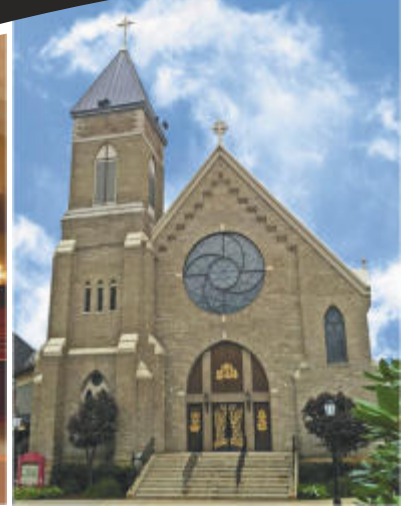
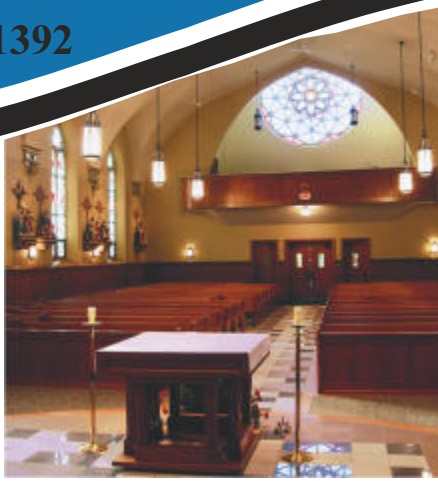
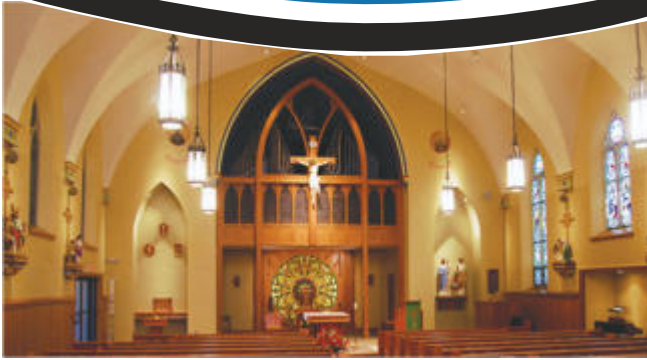


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**AUGUST 15, 2021 • THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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### Weekends

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Liturgies:** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Daily Liturgies:** 7:30 a.m. (Monday–Friday)

**Holy Day Liturgies:** 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. & any time by appointment.

## BAPTISM

Call the Rectory office for scheduling.

## MARRIAGE

Preparation required.

Call the Parish Priest for details.

## ANointing OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory Office when someone is hospitalized or seriously ill.

Call anytime for emergencies.

## R.C.I.A. (Becoming Catholic)

Adult formation process.

Call the Rectory Office for information.



## 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

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Tuesday, August 17

7:00 PM Verna Wooditch by Family

### Wednesday, August 18

7:30 AM Peter Paulson by Family

10:00 AM Lutheran Home Mass

### Thursday, August 19-St. John Eudes

7:30 AM Betty Chupka by Pat & John Mosier

### Friday, August 20-St. Bernard

7:30 AM Mick Petruny by Marge Caruso

10:00 AM Rev. Jack Barwin (Lutheran Home)

### Saturday, August 21-St. Pius X, Pope

5:00 PM Caroline & George Kane by Family

### Sunday, August 22-21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Anne Nalducci by Jen & Jon Blackmore

10:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of St. Callistus

### Scripture Readings for 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

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We would like to bring back our Eucharistic Ministers starting in September. According to the Diocesan regulations, Eucharistic Ministers must be **fully vaccinated** to assist with the distribution of Communion. Proof of vaccination must be shown before you can be put back on the schedule. If you would like to participate please call the rectory to let us know which Mass you would like to serve at. We understand if some are not yet ready to return to this ministry.

### Updating Parishioner Information

We don't always know unless you inform the church office, if a family member is unable to attend Mass, or now resides in a nursing home, or who would like to be on our visiting list. If your children are grown and reside with you or if they no longer reside with you, they should not be listed as members under your name. They should register, themselves, as members of their Church. If you move or your phone number has changed including email, please let us know as well. Call 814-837-6694 with any changes or new information.

