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Aug. 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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

"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

ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

"Our vision is to see Christ in others and to treat others as Christ, because this is what we believe." As a Catholic community, we gather and celebrate the presence of Christ in sacrifice and sacrament. "Our mission is to support our community by meeting the spiritual, faith formation and other needs of our parishioners."

Welcome! It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for the day, we pray God's blessings on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please join us at the beginning of each mass before the opening song to pray three "Hail Mary's" and a "Glory Be" to end abortion in our country.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Closed

Jean -Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m..

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Please call the office or Fr. Lazarus prior to visiting the staff so we may assist you best.

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Musings From The Pastor.

This year the Solemnity of the Assumption falls on Sunday. In the words of Pope Francis: 'On the cross, Christ led us to Mary!' and 'He brought us to her, because he did not want us to journey without a mother' (*Evangelii Gaudium*

285-288).

Reflecting on that first miracle of Jesus at the Cana wedding feast, Pope Francis wrote, 'She is the friend who is ever concerned that wine not be lacking in our lives. She is the woman whose heart was pierced by a sword and who understands all our pain. As mother of all, she is a sign of hope for peoples suffering the birth pangs of justice; she is the missionary who draws near to us and accompanies us through life, opening our hearts to faith by her maternal love. She constantly surrounds us with God's love.'

We celebrate Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven. With these few words, the Church gave its authoritative teaching to the millions who for generations had believed that Mary's body was incorruptible, but had waited for the declaration to be made by the Vatican.

The doctrine of the Assumption was defined as a dogma of faith by Pope Pius XII on November 1st 1950 in *Munificentissimus Deus*. While the bodies of the Apostles and martyrs could be preserved and venerated, whereas of the body of Mary, no relic should remain on earth.

However, for centuries preceding the definition as an article of faith, tradition had held that Our Lady's body had accompanied her soul to heaven in an incorrupt state. And although it may seem strange that it had taken almost two thousand years before the declaration was given by the Church, the understanding was always that Mary was transported, body and soul, to be with Christ when her earthly life had come to an end.

Mary shares with her divine Son the unity of body and soul after earthly life, and in so doing they both help us to anticipate that moment of our own, when our souls and heavenly bodies will once again be reunited at the end of time. This is the wonderful assurance that God has given us through revelation, as well as through tradition, giving us such confidence in the resurrection of the body, and in the re-unification of body and soul in the life to come.

As we celebrate this transition of Our Blessed Lady to be reunited with her divine son, we can be completely convinced of the role she plays as our heavenly mother. In His goodness, God chose his Son's sinless earthly mother to continue Christ's earthly ministry, as the Queen of Heaven. But the role of Mary, heavenly mother of the whole human race, and mother of the Eternal King of the Universe, is surely not simply a title that signifies nothing more than a mental impression of Mary's Assumption into the presence of God, but indicates so much more: it is as a sign of hope for us now in the 21st Century as it has been for two thousand years.

Pope Francis writes about 'a Marian style' to the Church's work of evangelization. This itself is an indication of how we might contemplate the part that Mary contributes to her divine Son's mission of salvation. It is, as the Pope describes,

'Mary's revolutionary nature of love and tenderness'. In her, the Pope says, we begin to understand that 'humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak but of the strong, who need not treat others poorly in order to feel important themselves' (*E.G.* 288).

As well as the current effects of a worldwide pandemic, which is bad enough, we are also experiencing a global increase in racism, nationalism and an almost worldwide sense of corruption which so many people hoped would decrease as a result of Covid 19, but appears to have had the opposite effect. Humility and tenderness are in very short supply.

Perhaps this is what Pope Pius XII referred to when reminding us of the full meaning of the document declaring Mary's Assumption, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 'the most generous bountiful God', the Pope stated that numerous petitions had continually been received from all parts of the church and of the world, begging the Holy See to pronounce the bodily Assumption of Mary as a dogma of faith. The Vatican Council as long ago as 1869-70 had also requested it.

This woman, our Lady, was given to St. John by Jesus from the cross to be our mother, Pope Francis writes, 'walks as a true mother at our side, sharing our struggles and opening our hearts to faith, surrounding us with God's love'. If the world can recognize Mary as our heavenly mother, we can allow ourselves to be led by her.

