

Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



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

AUGUST 15, 2021

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

GOSPEL MEDITATION: 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.

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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Penance: Saturday at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8a.m. Baptism: Contact the church office at 672-6352

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires a minimum of a four month preparation period. Please make early arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment.

NOTICES

The Catholic Youth Group will kick off with a back to school bash, welcoming incoming freshmen & all other members, new & old on Aug 29th at 6pm.

Formed.org

A free and easy way to go online and learn about your Catholic faith. Use Sacred Heart Parish, Pratt, KS to sign in.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following:

Rita Haen (sister in law of Ruth Menzer), Madison Hunt-continue prayers for health, Doug Will – health concerns; Michelle Jochems-anaemia, Lyola Hatfield-health issues; Elton Bowman-health issues; Barbara Agnew - health issues; Geneva Theis - health issues; Connie Grizzell-health concerns, Dawnetta Park (Linda Johnson cousin)-health issues, Tom Wenrich, Ann Souza-health issues, Ethel Warren-health issues, Aquina Stonestreet-health concerns

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

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

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

Stewardship of Treasure for the

Weekend of Aug. 1, 2021

Number of Envelopes - 75

Envelopes	\$7,226.00
Online Giving	50.00
Offertory	227.00
Capital Improvement	90.00
Youth Activities	343.11
Pastor Reimbursement	750.00
Auto Withdrawal Envelopes	1,130.00
Votive Lights	5.00
Total	\$9,821.11
Required Budget	<u>\$7,200.00</u>
Net Surplus	\$2,621.11
Year to Date	
Total Receipts	\$40,573.55
Required Budget	<u>36,000.00</u>
Net Surplus	\$4,573.55

VISION STATEMENT: As Disciples in Christ, we are called to know, love, and serve God and each other in celebrating and living the message of the Gospel.

MISSION STATEMENT: We are a faith community who recognizes and acknowledges individuals' gifts and talents, encouraging spiritual growth.

Bulletin Entries

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday at noon for the following week's bulletin. If your submission is not on time, it will be held for the following week's bulletin. Please carefully proofread your entries for the bulletin, as they will be published exactly as received. Do not send attachments. All submissions must be emailed to: sacred_heart_bulletin@live.com

Shoe Drive: Kiwanis is having another shoe drive! We will be collecting shoes for poor countries in South America & Africa from August 15th through October 15th. A large box will be placed in the south entry of the Church. Please check your closets and donate any gently used or new shoes you don't need. Kiwanis receives a small percentage for the shoes which is then used for youth programs in our community. Thank you for your past generosity! Call if you have questions: Stephanie Becker 388-1369

The Sacred Heart Parish Picnic will take place Sunday, August 22, 4:00 p.m. in Lemon Park at the west Shelter House. The Knights of Columbus will cook hamburgers and hot dogs and everyone is asked to bring a side dish, your own service and also your own chair if you can. Water and condiments will be furnished. There will be games for kids along with the playground; a time for fellowship and a warm welcome and get acquainted with Father Charles. We hope to see you all there.
Stewardship Commission

Homebound or in the Hospital?

If you are home bound, have someone in your family who is, or in the hospital, please inform the office. Fr. Charles would like to visit all those homebound or in the hospital or care facility that can't get to Mass. If you have an emergency need for a sacrament, Father's phone is on the front of the bulletin. Thank you.

"If today, you hear God's voice, harden not your heart." (Hebrew 3:15)

Have you ever wondered whether God is calling you to become a Sister or do you want to know more about consecrated life? The Dominican Sisters of Peace are offering a free weekend Come and See Discernment retreat, September 10-12, 2021 in Akron, Ohio for single Catholic women ages 18-45. You can join us in person or on-line. Go to <https://oppeace.org/> for more information and to register for this event.

For more information, contact Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP at call/text 570-336-3991 or june.fitzgerald@oppeace.org.

If you have any announcements for the weekend, please email or call Erin in the office. She is writing these up each week. They are due by noon on Friday.

Mass intention stipends are \$10/Mass. Please contact the office if you wish to have a Mass intention.

Sympathy: Charlyn Herboldsheimer, Patrice Eggling's mother, passed away on Aug. 4th in Auburn, NE. Please keep the family in your prayers.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PSR Notes: If you have a 2nd grade child from the 2019-2020 PSR student that has not yet received their 1st Communion please contact the church office or Tonya Kiley.

We are looking for a 8th grade PSR teacher. Please contact Tonya Kiley if you can help our parish with this endeavor.

A Protecting God's Children training is being offered at St. John's on Monday Aug 16th (date change!) from 5pm-8pm. If you are 18 years of age or older and want to work with the youth of the parish in PSR, as a chaperone, or in any capacity this is a required training.

Calendar of Events
August 2021

Mon. 16

5-8pm Protecting God's Children session in St. John

Tues. 17

8:30am Mass in St. John

Wed. 18

5:30pm Mass in Pratt

Thurs. 19

8:00am Mass

6:30pm Joint meeting Pastoral/Finance/Property

Fri. 20

8:00am Mass

7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary

Sat. 21

4:30pm Confession

5:30pm Mass

Sun. 22

8:00am Confession

8:30am Mass

10:45am Mass in St. John

Parish Picnic from 4-7pm in Lemon Park



- 17 Jim Dorgan by Larry & Don Dorgan
- 18 Rita Hitt by John & Tina Heien
- 19 Rita Hitt by Scott & Marla Stucky
- 20 Bob & Mary Dickinson by Charlotte Bigler
- 21 Bridget Ogwo by Deb Roberts
- 22 Pratt – Pro populo
St. John – Priest of Dodge City Diocese

New to the Parish?

We would like to welcome you to Sacred Heart. Please fill out this short form and drop it in the collection basket or in the mail slot at the rectory. Someone will contact you to help you complete your registration.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
best time to call _____

Thank you for helping us include you here at Sacred Heart.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 2021

Week 4

SATURDAY, Aug. 21st, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Cecilia and Frank Jarmer
Commentator: Luke Kumberg
Cross Bearer: Justin Kiley
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer
Arlene Garland, Ken Beckman
Susan Wilczek
Gifts: VOLUNTEER
Ushers: Jim & Daniel Ellis
Sacristan: Kim Evert
Rosary Leader: Janet Horton

SUNDAY, Aug. 22nd, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Bryan & Susan Pixler
Commentator: Stephanie Becker
Cross Bearer: Adelyn Fields
Servers: Brenna Stegman, Maisey Fields
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer
Kim Evert, Rick Stegman
Gifts: Gallagher Family
Ushers: Tim Renner
Steve Strecker
Sacristan: Erin Sluss
Rosary Leader: Volunteer
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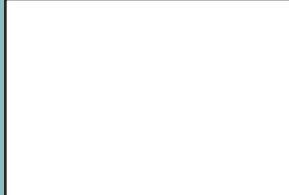
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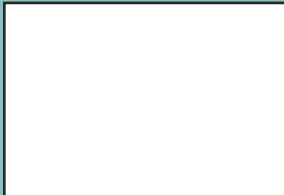
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