

# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."

- Jn 6:48-50

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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

#### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

#### Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
in the Sister Carol Center

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open:**  
**Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - 5:00pm**  
**Friday: Closed During the Month of July**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**OCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

#### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am  
Wednesday @ 6pm

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm





**Drivin' Ms. Daisy to the UP (Part 3):** This week's article continues my "travelogue" of my journey to the Upper Peninsula with my mom in mid-July.

As I mentioned last week, the drive along US 2 from the moment you get off the bridge in St. Ignace all along the 40-mile span up to the Garlyn Zoo Wildlife Park is stunning and picturesque. There is not a single roadside scenic turnout that would disappoint you. For the first few scenic turnouts, I would ask my mom if she wanted to stop, and the answer was always the same, "We're in no hurry, so sure, let's stop." I then decided to pull Daisy Loo over at most of the turnouts we encountered. We would open our doors or windows and snap our pictures.

On our way back home, there was one turnout that required me to turn Daisy Loo around and face her the other way so we could open the RV's door to make it easier for my mom to snap her pictures. This one particular turnout was more sandy than the others. And the road was also narrower than the others we encountered. When I got to a spot where I thought I had enough room to turn Daisy Loo around, I stopped, put her in reverse, and started to make the needed maneuver to get her turned around. I was watching my camera, but I was not careful enough because I ran into some sand. "What's a little sand?" I thought to myself. I opened the RV's door, and my mom got her prized pictures. But then, as we were still in this scenic turnout, I put my turn signal on at some point, and the turn signal light started to flash rapidly. UGH! Some panic set in because I knew I had done something wrong. I told my mom I needed to go out and "check on things." I wasn't sure what I did, but I knew something was a miss. I didn't want her to become concerned because we were in the middle of nowhere. When I walked to the back of the RV, I noted that my electrical connection to the hitch storage unit we have mounted to the RV's hitch was disconnected, and the connectors were bent and now filled with sand. UGH. Thankfully, the van knew something was wrong and gave a warning sign before I drove away. You need to remember I'm a newbie at all this RV stuff and somewhat panic when things go wrong. I'm learning quickly but haven't figured out yet all the

"essential" tools I need to carry for these road trips. The matter was further complicated because the connectors were all close to the ground, so I had to figure out how to get down on the ground and back up again, given all my knee and foot issues. And then, to do all of this without my mom worrying or wanting to get on the ground to help me added to the complexities of the moment.

I returned to Daisy Loo and told my mom I needed to work on something. I found some toothpicks, which I decided would work to get the sand out of the connectors. So, with a handful of toothpicks, I found myself digging out sand from each connector. I could then straighten each contact so they would align properly when I plugged them back in. By this point, I was sweating bullets, thinking the lights on the hitch storage unit wouldn't work. People could see the van's lights, but I was too overly concerned about the lights on the storage unit not working. While I was able to get on the ground, it took a bit of time to get back up again, but I did it. I returned to the van and told my mom what was happening. At this point, I was hopeful my fix would work. I had my mom get into the driver's seat, pump the brakes, and turn the turn signal both ways. Thankfully, the sound and flashing were normal. I then went to the back of Daisy Loo and confirmed everything was working properly. Thank the Lord, it was all working! This one didn't need roadside assistance; it just needed a few toothpicks. Who would have thought that my arsenal of needed tools would now include toothpicks?

**Getting to Know Bishop Baraga (Part 3):** You might remember that the whole point of my mom and I traveling to the UP was to travel in the footsteps of and explore the various churches and shrines dedicated to Bishop Baraga. Since few people "downstate" know about this most popular "snowshoe" priest from the UP, I wanted to dedicate some space to "introducing" him to you.

In Parts 1 and 2, I covered Bishop Baraga's life before entering the seminary. He entered the seminary in 1821 after graduating from law school. On September 21, 1823, the young Frederick Baraga was ordained a priest and consecrated his life to the service of Christ.

