6:30 p.m. en San Marcos.

PD2: Yo, Padre Kevin, estaré de vacaciones esta semana visitando a mi familia. Volveré el viernes 20 de agosto. ¡Los dejo en las buenas manos del Padre Frantz hasta mi regreso!

Por favor busque la página de St. Patrick-Hampton para más información.



† Felicitaciones a Agustin Antonio Grajales Staring quien fue bautizado en St. Patricio, Hampton el 7 de Agosto. Agustin es hijo de Agustin Grajales y Christina Y. Grajales. Que Dios lo bendiga en las aguas Bautismales.



Felicitaciones a las Quinceañeras de San Patricio, Hampton: Hilda Calles, hija de Agustín Calles e Hilda Malpica, celebró su Quinceañera el 31 de julio; y Jennifer Valenzuela, hija de Emilio Valenzuela y Janeth Morteo Valenzuela, celebró su Quinceañera el 7 de Agosto.



#### Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

Sun:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/

Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/

Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/

1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**Mon:** Jgs 2:11-19/

Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/

Mt 19:16-22

**Tues:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wed: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

**Thurs:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Fri: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/

Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/

Mt 23:1-12

**Next Sun:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Jn 6:60-69

#### Please Pray for Our Sick:

Chuck Baltes Kraig Kasischke Tom Pieper Ray Baltes Emma Kramer Joyce Roling Gary Cashatt Cathy Kuper Tom Schroeder Anna Marie Conroy - Babs Miller Melissa Smith Mary Ellen Doughty - Dave Miller Dena Sudtelate John Miller Adam Weig Leon Doughty Marjorie Friederich - Ron Miller Anne Wiesner Thomas Friend Sr. -Bruce Pieper Darwin (Diz) Wikert Mary (Ed) Pieper - Arlene Willms Dianne Henrich

- Virginia Hurd

#### Please make use of your parish's prayer line:

- St. Mary, Ackley: Jolene Harms at stmary.stpatrick@yahoo.com.
- St. Mary, Eldora: Julie Gray at (515) 351-7063.
- St. Patrick, Hampton: MaryAnn Patton at thepattons4@gmail.com.
- St. Mark, Iowa Falls: Brenda Strayer at (641) 430-0204.





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# The Assumption of Mary

#### Ouestion:

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 & 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.

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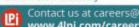
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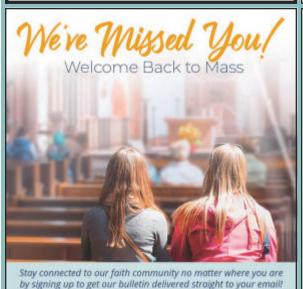
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