

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Consecrated to the  
Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary



AUGUST 15, 2021

• THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

**The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary...** On this 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, the church celebrates the Solemnity of **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, one of the dogmas of the Church. On November 1, 1950, through the Apostolic Constitution **Munificent Imus Deus**, Pope Pius XII officially declared the Assumption as a Dogma of Catholic Faith. Pope Pius XII in the papal document **Munificent Imus Deus** gives four reasons for our belief in the Dogma of Assumption of Mary.

1) The uninterrupted tradition about Mary's death and Assumption starting from the first century. 2) The belief expressed in all the ancient liturgies of the Church. 3) The negative evidence — the absence and veneration of a tomb of Mary while most of the apostles have their tombs. 4) The possibility of bodily assumption warranted in the Old Testament in the cases of Enoch (Gn 5:24), perhaps Moses (Dt 34:5), and especially Elijah (II Kgs 2:1). 5) The theological reasons: a) The degeneration of the body after death is the consequence of "original sin," and Mary, as "Immaculately Conceived," is exempted from the post-mortem decay of the body. b) As receiver of the fullness of grace and holiness because she is mother of Jesus and co-redeemer with Him, Mary's place is with her son, God's Son Jesus, the Redeemer, in the abode of holiness, Heaven. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us cultivate special devotion toward Mother Mary.

## BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

Our first offering of the small group Bible Study, **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**, was a success! Over eight weeks, participants learned about God's plan for humanity's salvation and how the Bible gradually reveals this plan that continues to unfold today. Through engaging video presentations, short lectures, and discussions, the overarching story of the Bible became familiar. They became proficient at using the Bible Timeline to get a chronological "picture" of the people, places, and events of the Bible. The skills and

resources acquired from this study will be very beneficial for the future.

I am very grateful to **Bonnie Bruck** for coming forward to share her knowledge and skill with our parish. I am confident those who attended the Bible study benefitted a lot. The next opportunity will take place in September. Please check inside the bulletin for details.

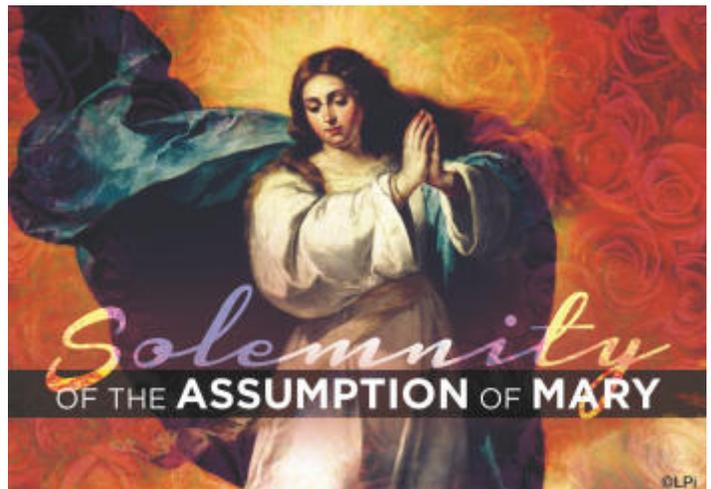
## THIRD FAMILY GATHERING

Thank you so much to all who participated in the third family gathering. The third gathering was successful as there was a good number from the parishes. It was a great opportunity for people from different parishes to interact and get to know each other. In a special way, I would like to thank **Gary Carter** for accepting my request to share his faith and experience in our third family gathering. Many people appreciated your willingness to come forward and boldly share your faith and experience. God bless you, Gary.

Happy Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mother Mary, intercede for us.

Fr. Kishore Babu Battu SAC



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## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**What are we celebrating on the feast of the Assumption of Mary?**

The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will.

The church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven.

What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather, we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God.

This is the hope and assurance that Mary's assumption celebrates. It is a celebration of our assumption as well. She is one of us, providing a model of what God has in store for all who love and give of themselves to God.

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## CATHOLIC TRIVIA

A rosary is made up of how many decades?

- a. 3
- b. 5
- c. 8
- d. 12

Answer is on the calendar page.

## WWMD?

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

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## FR. STEPHEN ROONEY MEMORIAL ROSARY WALK



**What:** We will walk one of Fr. Rooney's favorite routes through the city of Trenton. We will begin the walk with a rosary, just as he would every day, then spend the rest of the time remembering a dear family member, friend, and pastor.