Father Baraga was first assigned to St. Martin Parish in Upper Carniolia, a traditional and mountainous region of

Slovenia. From the very beginning, Baraga was considered a zealous priest. "He applied himself so unceasingly and with such unremitting energy that his sister felt obliged to warn him not to undermine his health. For him, nevertheless, his work was nourishment in itself, for he thrived physically in spite of the exhausting pace he was setting for himself (The Apostle of the Chippewas: The Life Story of The Most Rev. Frederick Baraga, DD, by Joseph Gregorich, pub. 1932, p. 18)."

Father Baraga would often fast and often be found sleeping on boards covered with only a bit of straw. His meals regularly consisted of only bread and water; he seldom ate meat or drank liquor. His daily habits were already getting him prepared for the missionary life he would eventually embark upon in northern Michigan.

Father Baraga became a popular and well-loved confessor, knowing his job was not only to bring mercy to the penitent but to help the penitent walk the road to Salvation. "His sermons attracted hosts of people, since few could preach with his sincerity and depth of feeling ... The parishioners loved and revered Father Baraga for his many acts of kindness and charity. He was known to have given his shoes to a poor, barefoot traveler whom he had met while on an errand of mercy. He had sheltered and had nursed back to health a stranger whom he found lying, sick and helpless beside a road. Even in these early years, this kind, pious, and zealous priest was regarded as a living saint (The Apostle of the Chippewas, p. 18).

More to come.

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** This Thursday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7 PM (no 6 PM Mass this day), and then Masses on Thursday at 7 AM, 12 PM, and 7 PM. Confessions on Wednesday evening will start at their usual time of 5 PM, and we will be available until the start of the 7 PM Mass.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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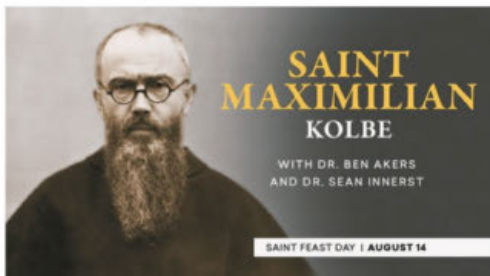
# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of August 11, 2024



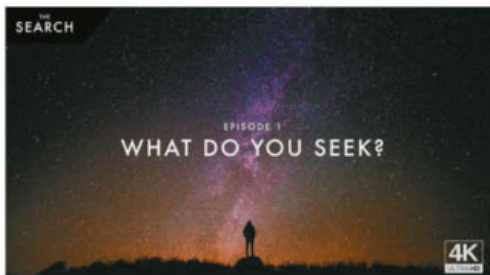
## A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: Assumption (Part 4 of 5)

What do you know about the Assumption? Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind this dogma of the faith.



## St. Maximilian Kolbe | Catholic Saints

At age twelve, St. Maximilian Kolbe received a vision of Our Lady where he accepted the crowns of both purity and martyrdom, vowing to promote devotion to Mary as the defense against the twentieth century's evils. Join Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers as they dive into the life of this modern martyr.



## What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
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With last Tuesday's primary election behind us, we now begin a roughly three-month period of Americans basically screaming at each other in favor of one partisan political ideology over another. It is incredibly difficult to keep from getting pulled into the fray. We are bombarded continuously with media outlets telling us what to think – not what to think *about* – but *what to think*. There's a difference. We live in a world of talking heads who "know better" than us. So, rather than present us with facts upon which we can form our own reasoned conclusions, the "enlightened ones" simply *tell* us what we *must* conclude to spare us from all that risky thinking stuff.

Pretty much everyone with a pulpit from which to preach does political commentary. Entertainers and athletes seem to have lost the ability to sing, play, or act without baring their political souls. It seems impossible to just have fun, to be with people, to laugh, to enjoy the gaiety of life. This is problematic. We were not created to be angry, whiny, argumentative, meanies. We are human beings. We are Catholics. We are adopted daughters and sons of God himself. As Catholic Christians, we possess the most exalted human calling this side of heaven. Forfeiting this glory of being members of the Kingdom of God in exchange for being a player in the worldly game of partisan politics is not only sad – it's dumb. Who would make such a trade?