### Radio Broadcast

The 8:00AM WXZY-FM Radio Broadcast for next **Sunday, August 22**, is in honor of Emily and Ryan Truman (Wedding Anniversary) by Mom and Dad.

*Just a reminder to sponsor the broadcast of the 8AM Sunday Mass—simply contact the Rectory Office, 837-6692. The cost is \$25 —tune into WXZY, 101.7 FM when you are not able to join us in person.*

## WELCOME BACK Social

We are so excited to welcome everyone  
back to Mass!

Please join us after each Mass, August 14  
& 15, in the Gathering Space for Cookies  
and Punch ~ and an opportunity to say

Hello and visit.



### Church in Latin America Collection

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection.

### Spiritual Communion Prayer

*My Jesus, I believe that you are in the  
Blessed Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things, and I long for you  
in my soul. Since I cannot  
receive you sacramentally, come at least  
spiritually into my heart, as though you have  
already come. I embrace you and unite my-  
self entirely to you; never permit me to be  
separated from you. AMEN*



## Sunday, Aug 15, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Some assumptions prove true

Catholicism acknowledges twin sources in scripture and tradition. While our faith is biblically rooted, we embrace an expanding truth discerned by saints and mystics, church doctors, and popes. Mary's Assumption isn't narrated in the gospels and wasn't taught dogmatically until 1950. It evolved from the second-century appreciation of Mary as the New Eve; preserved from sin at conception and therefore not subject to sin's effects in death. Liturgists, saints, and theologians promoted the Assumption for centuries, and devout Catholics championed this understanding. Finally, Pope Pius XII bowed to the "sense of the faithful" and made it official in 1950.

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28 (621); Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622).  
*"A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet."*

## Monday, Aug 16, 2021

MEMORIAL OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

### Concern yourself with the greatest Kingdom

Royal families are typically concerned about succession and making sure they have an heir. They want their lineage to survive them. Many monarchs eventually failed at that, including King Saint Stephen I of Hungary, who founded the country in the year 1000 and made it Christian. Only one of his sons lived to adulthood but died before Stephen did. What Stephen did leave behind is a country that is still majority Catholic. We might not be remembered for sowing faith long into the future here on Earth—but if we remain faithful, we could end up with royal treasure in heaven.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22 (419).  
*"Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?"*

## Tuesday, Aug 17, 2021

### Pray for the persecuted

On this day in 1798, Our Lady of La Vang first appeared to Vietnamese victims of persecution. When Vietnam's emperor outlawed Catholicism, inciting brutality and martyrdom, believers fled to the rain forest of La Vang. They sought Mary's consolation, gathering beneath a large tree to pray the Rosary. They began seeing an apparition of Mother and Child, flanked by angels. She comforted them and is said to have pointed out nearby healing plants. Our Lady of La Vang is honored in the United States with a chapel at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Ask her to intercede for victims of racist hate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30 (420). *"We have given up everything and followed you."*

## Wednesday, Aug 18, 2021

### Let's work on making work better

The U.S. Catholic Bishops have spoken on *The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers*, saying in part: "The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living . . . . If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages . . . ." Food for thought at a time when workers' reluctance to return to low-paid, unfulfilling

jobs is much in the news. Is the problem with the worker—or the workplace?

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16 (421). *"Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."*

## Thursday, Aug 19, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

### Take this devotion to heart

The Sacred Heart of Jesus image is ubiquitous in the Catholic world, and today we celebrate one of the people who helped create a devotion to it, John Eudes, a French priest (1601-80), who also founded the Eudists, the Congregation of Jesus and Mary. The Sacred Heart image is a heart encircled by a crown of thorns often depicted with radiating rays of light and placed on the chest of Jesus. The image is physical and mystical, a reminder of Christ's bodily sacrifice and mysterious in its supernatural appearance. Seek out this image and allow it to shape your prayer today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14 (422).  
*"Everything is ready; come to the feast."*