**When:** August 14, 2021

**Where:** St. Joseph Parish Parking Lot  
2623 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; Trenton, MI 48183

**Time:** 10 am – noon  
(Participants may finish earlier depending on pace)

**Distance:** 2 miles

**Cost:** Free-will donation for Gabby's Ladder, an organization that was close to Fr. Rooney's heart **or** non-perishable food items for the local food bank • Please bring your chosen gift on the day of the event!

*"Our death is not the end for any of us...the urge to pray for our departed is woven into the fabric of our very lives and rebels at the notion that death is the end." Fr. Stephen Rooney, 08-07-2020*

## Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it is all about.

Aided by a unique color-coded *Bible Timeline™* Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and better understand how you fit into God’s plan for our Salvation.

**What:** *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, a bible study by Ascension Press

**When:** Thursdays 7 - 8:30 pm  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> - October 21<sup>st</sup> (8 sessions)

**Where:** Archangel Room and/or gymnasium

**Cost:** \$25, which includes a workbook, *The Bible Timeline™* Chart, access to online resources

**\*\* This 2<sup>nd</sup> study is limited to the first 20 people registered by August 18, 2021**

To register or for more information, please contact Bonnie Bruck at [djbruck@hotmail.com](mailto:djbruck@hotmail.com).



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### FEAST DAY NEWS

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- ◆ Could you spare some time to help our Feast Day Committee with planning this year's events? Please call the parish office to volunteer! 734-241-8645.

## 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, 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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### Come Holy Spirit!

Please join in praying the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary on Thursday mornings beginning at 11:40 am followed by Mass at 12:15 pm in St. Mary Church.

Our prayer intention is for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we begin to work as a Family of Parishes. We pray also for Fr. David, our moderator, as well as Fr. Giancarlo, Fr. Kishore and Fr. Henri and the parish staffs who serve in our Monroe Family of Parishes (St. Anne, St. Charles Borromeo, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary and St. Michael the Archangel parishes).

## MICHAEL'S MEN ANNIVERSARY

August 18<sup>th</sup> will mark the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Michael's Men prayer and fellowship group. We meet at 7 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the St. Mary Catholic Central High School Chapel. We also host an hour of prayer called *Christ, Our Hope, Hour of Prayer* at 7 am on the first Friday each month in St. Michael Church, where ALL are welcome. The men sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before 8:15 am Mass begins. Come, join us.

As part of the recent AOD initiative, *Family of Parishes*, St. Michael is one five local parishes working together and sharing resources. Michael's Men has been doing much the same for the past 13 years, with a great deal of success.

We acknowledge that our progress has been made possible through answered prayers to our Blessed Mother, Mary, who furnished us with 25 prayer and song books, which

have now grown to 50. Many, many prayer requests have been answered over the years, and the men look forward to the time during meetings when they can make their requests.

Thanks be to the Lord for sending men to step up to lead the group, namely: Dave Haynes and Shawn Piedmonte; David Heilman to host First Friday sessions; Ignazio Cuccia and Dominic Lavesque who break down the daily readings; and Phil Harrigan, who recently retired from preparing breakdowns. We also thank Deacon Michael Ingels for his hard work to deliver a stimulating homily at each meeting.

We have grown to 52 members who give their time voluntarily and enjoy taking part in small group discussions. We are constantly seeking truth and challenging one another to grow in our Catholic faith. Instead of merely reading scripture, we break it down until it can be easily understood. We question until all are fully aware of its meaning.

We are also pleased that our Pastor, Father Kishore Battu, is taking part in our program and helping it grow. Karl Mercer, one of our founders, also continues to grow the group.

Last, and most importantly, we thank SMCC and their staff for allowing us to use their Chapel for our meetings. It is definitely a "spirit-filled" environment. Thank you to all the members of Michael's Men who make this success possible.

### ***Are you growing in your faith?***

If you feel you could use some help, with others to walk alongside you, please check us out. There is strength and reassurance in sharing time with our spiritual brothers.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

*Jerry Demski, Facilitator*

## Monroe Knights of Columbus, Council #1288 Invites you to **Knights for Life ~ a live auction fundraiser**

**Saturday, August 21, 2021**

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## **REFLECT & RESPOND**

### **FIRST READING:**

We hear in Proverbs how we are called to participate in divine wisdom. Who do you see as a wisdom figure in your life?

### **SECOND READING:**

Paul sees one pathway to wisdom is to avoid evil, ignorance, and drunkenness, and be filled rather with gratitude. For what in your life should you be grateful?