In times of trial in the world, Mary has always been close at hand, always sharing the sufferings of her human family on earth. Never was this more evident than when Our Lady appeared to her children at Lourdes, at Fatima and at other Marian shrines, indicating her real concern for the anxieties of Christ's flock. As she took on the role of our Mother at the foot of the cross, Mary accepted that the whole of mankind needs to turn to her for consolation, seeking her to lead us closer to her divine son. And there is no time better than the present.

Have a Blessed Week. Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Ongoing commitments to the Annual Diocesan Appeal work in quiet, unheralded ways to sustain the Catholic Church in south-west Iowa. We empower others to encounter Christ; we help parish leaders to shepherd the faithful, support local communities of faith, and help people in need as one diocesan family committed to serve and protect one another and bring each other to Christ.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2021

Parish ADA Goal	\$ 26,573.00
Amount Paid	\$ 19,117.00
Outstanding pledges (\$ 808.00)	
Balance	\$ 7,456.00

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Take some time for you this fall by taking part in spiritual exercises compiled by St. Ignatius Loyola. The 32-week transformative journey begins in September through Emmaus House. Go to theemmaushouse.org/spiritual-exercises for more information.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

Next week is the Diocesan Wide Special Collection for the Church in Africa. There will be a second collection that day. Again, thank you for your generosity.



FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Thank you to the Confirmation students for the help in the garden and the grounds. We will continue working to furnish produce to the food pantry. If anyone else is interested in helping, please call Alan. This is a great service project for those needing service hours. Many hands make light work.

Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfaith> if you have not done so for any updates or information that may be of interest to you.

The 2021-2022 Faith Formation schedule has been set. It will kick off with the Parish Picnic TODAY following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

What: St. Mary's Parish Picnic

When: Today after the Bilingual 10:30 a.m. Mass

Where: Outside of the St. Mary's Parish Hall

Cost: FREE

Who Is Invited: All St. Mary's Parishioners and anyone interested in becoming Parishioners!

We will be serving burgers, hot dogs, chips, ice cream, cookies and watermelon. **See you after Mass TODAY!**

We are looking for 7-8th grade YDISCIPLE and K-6 Family Formation leaders and helpers. Please call Alan at 712-303-2680 if you will help us!

There will be a Catechist Meeting for grades k-6 August 25th. There will be an Ice Cream Social Kickoff on September 1. Following the Ice Cream Social YDisciple, grades 7-12 leaders will having a meeting from 7-8:15 p.m. Please see the schedules in the back of the church for both YDisciple and Faith Formation.

Blessings to All! Alan Vonnahme, St. Mary's Catholic Church Director of Religious Education; stmarysrodre@gmail.com

LIFE LINE SCREENING IS AT ST. MARY'S AUGUST 18th

There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

Life Line Screening, will be here Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at St Mary's Catholic Church.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979. See the pink fliers on the table at the back of the church. And share with your friends.

YOU ARE INVITED

Bishop William Joensen invites you to join him for a Holy Hour every Monday at 5 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral, or you can join him virtually at [Facebook.com/dmdiocese](https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/bishopinitatives/eucharistic-renewal/holy-hours). Find a list of reflections for prayer here: <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/bishopinitatives/eucharistic-renewal/holy-hours>.



Readings for the 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; The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22; St. Stephen of Hungary

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30; St. Joan of the Cross

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16; St. Louis of Toulouse

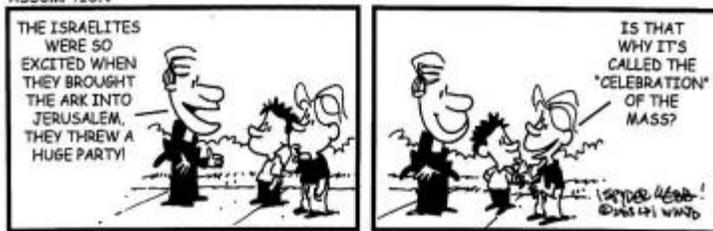
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14; St. John Eudes

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40; St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12; St. Pius X

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 6:60-69

ASSUMPTION



CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence (also referred to as intimate partner violence (IPV), dating abuse or relationship abuse) is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship. Domestic violence doesn't discriminate. People of any race, age, gender, sexuality, religion, education level or economic status can be a victim — or person who harms — of domestic violence. That includes behaviors that physically harm, intimidate, manipulate or control a partner or otherwise force them to behave in ways they don't want to, including through physical violence, threats, emotional abuse or financial control.

