



St. Nicholas CATHOLIC CHURCH

**The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2021**

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Pastor**

Mass Schedule

Wednesday: 8:00 AM
Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Confession Schedule

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM
Sunday: 8:00-8:45 AM

Confession in the
Church Confessional

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism

By Appointment. Call the parish
office.

Marriage

Arrangements to be made with
the priest at least six months in
advance.

Summer Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Thu .. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Wed 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Fri 8:00 AM-NOON

Parish Staff

Business Administrator:

- Susan Schaubman

Office Manager:

- Sharon Metzger

Religious Education Director:

- Vickie Venhuizen

Music Ministry:

- Lon Semansky

Custodian:

- Rachel Devlin

From Your Pastor:

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was the most perfect disciple of Jesus. A disciple is someone who follows and belongs to another. No one has followed or belonged to Jesus more completely than Mary. We can learn how to be disciples of Jesus by looking at his mother, Mary. This is why the Church holds up for us certain moments in the life of Mary to be remembered and celebrated in the liturgy. One such moment is being celebrated this weekend: the Assumption of Mary. The Assumption of Mary is such a big deal that it actually replaces the normal Sunday prayers and readings.

So what can we learn from Mary about following Jesus as his disciple this weekend? The Assumption of Mary remembers the moment at the end of Mary's life here on earth when she was assumed (taken up) into Heaven with her body and soul. There is a verse of scripture from the Song of Songs that this feast day makes me think of, "I was asleep, but my heart was awake" (5:2). In the Song of Songs, this line is spoken by a bride who is eagerly awaiting her groom; she is so eager that even when she is asleep, her heart is awake, waiting for him and seeking him. The same thing could be said about the heart of Mary, even when she "falls asleep" at the end of her life, her heart is still very much awake.

I imagine the heart of Mary and the heart of Jesus being like magnets. They are drawn to each other by the force of love. This was certainly the case during the life of Jesus when Mary is drawn to him as he starts his ministry at the Wedding Feast at Cana (Jn 2:1-12), when she shows up at random moments just to be near him (Matt 12:46-50) and when she is standing at the foot of the Cross as he is crucified (Jn 19: 25-27). Mary could not stay away from Jesus; her heart was made for his heart. This is perhaps most evident today on the feast of Mary's Assumption. I imagine this scene as if Mary's heart can no longer take being physically separated from her son, and so she is literally pulled up, drawn, assumed into Heaven to be with Jesus.

This type of love, the love of Mary for Jesus and Jesus for Mary, is meant for us too. Our hearts are made for the heart of Jesus, and they will only find rest there. Our hearts are meant to be drawn, like a magnet, to wherever Jesus is. We should be drawn, almost irresistibly, to be with Jesus in prayer, at Mass, in Scripture and in our neighbor. This is the fullness of discipleship. It is following Jesus not because we have to, but because we long to, because we are so in love with him that we cannot stay away. Maybe this week we can make the prayer of the bride in the Song of Songs our own, "I was asleep, but my heart was awake". Let's keep our hearts awake, like Mary, so that when we see Jesus this week we can run to meet him.

God bless,

Fr. Tyler



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

“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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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August 15, 2021 WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION?

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is “a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ.” It shows that the Lord “reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son” (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

What does this all mean?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.

While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, “Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne.”

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, “The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven” (no. 974)

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life.

Ordinarily, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, but when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, that obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

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St. Nicholas Religious Education & Youth Info

St. Nicholas 2021-2022 Religious Ed Info! RE Teachers Needed!

Happy August! Religious Education registration forms are located in the church entry and the parish hall. Thank you to the 15 people who have stepped up to teach classes this year. We are still in need of another 25. Please prayerfully consider teaching our youth. We have openings for all grade levels at both the 5:30 and 7:00 PM times.

Thank you,
Vickie Venhuizen
Vickie@StNicholasTea.org



FUN IN THE SUN AT WILD WATER WEST ON AUG. 22

Who: 6th and 7th grade students
Registration Deadline: Aug. 18

How to Register

Fill out the form at: <https://bit.ly/2TvOgKU>

Email completed form by Aug. 18 to:

Krellden@yahoo.com

Subject line: WWW Event

Cost: \$5 per student plus money for any desired snacks or drinks

Drop-Off: 10:50-11:00 AM

Pick-Up: 1:50-2:00 PM

PUZZLE

Which picture name begins with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

M



B



H



MISSION

I will hear and do what God asks in a humble manner.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Assumption of Mary • Luke 1:39-56

PARISH CALENDAR August 14-August 22

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Aug. 14: 5:00 PM: +Thomas & Carol Kippes
Sun, Aug 15: 9:00 AM: People of the Parish
Wed, Aug 18: 8:00 AM: +Sally Holiday
Fri, Aug 20: 8:00 AM: John McGuckin
Sat, Aug 21: 5:00 PM: People of the Parish
Sun, Aug 22: 9:00 AM: +Linus Dardis

*Weekday Mass intentions are available for October & November, 2021.
 Suggested donation is \$10 per Mass. Call the parish office to request a Mass.*

Weekly Offering - August 8

Adult: \$5,085; Loose: \$87; Debt Reduction: \$445
 CFSA: \$470; RE Scholarships: \$150; Coffee & Rolls: \$44.50
Thank you!

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BISHOP'S CHARITY HUNT

The 27th Annual "Bishop's Charity Hunt" is scheduled for **Monday and Tuesday, September 20 & 21 at Horseshoe "K" Ranch near Kimball, SD.**



This is a truly memorable outing that includes lodging, breakfast, lunch, dinner, social, trap shoot, hunting, and pheasant cleaning. An additional bonus is fellowship with Bishop Donald DeGrood, daily Mass and interaction with many priests from our diocese. All proceeds from this event benefits the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry in our diocese.