### **GOSPEL:**

How do you understand Jesus' assertion: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

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**Welcome Mrs. Jagielski!**

**Assistant Principal for Academic and Student Affairs**

Over the last 13 months, MCES searched for our new Assistant Principal to assist in the administration of the three MCES Campuses. In June, we conducted interviews with members of our faculty & staff, MCES parents, our pastor delegate - Fr. David - and other stakeholders and were blessed to have a candidate that embodies Catholic education, has extensive experience in Catholic schools and is standing ready to build relationships with students, families and faculty & staff. We are happy to announce, Mrs. Frances (Frannie) Jagielski as our new Assistant Principal for Academic & Student Affairs. Mrs. Jagielski will work closely with Mr. Kubik, our pastors, and the MCES

Leadership Team to lead our unique, multi-campus model.

Below is Mrs. Jagielski's Biography:

Over 18 years ago, Frances Jagielski began her career as an educator working for public, online, and most currently, Catholic schools. Throughout her career, she has taught grades 4-12 in English Language Arts, General Education and Computer Technology. Her passion for learning and leading resides in Catholic education.

Mrs. Jagielski received her undergraduate degree from Bowling Green State University in Middle Childhood Education (grades 4-9) with certification in Integrated Language Arts and Reading and Integrated Social Studies, as well as a Reading Specialist endorsement. She holds a master's in education degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus in Curriculum Development in Instructional Technology from Lourdes University in Sylvania, OH. Currently, she is completing a second master's degree in Educational Leadership at Lourdes University. She has served in various capacities over her career: Middle School Dean of Instruction and Programming, Ohio Department of Education Resident Educator Program mentor, Virtual Support Educator, lead teacher and department head. Additionally, she has chaired numerous committees including academic council, student assistance teams, school improvement teams and professional development planning.

Currently, Mrs. Jags, as she is affectionately known, is taking language courses on Zoom to become fluent in Haitian Creole as she serves as an advocate for Project House of Hope, an organization in Montrouis, Haiti.

As she administrates as the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Jagielski looks forward to serving and leading the MCES community to grow in God's love, inspiring them to become the best versions of themselves both academically and spiritually alongside Mr. Kubik.

Mrs. Jagielski has been married to her husband, Jeremy, for almost 19 years. They have three children: Aidan (16), Elliott (13) and Delaney (10). She and her family are parishioners of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in West Toledo where they reside.

As Assistant Principal of Academic and Student Affairs, Mrs. Jagielski will be supporting our students, teachers and families throughout their school experience, spending time in classrooms, observing teachers, coaching our new teachers, and supporting the strategic goals we have set forth.

We are very grateful to have Mrs. Jagielski's expertise joining our MCES Team. She will begin working over the next few weeks and we look forward to introducing her to our school families in August. Her email address is [jagielski@monroecatholicschools.com](mailto:jagielski@monroecatholicschools.com) if you would like to send her a note of welcome.

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James Barron	Bill Dempsey	Leigh Ann Parrack
Monica Beeson	Rita Getchey	Donna Perez
Carolyn Bellino	Veronica	Mary Ray
Lynda Billock	Greenawalt	Parker Reau
Philip Bloom	Sean Griffin	Mary Ann Soleau
Addie Bressler	Kate Herr-Maletich	Betty Steffes
AJ Bressler	Rose Kavanagh	Wilbur Stotz
Ruth Brown	Edna Kinsey	Bob Vajcner
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Fr Daniel Complo	Alice LaPrad	Alice Villarreal
	Donna Leask	Cody Wood
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### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

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### 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

## THIS WEEK ~ AUGUST 16 - 22

### MONDAY, AUGUST 16

*St. Stephen of Hungary*  
Mass 8:15 am - church  
Devotions 9 am - church

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

Back to School Move-In Night 6 pm - school

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

*St. John Eudes, Priest*

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

*St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

Mass 8:15 am - church  
Rev Stephen Rooney Remembrance Mass 6 pm

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

*St. Pius X, Pope*

Confession 3:30 pm - church  
Mass 5:00 pm - church

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mass 8:30 am - church  
Mass 10:30 am - church  
Baptisms noon - church

## WEDDING BANNES

Adam Dushane & Sarah Straub (1)  
Andrew Goldsmith & Kristen Johnson (1)

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Answer: **b**

### LITURGY SCHEDULE AUGUST 16 - 22

DAY & TIME	INTENTIONS
<b>Monday</b> 8:15 am	† Gloria Collingsworth † Maria DeLuca
<b>Friday</b> 8:15 am	† Mary Sue Terrasi † Steven Reau Family
6:00 pm	† Rev Stephen Rooney
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	† Chuck Kemmerling † William (Bill) Hutra 11 years
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	† The People of St Michael
10:30 am	† Joseph Giarmo † Gasper Giarmo

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. 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 as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures.

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**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

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