We do. We walk away from participation in the divine life, in exchange for fleeting worldly thrills. I've seen it in my own lifetime. I realize that sixty-four years is just a tiny snippet of history, but things have declined in that time. I've even noticed the decline by reading a bit about the past. [Note: If you happen to think that people are currently more intelligent, successful, enlightened, civilized, benevolent, progressive, etc. than they ever were, don't waste your time reading the rest of this article. I've got nothing for you here.] Nowadays, we have pulled the gloves off. We don't wear a "nice mask"

anymore. We don't hold back on anything. When I was a kid, no one would have thought to pull a gun and shoot someone on the highway because they were cut off. Another big change: not all that long ago, even supporters of abortion said it should be "rare and safe." Now, people "shout their abortions." Abortion is a *constitutional right* in the State of Michigan. Think about that!

Regarding capital punishment, supporters say, "Kill the scumbags! Why should we use our hard-earned dollars to keep such lowlives alive?" We *kill* our problems. It doesn't matter if the "problem" is a baby in the womb, or a criminal offender, or someone's reputation. We kill it. And, for the record, as Catholics, we are obligated to oppose *both* abortion and capital punishment.

These are indicators of how much we have changed. As much as we might be uncomfortable talking about violence, it has become commonplace. Road rage, abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, insurrection, rioting, libel, slander, doxing, lawfare, racism, nationalism – *all just words*. Such numbness to all these evils in our world comes only from the loss of our souls. We have come to tolerate evil in the name of tolerance itself. We are expected to tolerate *everything*, to make no judgments. (Well . . . tolerate everything but Jesus and his Church.) We have given up our God-given identity, only to be assigned an identity by the world. Yet, we know who the master of the world is . . . Satan, in all his glory. We Christians must never allow such a take-over to happen.

What happens when we let the world dictate to us who we are, and what we are to think? We become more isolated, **not** more unified. Think about Catholicism itself. We have folks who insist that they are Catholic, while holding views that are diametrically opposed to Church teaching. Depending upon what one's idea of "Catholic" is, is it safe to say we experience about a 50/50 split? We are not very unified; and not very effective evangelizers for Christ.

Fragmentation within any environment is counterproductive and ultimately destructive.

Regardless of the human system under consideration, be it a democracy, a constitutional republic, socialism, oligarchy, dictatorship, whatever, it won't work when the people involved are divided from each other. Division among people was railed against by Jesus, Paul, the Apostles and disciples of Christ, and the prophets of old. Division is the primary work of the Devil, Diabolos, the Divider. Separating the members of the Body of Christ is a most effective way of killing them off. They end up stranded, without vital support. Approaching another general election is not a time for Catholics to fall in line with partisan politics and to circle their political wagons. As far as I know, the last *five* elections were "the most important elections in the history of the country!" So, relax, this one probably *won't* be. Yet, even at that, it is an opportune time for us to reassess our Catholic standing. The weight of our voting decisions is considerable. We are picking people to rule over us, whether we like to think in those terms or not. For professed Catholics, who commit to live as Jesus commands, who we choose to rule us makes a difference.

Society is only as good as the ability of the people within it to get along. Jesus has given us the definitive and exclusive way for people to live together successfully – himself. Jesus Christ must always come first. The political system, the party, the promises, the personalities **cannot** take precedence. When the *system* is king, it is *guaranteed* to fail – every time. Christ is King. We are his people, his Church. If we remember who we are, we will truly live.

Peace in Christ,  
Fr. Bob



# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Murmurings

When people whisper, what they whisper usually is not flattering. It's also usually not accurate. If it was either of these things, it probably wouldn't have to be whispered.

"Stop murmuring among yourselves," Jesus tells the community in today's Gospel, and I think I detect a hint of impatience in his voice — or is that just my own bias? Maybe, maybe not. But it's true that what they were whispering about wasn't particularly flattering, and it also wasn't very accurate: *Did you hear what he said? That he's the bread of life?*

Do they disbelieve, or are they simply confused? Resentful? Afraid? Overwhelmed? We don't know, but we do know that they're not bringing their questions into the open. They're whispering them, trading them secretly, like contraband candy.

