

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021**

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**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m.

**Confession:** Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:00 am. & 10:00 a.m. or  
by appointment.

**Office Hours-** Monday, Wednesday  
and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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**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. 148

**GOSPEL MEDITATION 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, precisely doing 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 is 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.

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION**

**Marriage:** Contact Deacon Robert Leake or Deacon Luke Mahsman at least six months in advance to schedule a wedding.

**Baptism:** If you are expecting or need information about Baptism, please contact Deacon Robert Leake or Deacon Luke Mahsman for a meeting.

**MISSION**

St. Joseph Catholic Church is a faith community, guided by the scriptures and traditions of the church, whose mission is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through celebration of the liturgy, sacraments, prayer, faith fellowship, and service to others.

**Bishop McKnight's  
August prayer intention  
for our Local Church**

As we begin this school year, may all recognize  
our shared mission to hand on our Catholic faith  
to the next generation.



**WAIT,  
WATCH,  
HOPE &  
LOVE**

## Parish Schedule

**Tuesday, August 17th**– Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, August 18th**– Parish Leadership in Hannibal at Holy Family (Staff, Finance, Parish Council) @ 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, August 21st**–High School Fun Night 5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

## Mass Intentions & Schedules

**Saturday, August 14th @ 5:30 p.m.**  
Gary Million+  
**Sunday, August 15th @ 7:30 a.m.**  
Parishioners of St. Joseph  
**Sunday, August 15th @ 10:30 a.m.**  
Bob & Lois Whiston+  
**Tuesday, August 17th @ 6 p.m.**  
**No Mass at St. Joseph**  
**Wednesday, August 18th @ 6 p.m.**  
Sonny Foster+  
**Thursday, August 19th @ 8 a.m.**  
James Veit+  
**Friday, August 20th @ 8 a.m.**  
Richard Davis+  
**Saturday, August 21st @ 5:30 p.m.**  
Arlene Veit+  
**Sunday, August 22nd @ 7:30 a.m.**  
Parishioners of St. Joseph  
**Sunday, August 22nd @ 10:30 a.m.**  
Harlan Kitch+

## Prayer Requests

### Please pray for our parishioners and our extended family and friends:

Donna Rupp	Zac Abell
Grant Hess	Richard Krekemeyer
Frank Schwartz	Dee Gottman
Pat Foster	Wes Raney
Ernie Becker	Pam Hess,
Jane Church	Florence Fohey
Ellen Goodwin	Cheryl Hirner
Mary Krekemyer	Evan Mencer
Sue Wagner	Lakian Lehenbauer
Virginia Buckman	Marie Thorington
Sandi Campbell	Michelle Richardson
Mark Carpenter	Janet Schwartz
Elizabeth Roth	Mary Ann Miller
Elizabeth King	Phyllis Kroeger
Ferd Dames	Janet Barnes

PARISH NURSE... Contact Beth Anderson if she can help you or a loved one. Phone # 573-795-5828 or email [nursebethhfsj@gmail.com](mailto:nursebethhfsj@gmail.com)



## Birthdays

**August 15th**  
Steven Jones, John Dodd  
**August 16th**  
Laura Keck, Bernadette Mahsman, Cooper Hudson, Teresa Hettinger  
**August 17th**  
Philip Bland  
**August 18th**  
Frederick McElvain  
**August 20th**  
Bob Rupp, Elizabeth King, Richard Donelson

## Parish Finances August 8th

Loose Cash	\$301.00
Weekly Envelopes	\$5,374.00
Children's Collection	\$120.00
Building Fund	\$42.00
Assumption	\$30.00
Retirement Fund	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,967.00</b>

Thank you for your generous donations for the CSA Stewardship Appeal- St. Joseph met their goal for 2021 and received a rebate of \$1,698.19 back to our parish. Thanks for your support

Retirement for Religious:  
Helping aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others-education the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need your assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

## RCIA Information

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS... Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic? Everyone knows someone they can invite. Maybe it is your spouse, a neighbor, a co-worker or a child who has not yet received Confirmation. Prayerfully consider inviting those you know to begin the RCIA process. **Classes will begin in the Fall of 2021.** Please contact Harla Friesz @ 573-248-7969 if you have any candidates interested in this program.

## Ministries for Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass

**Ministers of Hospitality for August**  
Steve & Joanne Conoyer & Tim Barnes  
**Lectors**  
**August 14th** Ella Goldinger  
**August 21st** Trish Frey  
**August 28th** Judy Trower  
**Servers**  
**August 14th** Mahsman's  
**August 21st** R. Barnes & M. Jones  
**August 28th** Krekemeyer's  
**Live Streaming & Technology**  
**August 14th** Cindy Gervais  
**August 21st** Herb Schwartz  
**August 28th** Lisa Lake  
**Eucharistic Ministers/Sacristan**  
**August 14th** Volunteer  
**August 21st** Linda Reeves  
**August 28th** Jerry Trower