The "Bishop's Charity Hunt" has grown into a friends and family tradition for many. Whether you bring your friends, your parents or your son/daughters, it's an opportunity to share fellowship, faith and have fun making lasting memories, while raising money for an amazing cause.

For more information or to register please contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3765 or visit www.ccfesd.org.

Sioux Falls Catholic Schools Gift Cards. Gift cards are available on Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri during office hours. Buying SFCS gift cards for things like food, gas and gifts costs you no more than the value of the card you purchase! There are over 40 vendors and you earn tuition credit with each purchase. Or go online! Purchase eGift Cards. Learn more at www.ogknights.org/giving/gift-card-program.



Q: What is the strongest type of sea creature?

A: Mussels!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK August 15-August 22

Sunday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Vigil Mass: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54-57; Lk 11:27-28; During the Day: Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Monday, August 16, St. Stephen of Hungary: Judg 2:11-19; Ps 106:34--37, 39-40, 43-44; Mt 19:16-22 or Dt 6:3-9; Ps 112:1-9; Mt 25:14-30
Tuesday, August 17: Judg 6:11-24; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday, August 18: Judg 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday, August 19, St. John Eudes, Priest: Judg 11:29-39; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14 or Eph 3:14-19; Ps 131:1-3; Mt 11:25-30
Friday, August 20, St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40 or Sir 15:1-6; Ps 119:9-14; Jn 17:20-26
Saturday, August 21, St. St. Pius X, Pope: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 23:1-12 or 1 Thes 2:2-8; Ps 89:2-5, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 21:15-17
Sunday, August 22, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Josh 24:1-2, 15-18; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

Diocese Updates/Events/Activities

Learn more about your Catholic Faith!

Do you love podcasts and YouTube programs? Our diocese offers four programs to help you learn more about your Catholic faith and about other Catholics trying to live it just like you. Check out any of these programs by visiting sfcatholic.org/radio-podcasts or our YouTube channel at SFDiocese.

"**Bishop's Cup**" will be Monday, August 23. For more information or to register, go to www.ccfesd.org or call the Catholic Community Foundation at 988-3765.

Surviving Divorce Program-This six week program begins Tuesday, Sept. 14 in Sioux Falls. Sessions are held on Tuesday evenings, 6:00-8:00 PM. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 cfs@sfcatholic.org. Scholarships are available. "Register today: Discovering Christ series

GriefShare Online

GriefShare will begin again on September 10-November 19, from 10 AM- NOON. The workbook's cost is \$15 (scholarships available), and there will be an opportunity for a free-will offering to help cover the additional costs. For more information about GriefShare, or to register, please contact Catholic Family Services at 605-988-3775 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

"Register today: Discovering Christ series

What gives meaning and purpose to life? Come explore Discovering Christ | Thursdays from 9/16 through 10/28 (Retreat 10/16) at Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls. Each week attendees will build community during a free dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching, and participate in a small group discussion. No cost to participate and open to all so invite family and friends. Registration available online at www.holyspiritsf.org/discovering-christ. Questions: Contact Deacon Pat Derrington, 605-371-2320 or dcnpatrickderrington@sfcatholic.org."

JOB OPENINGS

The Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls is seeking active, practicing Catholics for the following positions:

- Marketing Strategist
- Database Administrator
- Administrative Assistant
- Parish Accounting Services

Positions are posted on the diocesan website, www.sfcatholic.org



TIME Talent TREASURE

St. Nicholas Stewardship Sign-up Weekends

August 21/22

August 28/29

September 11/12

Each member of the family, altar server age (third grade) and up are encouraged to fill out a commitment sheet.



Looking for Adults, 55 and Older to join St. Nicholas adult social group

Sign up on Saturday & Sunday, August 21 & 22 following Mass.

I hope to meet people interested in re-joining and continuing with our social group - playing cards, games, visiting, etc. I would like input on what day/time would work best. Can't make it that weekend? Fill out your name and interests on the sheet located in the church hall or contact Barbara Myers through the parish office for more information.



St. Nicholas Parish would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are new to the area. If you are not currently registered at St. Nicholas and consider this your parish, please call or stop by the parish office to register.



Mary Jo Halverson, sister of Terry Daggett, passed away on July 23. Our sympathy and prayers to Terry and Mark and family.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



St. Nicholas will serve lunch at the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House Monday, August 16

Three or four volunteers are needed to help serve the meal at 11:20 AM. Donations of the following items are needed:

Hormel Chili with Beans, Fruit or Applesauce Cups, and Oreo or similar type cookies, cans of chicken noodle soup, soup crackers

- **Monetary donations** are always welcome. Items can be placed in the container in the church entry. For more info, call or text Jan Muhlenkort or call the parish office. **Thank you to all who donated and volunteered in July! Please pray for the poor and lonely.**



Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? RCIA is for those who have not been baptized, those baptized in the Catholic Church and have not received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, and those who were baptized in another Christian faith. Contact the parish office by September 24th if interested.



Music Ministry! If you have thought about being a part of the music ministry (musicians & vocal) at St. Nicholas, please call or email Lon or the parish office.

Sign Up to Serve! Liturgical Volunteers Needed!

We are in great need of Liturgical volunteers to serve in these summer months as Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. Please call or email the parish office if you can help!!!

Reminders...

- Please check the **Lost and Found** box located in the church entry to see if you are missing anything.
- **Confession** is now being held in the regular church confessional.
- **Coffee and Rolls** are served in the parish hall after Sunday Mass each week.
- **New address, phone number or email?** Please let the parish office know so we can keep you in the know!
- **Summer Office hours:** Mon, Tue, Thurs, 8 AM-5 PM; Wed, 8 AM-3 PM; Fri, 8 AM-NOON

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