*We know this guy. Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...*

And then we get to what is usually the true purpose of a whispered opinion: the desire to make oneself out as the correct and unchallenged judge of the matter at hand.

In many ways, we have become a Church of murmurers. *Did you see what Bishop So-and-So said to Such-and-Such newspaper? Did you hear what Fr. Whatshisname said in his homily? Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...*

Perhaps it was always this way, even before modern times. Perhaps this Gospel shows us that this is no new thing.

Today, we see Jesus respond to his sulking critics by drawing their attention back to the truth at the heart of his teaching. *Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.* And that is the end of their murmuring.

The truth is like a brick wall, and it knocks them over — or rather they, hurling themselves against it, knock themselves over.

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." — John 6:51*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that?

#### Catholic Life Explained

##### Question:

I've heard that faith is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

##### Answer:

To say a virtue is theological means that it comes as a gift from God. St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican monk who crafted the famous arguments for the existence of God, wrote: "This alone is the true knowledge of God: to know that God is beyond knowing." God is transcendent. This word comes from the Latin "transcendere," meaning "to climb beyond." When something is transcendent, it exists beyond our normal range of experience. Philosopher Peter Kreeft put it simply: "God is always more."

While God created us in His image and likeness, too often we re-create Him in ours. We project our deepest hopes, our subliminal fears, and our hidden dreams, and conjure up our own image of what God could be. Yet God can never be limited to our own perception of Him.

That's where faith comes in. We read in the Catechism that "faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that He has said and revealed to us and all that the Holy Church proposes for our belief" (CCC 1814). We can know God through reason, to a point. As human beings, we want to know and understand the world around us, but God isn't in the world around us. He's beyond it. The best way to come to know God is not through our own clever mental maneuvering, but through trusting in God's revelation of Himself. We might think we know who God is, but the only way we can have any idea is if we trust, through the virtue of faith, who He has revealed Himself to be.

# Readings for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 18 B

### Reading One – Prv 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven columns; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table. She has sent out her maidens; she calls from the heights out over the city: "Let whoever is simple turn in here; To the one who lacks understanding, she says, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

### Responsorial – Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

### Reading Two – Eph 5:15-20

Brothers and sisters: Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord. And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

### Alleluia – Jn 6:56

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel – Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."



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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8 | Eph 4:30—5:2 | Jn 6:41-51

Written by  
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### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In the first reading, we encounter the prophet Elijah as he is fleeing for his life from King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He accomplishes a day's journey, then sits under a tree and prays for death. This is a tough scene! He is at the lowest point a human being can be. Yet in this darkest moment of despair, the light of faith flickers: Elijah cries out to God. He cries out for what he thinks he wants, and God provides him with what he *needs*, sending an angel (a messenger) to him with food and water for nourishment and strength. Thus fortified, Elijah continues his journey to Horeb. God took care of his tired, hungry, and despairing child. And over time, and through generations, his people continued to cry out to him, and in abounding love, God took care. Yet they remained separated from him. So he sent them, and the whole world, another messenger to bring food and drink for nourishment and strength: his Son. Jesus says in today's Gospel, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." With even just a flicker of faith at our lowest point, or in the best of times, we call upon the Lord and can receive the perfect nourishment of the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. Through God's merciful love, he is food for this life and the next.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our earthly life is never going to be easy. We will have exhausting days where we feel tired, hungry, and possibly despairing. What's important to remember at those times is that God loves us, travels with us, and he gave us the gift of Jesus to lead us to a heavenly banquet. To have a foretaste of that banquet here on earth requires us to let go of our fears, doubts, anger, and selfishness. Paul tells the Ephesians they need to leave their bad temperament behind and imitate God, living in love. When we open our hearts to the love and joy Jesus offers, we can turn to others and share the Good News that Jesus is "the bread of life" and the bread that he gives is his flesh for the life of the world. He gives us the strength to continue *our* journey, and to help others in theirs. We become his earthly messengers, bringing nourishment and sharing his love.