## Ministries for Sunday 7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mass

**7:30 a.m. Mass**  
**Ministers of Hospitality for August**  
Mike Wolfmeyer, Karen & Derek O'Brien  
**Lectors:**  
**August 15th** Knights of Columbus  
**August 22nd** Mary Lou Hawthorne  
**August 29th** Karen Dames  
**Servers:**  
**August 15th** Knights of Columbus  
**August 22nd** Mahsman's  
**August 29th** O'Briens, D. Dames  
**Eucharistic Ministers/Sacristan for**  
**August 15th** Knights of Columbus  
**August 22nd** Roth McElvain  
**August 29th** Mary Lou Hawthorne  
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**10:30 a.m. Mass**  
**Ministers of Hospitality for August**  
David & Tina Baxter  
**Lectors:**  
**August 15th** Monica Bross  
**August 22nd** Audrey Summers  
**August 29th** Kevin DeHaan  
**Servers:**  
**August 15th** A. Wisheart, R. & W. Jones  
**August 22nd** W. & J. Summers, Coggeshalls  
**August 29th** A. Illa, R. & W. Jones  
**Eucharistic Ministers/Sacristan**  
**August 15th** Joe Jones  
**August 22nd** Craig Illa  
**August 29th** Diane DeHaan



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[sjpalmyra.diojeffcity.org](http://sjpalmyra.diojeffcity.org)



Contact the office if you want to receive parish news and updates.

## Report on Church Doors

Sisters and Brothers, when I arrived (a year ago!) I was informed of the problem with our main front, church doors, chronically leaking, whenever we have significant rain. This must be corrected. At that time, there was a perception (accurate or not) that many of the parishioners had not been consulted as to how we were going to proceed with correcting this problem.

I asked the Building & Grounds Committee to take a break from it all ... to rest on their laurels ... and let a new Ad-hoc committee take this on. ... and then the endless delays and frustrations brought about by COVID and other challenges as well.

Well, I now want to give an update! But first, to thank our current Pastoral Council President, and member of the Ad-Hoc Committee, Randy Dodd who has worked tirelessly, trying (against considerable odds at times) to keep this project moving forward. Hopefully in the not too distant future, we will be able to set a date for another **Town Hall Meeting** to get this matter settled. At that meeting, Randy is working hard to make sure we have Brad Copeland (Director of Building & Grounds for the Diocese) and perhaps other professionals, present, and we will have a thorough presentation on our choices moving forward. At that meeting, **WE WILL VOTE ON HOW TO PROCEED**. Just as last time, I encourage all parishioners to plan to attend ... so as to speak now, or forever hold your peace. We will move forward with a majority vote carrying the day. Fr. Matt

## Altar Society News

Thank you for your generosity to the Sponsor a Station Campaign! The Stations of the Cross will be started in September by Autenrieb Memorials. The goal is to have them back by Ash Wednesday. We will keep you updated with any more information.

## Virtus Information

ALL volunteers of St. Joseph must attend a Virtus training (Online or In Person) and sign the Pastoral Code of Conduct.

Holy Family and St Joseph are working hard to have opportunities possible to offer in person Virtus classes, so that all volunteers are in compliance with Virtus. This wonderful, educational program, teaches everyone how they can best keep our parish children and vulnerable adults safe. Let's all do our part to protect our children and vulnerable adults.

**We are Better Together!**

**Two opportunities for in person training will take place at Palmyra-Farischon Hall. Wednesday, September 1st at 9 a.m.**

**Wednesday, September 1st at 6:30 p.m. (Registration must take place before attending)**  
Contact Cathy Fohey to Register ASAP!



## Religious Education News

**High School youth group 9th-12th grade** will take place on Saturday, August 21st from 5:30 p.m. (mass) to 11:30 p.m. for a fun night!

**Middle School youth group 5th-6th grade and 7th-8th grade** will begin meeting in September. Dates and Times TBA! Enjoy the rest of your summer!



**Save the Date:** Registration for CCD/PSR classes and youth group events will take place **August 22nd and August 29th** after the 7:30 a.m. mass until noon.

Parents must come to the office to register or make an appointment with Cathy Fohey/DRE at St. Joseph to enroll their child. Contact Cathy ASAP if you are not available those dates.

Classes will start on Sept. 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

**Teacher/Staff Meeting** will take place on Sunday, Sept. 12th 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

## St. Joseph News



**With joyful hearts we welcome our newly baptized. Anna Lynn Louise Mahsman.**

Anna was born on Thursday, August 5, 2021 the daughter of

Deacon Luke and Christie Mahsman.

Anna was baptized at St. Joseph on Sunday, August 8, 2021. Her Godparents are

Augustine Mahsman and Bernadette Mahsman.

Congratulations to the Mahsman family!



Mary E. Kempf of Palmyra passed away on Saturday, August 7, 2021. Visitation and

Funeral services were held on Friday, August 13th at Lewis Brothers Funeral

Chapel with Deacon Bob Leake officiating. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



**Parish Council** will meet on Tuesday, August 17th

at 6:30 p.m. Contact Randy Dodd if you have any agenda items.



## St. Joseph Cemetery News

**St. Joseph Cemetery News:**

In the near future you will see that the 9 trees along the north cemetery border have been removed. We didn't know that they were on REC right of way and they are removing them and the stumps at no cost to the cemetery board.



This month's Palmyra food pantry needs are back to school supplies, color crayons and pencils, glue, Kleenex boxes. A basket for these items are located in the vestibule of the church. Thanks for your continued support to the Palmyra food pantry.

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