## Friday, Aug 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### All hail Doctor Mellifluous

No, Mellifluous is not the newest superhero villain; it's a title for one of the greatest heroes of the Roman Catholic faith. Bernard of Clairvaux earned the nickname because his writings were eloquent, as suggested by the Latin root of his nickname: "flowing honey." This gift was founded on his deep love of God, scripture, and the church's tradition. His description of the Holy Spirit as the "kiss" between God the Father and Jesus the Son gives us a beautiful example of how to image the relationship of love among the three persons of the Trinity. Following in the good doctor's footsteps, how have you experienced the kiss of the Holy Spirit in your own relationships?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40 (423). *"For wherever you go, I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God."*

## Saturday, Aug 21, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PIUS X, POPE

### The year of living humbly

Prior to COVID-19, plagues mentioned in history books seemed like remote disasters that only happened in times and places where rats roamed streets filled with sewage. Now that we've been humbled by our continued vulnerability to unseen agents of disease and death, perhaps we can bring a renewed appreciation to Pius X, who endeared himself to the people of northern Italy because of his efforts tending the sick during the cholera plague of the early 1870s. Take a moment this week to thank someone who has tended the sick during our very modern plague.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12 (424). *"The greatest among you must be your servant."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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## 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

## 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.





*From the Pastor...*

As we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it may be helpful to note what the Catechism says: 'The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things.' Her Assumption is a participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians. As the scriptures tell us, we are destined to follow Jesus and Mary into the fullness of this new creation.

Mary is the only one who perfectly conformed herself to God's initiatives. She showed "complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit." Thus she is our model of faith and charity.

Regarding Mary's consent, her "yes" to the Lord, it was not only given at the Annunciation, but all through her life—especially beneath the cross and even now as she intercedes for all the Church and even for all humanity. Just as Eve was "mother of all the living", Mary is the "new Eve", our mother in the order of grace, bringing us to her Son and the gifts of eternal salvation. Let us imitate her humility and her emptiness for God so that we too may say, "My soul magnifies the Lord!" Fr. Bill

**Marriage Moments**

On Aug. 15 the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of The Assumption of Mary. Whether or not you are Catholic, however, there is another English meaning of "assumption" It's risky in marriage to *assume* too much about your spouse. Do not assume that you will both be alive tomorrow. How might you treat your beloved today if tomorrow brings tragedy?

**Family Perspective**

"Blessed is the fruit of your womb" can be said of all mothers, because every child is "blessed" and a child of God upon whom God "looks with favor." This is our deepest identity and destiny. We do not earn this blessing. God's love is a free gift to each of us.

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**Registration will take place in the Parish Hall:**

- Saturday, August 28 after Mass
- Sunday, August 29 after each Mass (at the picnic as well)
- Thursday, September 2 at 6:30

Any questions, concerns or conflicts should be directed to Michele 512-1112

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday - August 17**

**Wednesday - August 18**

**Thursday - August 19**

7:00PM Finance Council-Rectory Office

**Friday - August 20**

**Saturday - August 21**

**Sunday - August 22**

**Parenting Pointers**

If your kids are of school age, it will soon be time to return. Most schools will be different post pandemic – even if it means going back to almost normal. Of course you'll talk about this, but also listen – to what they've learned during 2020-21 and what they fear.

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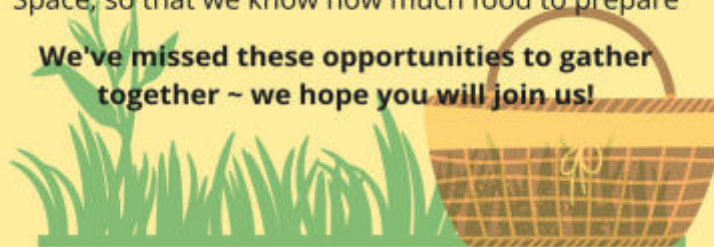
**Sunday, August 29**

10:30 Mass will be outback on the grass ~ bring a chair

Simple picnic lunch will be provided and follow Mass

We ask that you make reservations in the Gathering Space, so that we know how much food to prepare

**We've missed these opportunities to gather together ~ we hope you will join us!**





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