**SERVE** Think of someone you know who is struggling right now. This week bring this person some food or drink. Say a prayer for and with them. You'll be a messenger of God's redeeming love, offering nourishment for the spirit and soul as well as the body.



Elijah visited by an angel. Rightmanus, CCO





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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL  
2024



Registration is now open for

# Faith Formation

**JOIN US FOR A MONTHLY FAITH  
ADVENTURE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.**

**Visit [sjascs.org/Faith-Formation](http://sjascs.org/Faith-Formation) for all the details  
including dates, sacrament preparation  
and materials fees.**

Our Family Formation Sunday School starts  
October 6. Register by Aug 1 for early  
registration rates. Registration ends Sept. 15.

Our monthly Sunday School is designed for all parish  
families with children in grades K-6. Please visit our  
website to view the schedule for Monday night  
classes for students enrolled in our two-year  
Confirmation formation program.

*Questions?*

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### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, August 12th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Tuesday, August 13th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Wednesday, August 14th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation

7:00 Vigil Mass for Holy Day - Live Streamed

#### **Thursday, August 15th**

7:00 AM Holy Day Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Holy Day Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Holy Day Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Friday, August 16th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Funeral for Jose' Bernardo

#### **Saturday, August 17th**

10:00 AM Funeral Mass for Laurice Azoury

11:00 AM Reconciliation

4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, August 18th**

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

### Words on the Word

#### *August 11, 2024 – Let There Be Peace*

At first blush, it may seem like a political discussion, but it's much more profound than that. The unfortunate events of a few weeks ago, in which a well-known politician was almost assassinated while giving a speech, certainly captured the attention of America. Regardless of where anyone stands on the political spectrum, everyone of goodwill can – or at least should be able to – agree that violence is never an answer for anything.

A national news website did a thoughtful analysis of the aftermath of the events, reviewing similar situations throughout our national history and concluding that the events in Pennsylvania last month were almost foreseeable.

“Political violence is rarely random,” the story suggested. “In fact, those who study the subject most assiduously have been warning Americans for years that threats of violence are escalating.”

That is a particularly sad state of affairs, to be sure. And the coming months and years – throughout election season and into the next presidential administration and beyond – will no doubt be tense for citizens of all political stripes.

And we should pray for peace.

Again, though, it's not only in the political arena. It's equally important to seek peace on our playgrounds and in our neighborhoods. In our workplaces and in public places. For people of all political backgrounds, all races, all creeds, all “everything.”

“All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice,” we hear in today's second reading from St. Paul to the Ephesians. “And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.”

The prayer of St. Francis famously articulates the sentiment that peace needs to begin with each one of us, individually. May it be so, in America and beyond, now and in the future.

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>August 12, 2024 Weekday, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious (Green/White)</b>  |
| 7:00 am          | John G. Champine  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>August 13, 2024 Weekday, Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs (Green/Red)</b>   |
| 7:00 am          | Mary Lou Racine   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>August 14, 2024 Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Priest &amp; Martyr; Vigil Mass the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (Red)</b>  |
| 7:00 am          | Barbara Grix  |
| 7:00 pm          | For the Intentions of St. Joan of Arc Parishioners  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>August 15, 2024 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)</b>  |
| 7:00 am          | The living and deceased members of the Rogier and Dettloff Families   |
| 12:00 pm         | Josephine Lucchese  |
| 7:00 pm          | George J. Bugarin   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>August 16, 2024 Weekday, Saint Stephen of Hungry (Green/White)</b>   |
| 7:00 am          | Marie Champine  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>August 17, 2024 Vigil for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>  |
| 4:00 pm          | Edward, Helen & Henry Blind, Bonnie Batche, the deceased members of the Hage Family, Eugene Dombrzalski, Joan Weber, Dr. Lori Karol, Martin Krall, Pat Boehm, Jack VandenBoom, and Special Intentions for the Thomas Family, the J. Champine Family, Alison Reslow and for Tom and Diana Ziolkowski |
| 6:00 pm          | Rosemary Schenden   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>August 18, 2024 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>  |
| 8:00 am          | The Intentions of SJA Parishioners  |
| 10:00 am         | Susan Olson & Russell Shortreed   |
| 12:00 pm         | Casey Zaranek, Lewis F. McQuillan, Dick Lightbody, Thomas Murray, Helen Haamen<br>Special Intentions for Alison Reslow & Ray Dinser   |

