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August 15, 2021
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Saint Andrew Parish are a Catholic community and disciples of Jesus Christ. We continue the work of Christ by teaching the word of God, celebrating the Eucharist together, welcoming and encouraging people to develop and share the relationship with God. We strive to be grateful, faithful stewards of God's resources, earthly and spiritual, by being Christ to each other, our neighborhood, our country, and the world.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Milan Dimic, Pastor
Rev. Hyginus Agu
Rev. Msgr. Matthew Bernelli, in residence
Deacon Alix Africot
Deacon Roland J. Blier
Jeannie Bisson, Pastoral Associate
Catherine Pavlowski, Youth Minister
Cheryl Camillo, Bookkeeper

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MASSES

Saturday vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am
Weekday 9:00am (Monday thru Friday)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

BAPTISM

Call the parish office to schedule.

MATRIMONY

Make arrangements with a priest one year in advance. Dates or times can be arranged only after speaking with one of our parish clergy.

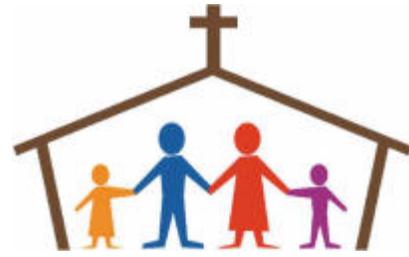
SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The Sacraments are available to those unable to come to church. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.



August 14, 2021—August 22, 2021

Sat. 14	4:00 PM	Mafalda & Fred Baldino, Jessica Kozlowski
Sun. 15	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Jana Petracek Sante & Adalgisa Bracaglia
Mon. 16	9:00 AM	Salvatore & Nicoina Guerrera
Tue. 17	9:00 AM	Mary Cortellini
Wed. 18	9:00 AM	Elizabeth Olofson
Thr. 19	9:00 AM	Joseph Warmke
Fri. 20	9:00 AM	Bernardo Ortiz
Sat. 21	4:00 PM	Phyllis Martin
Sun. 22	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Joan & Thomas Antonelli Fred & Bessie DiMeo



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For those over 18 who wish to be fully initiated in
The Catholic Church**

**Junior High Youth Ministry
and High School Youth Ministry**

Contact Jeannie at 203-374-6171



We remember all those we have been asked to pray for during their time of illness.

We remember all those who have gone home to the Lord.

We especially remember all those listed in our Prayer Request book.



**The Sanctuary Light burns in memory
of Bernardo Ortiz**



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**The Knights of Columbus thank all who participated,
donors, Red Cross, and helpers!**

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Saturday, August 28, 2021
Parish Hall**

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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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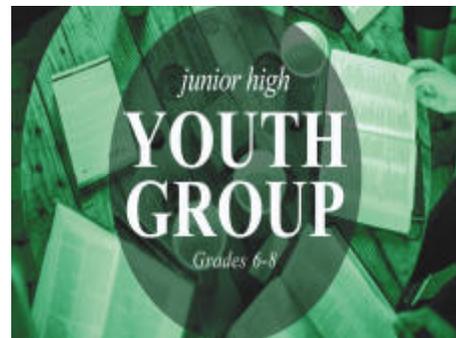
SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 19, 2021

12:00—4:00 PM

Can you volunteer for one of our committees?

**Call the Parish Office
203-374-6171**



Calling all students in grades 6, 7, 8!

Our new Junior Youth Group begins in September please join us for prayer, service, and fun!

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Assumption of Mary • Luke 1:39-56

PUZZLE

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

M



B



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MISSION

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



KID'S CORNER



The Saint Andrew Knights of Columbus, Cabrini Council, invites all eligible candidates to participate in the exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass on the First Sunday of each month.

Please come and see what it's all about!



If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Holy Eucharist at home, please contact the parish office at 203-374-6171.

Rosary Group

Monday evenings
7:00

in the Outside Chapel
(Church if weather is inclement)
Please join us!



A thought
TO START
YOUR WEEK

*Faith is putting all your eggs in
God's basket!*

GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 15, 2021

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, doing precisely 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's 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.



Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

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

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

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

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

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

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



Pick of the week

“THE WOMAN”

In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as “Woman.” This reference should draw out attention to both Genesis and Revelation. But who is the “Woman,” and why is she so central to salvation history? This powerful film presents the Catholic teaching about Mary and her important role in the life of the Church today. On this Solemnity of the Assumption, let us ponder Mary’s role in our own lives!

Register for FORMED today, instructions at all entrances.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reading 1

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened,
and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with
the sun,
with the moon under her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored
to give birth.

Then another sign appeared in the sky;
it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten
horns,
and on its heads were seven diadems.
Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky
and hurled them down to the earth.
Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give
birth,
to devour her child when she gave birth.
She gave birth to a son, a male child,
destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.
Her child was caught up to God and his throne.
The woman herself fled into the desert
where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
"Now have salvation and power come,
and the Kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Anointed One."

Psalm Response: PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,
forget your people and your father's house.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

So shall the king desire your beauty;
for he is your lord.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

They are borne in with gladness and joy;
they enter the palace of the king.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Reading 2

1 Cor 15:20-27

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of
those who have fallen asleep. For since death came
through man, the resurrection of the dead came also
through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ
shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order:
Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong
to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the
Kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed
every sovereignty and every authority and power.
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under
his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he
subjected everything under his feet."

Gospel

Lk 1:39-56

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped
in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you
among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my
Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound
of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb
leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what
was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And
Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever."

Mary remained with her about three months and then
returned to her home.

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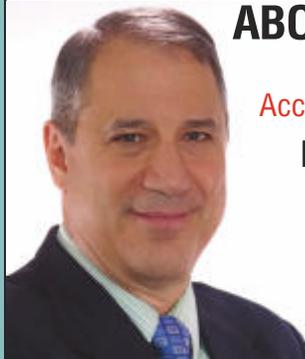
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