Everyone has the capacity to change, but doing so requires meaningful commitment to all aspects of change. Unfortunately, most people with abusive behaviors are unwilling to make these changes. Many factors behind abusive behaviors are learned attitudes and feelings of entitlement, which can be difficult to unlearn. A person who harms is/was often a survivor of intimate partner violence themselves. Everyone deserves a healthy relationship free from abuse — both a survivor and a person who harms — but the choice to change unsafe behaviors has to be the decision of the individual who is perpetrating power and control onto their partner.

Some content repurposed from resources/materials provided by the National Domestic Violence Hotline

CAREERS: JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES TEAM

Catholic Charities has an array of job openings! Executive assistant, refugee case manager, therapist and more in Des Moines. In Council Bluffs: Program manager, shelter and housing coordinator, Domestic Violence coordinator and more. Several part-time openings are available as well. Visit <https://catholiccharitiesdm.bamboohr.com/jobs/> and apply today!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday-August 21

Lector: Kevin Naser
Altar Servers: Meredith Roberts
Min. of Communion: Carrie Stamets
Greeter/Usher: Joe & Nancy Nealon/Pete & Jolene Crawford
Musician/Singers: Cindee Hays / Ann Ross & Jim Kearney
Sacristan: Nancy Nealon

Sunday-August 22

Lector: Joan Smith
Altar Servers: Sam Fields / Brie Ross
Min. of Communion: Jeff Grebin
Homebound: Mark Johnson
Greeter/Usher: Tim Schmid / John McDonald / Bob Johnson & Joan Smith
Musician/Singers: Cindee Hays / Patti Wetterlind & Pat Horn
Sacristan: Richard Sampers
Money Counters: Pat Jensen / Pat Lydon

**We are now streaming Mass from St. Mary's on Facebook.
You do NOT need to have an account to watch.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Dan Bruning	Josh Watson
Homebound Parishioners	Patricia Menendez
Len & Fran Ross	Teresa Navarro Bueno
Arlene Lao	Teresa Williams
Maggie Abbuhl	Carlos Palafox Hernandez
Easton Koelker	Lorenzo Hernandez Garcia
Lydia Paulsen	Ken Steffen



If you or someone you know would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office so that we may add their name in the bulletin

RESOURCES FOR HISPANIC COMMUNITY

If you have families that have lost their employment and their source of income and they need some assistance, they can call the 211 hotline, text your zip code to 898211, or visit www.211iowa.org

IOWA LEGAL AID'S FARMWORKER POLICY

There is Free Legal Services for Eligible Individuals/Servicios Legales Gratuitos Para Personas Elegibles. Call 1-800-532-1275 if interested.

HISPANIC MINISTRY-IOWA PBS

Get health and safety news in Spanish during the COVID-19 crisis through Iowa PBS. Iowa PBS to offer Spanish language safety information amidst COVID-19 pandemic.

BAPTISM: Please call the office to schedule the Baptism. A class is required for first-time parents.

RCIA: Each Fall the parish forms a group of adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, or in leaning about the faith. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus.

CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if you would like a visit while in the hospital or Communion brought to your home.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning a wedding at St. Mary's should contact Fr. Lazarus at least 6 months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday-August 14

- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene

Sunday-August 15-Parish Picnic

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Bilingual Mass in Red Oak-Carlos Palafox Hernandez+

Monday-August 16-Office Closed

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Grounds-Church Hall

Tuesday- August 17

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene

Wednesday-August 18

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Members of the Parish
- Life Line Screening in Church Hall

Thursday-August 19

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Begins
- 5:15 p.m. Rosary
- 6:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene
- 8:00 p.m. Spanish Rosary

Friday-August 20

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Ends
- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak

Saturday-August 21

- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Red Oak-Easton Koelker

Sunday-August 22-Collection for the Church in Africa

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Ernest Mutschler+

Thank you to Bob and Joan for the fundraiser at their new home for Fr. Eliud. We raised \$3050.00! We enjoyed a good home grown Iowa meal! Thank you to all who donated to help Fr. with feeding and furnishing water and supplies to his orphanage children, and his Parish families. Just some of the pictures!!



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