### Daily Readings

#### Monday, August 12

Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c  
Matthew 17:22-27

#### Tuesday, August 13

Ezekiel 2:8-3:4  
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

#### Wednesday, August 14

Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22  
Matthew 18:15-20

#### Thursday, August 15

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27  
Luke 1:39-56

#### Friday, August 16

Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63  
Matthew 19:13-15

#### Saturday, August 17

Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32  
Matthew 19:13-15

#### Sunday, August 18

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58



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“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

**Donna Hakim  
Donna DiSante**

“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.” *Minnie Louise Haskins*



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**Bob Dutko** will be the master of ceremonies. He is a Christian Apologist and leading voice today in the fearless defense of Christian truth. Bob hosts "The Bob Dutko Show", which is Michigan's most listened to Christian Talk Radio Show, heard daily from Noon-4:00 PM on 103.5 FM-WMUZ.

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# Prayers Needed

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Kristen Benedict     | Taylor Fisher        | Shirley Kraemer    | Fe Reyes             | Kim Thomas          |
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| Lori Cardosi         | Linda Frank          | Maria Krzesowski   | Paulette Russia      | James Thompson      |
| Maryann Carlin       | Jeanne Gainer        | Charles LaCombe    | Jenna Rose           | Linda Vitale        |
| Ed Cole              | Larry Gehrke         | Patricia LaCombe   | Victoria Rydholm     | Eileen Wallace      |
| Tom Collins          | Larry Graham         | Concetta Leone     | Lily Saith           | Elaine Walters      |
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| Maura Corrigan       | Geoffrey Greve       | Dave Lucas         | Thomas Sloan         | Adrienne Weidenbach |
| John Crawford        | Helen Waltz-Gutowski | Dominik Mackowski  | Terri Smigels        | Joan Weitz, O.P.    |
| Olivia Crimando      | Pam Haisenleder      | Ilene Manning      | Kathleen Smith       | Robert Werthman     |
| Jerry Dedene         | Judith Hasten        | Joan Mannino       | Cathy Spindler       | Joseph Whalen       |
| Joan DeDene          | Leland Helzer        | Cyndy McMahon      | Wendy Stevens        | Marilyn Wicker      |
| Diane DeSantis       | Ilona Higgins        | Heather A. Miller  | Patty Stevenson      | Joyce Wiekrykas     |
| Grace Dickerson      | Joan Ireland         | Mark Moffitt       | Palma Strussione     | Loretta Williams    |
| George Dickerson     | Chris Janutol        | Nina Mondalek      | Raymond Strussione   | Jenny Wojcik        |
| Nick DiCresce        | Lorraine Jonas       | Jennie Mooney      | Gloria Strzelecki    | Joan Wright         |
| Jane Doucet          | Rosemary Jonas       | Michelle Pierson   | Cathy Sullens        |                     |
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| Jean Edwards         | Lorraine Kilroy      | Carol S. Provencal | Deacon Edward Swartz |                     |

**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at [info@sjascs.org](mailto:info@sjascs.org).

## PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

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# Bringing Home the Word

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
August 11, 2024

## "Live in Love!"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Now that's an exhortation that should be easy to follow because everyone wants to love and to be loved. However, it's not as easy as it appears. Today's second reading contains a list of offenses against love: "Bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling" (Ephesians 4:31). Even those we should love the most can so annoy us that we lose control and might respond with bitterness or shouting. Furthermore, this exhortation is difficult because we are told to refrain from such anger toward people we don't even know or those we don't like.

We are to show kindness toward everyone. How can we ever do this? We might not have the courage or the desire. We are, after all, just weak human beings. True, but we have been "sealed for the day of redemption" with the "holy Spirit of God" (Ephesians 4:30). For the Jewish people, the Spirit of God referred to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. This means that the dynamic power of God is with us to transform us from bitter, angry people to be "imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1).

Because this is the case, because this transforming power is available to us, why don't we allow it to transform us and, in so doing, transform our world? Why is the world in such disarray? Why is there so much violence, oppression, and despair? Why are the most vulnerable among us often preyed upon? If we so desperately want to give and receive love, then why don't we? †

***The dynamic power of God is with us to transform us from bitter, angry people to be "imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1).***

## A Word from Pope Francis

It would be lovely, before breaking bread, to invite Jesus, the bread of Life, to ask him simply to bless what we have done and what we have failed to do. Let us invite him into our home; let us pray in a "homey" style. Jesus will be at the table with us and we will be fed by a greater love.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 8, 2021



## Sunday Readings

### 1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water.

### Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

### John 6:41-51

[Jesus said,] "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Am I as loving as I want to be?
- What is one thing I can do to express my love for others?



# The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## August 15

From *"The Essential Mary Handbook," a Redemptorist Pastoral Publication*

This solemnity is possibly the oldest exclusively Marian celebration and remains one of Mary's most important days in the liturgical year. Two other events connected with this feast—Mary's "falling asleep" or dormition and her coronation in heaven—are included in the celebration, but not expressly commemorated. In the Eastern churches, this celebration is preceded by a period of fasting similar to that of Lent. Hungarians celebrate the Assumption with great solemnity and include pageants and parades in their observances.



In some places in Europe, a statue of Mary is carried through the town, symbolically representing her journey to heaven. A special procession called Candelieri is conducted in Sardinia where seven huge candlesticks are carried

to the church of the Assumption where they are placed beside Mary's shrine. The origin of this custom goes back to the year 1580 when a deadly plague was miraculously stopped on August 15 after Sardinians had vowed to honor Mary every year by offering her these candles. It was also a medieval practice to conduct a "Blessing of the Herbs" on the Assumption, and thus this feast was sometimes called "Our Lady's Herb Day" in honor of the custom of blessing the medicinal powers of herbs to make them effective against disease.

However the feast is celebrated, it is one that honors Mary's resurrection, her destiny, the glorification of her sinless soul and virginal body, and the consoling image for all of humankind of the ultimate and final hope of heaven. †

### Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From *"What Did Jesus Mean? Unpacking Gospel Revelations"*

Jesus gives three "love commands" in the Gospels. First is the general Christian responsibility to love God above all and your neighbor as yourself. Second is his command that relates the disciples of Jesus to one another. "This is my commandment," Jesus says, "love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). Finally, there is the command which calls for a love that includes everybody. We must love without limits. Jesus says, "Love your enemies" (Luke 6:27). We have to be able to look into the faces of people we know who we've responded to with anger, impatience, or ill will, and see a sister or brother: This is the kind of unconditional, nonviolent love to which Jesus calls each of us! †

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*Loving God, inspire us to forgive those who hurt us and ask for forgiveness when we hurt others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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### WEEKDAY READINGS

August 12–17

**Monday, Weekday:**

Ez 1:2–5, 24–28c / Mt 17:22–27

**Tuesday, Weekday:**

Ez 2:8–3:4 / Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

**Wednesday, St. Maximilian Kolbe:**

Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22 / Mt 18:15–20

**Thursday, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20–27 / Lk 1:39–56

**Friday, Weekday:**

Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63 or 16:59–63 / Mt 19:3–12

**Saturday, Weekday:**

Ez 18:1–10, 13b, 30–32 / Mt 19:13–15

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August 11, 2024

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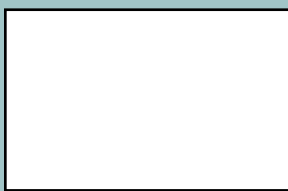





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