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AUGUST 15, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: Mon - Sat | 8:30 AM
Confessions: Sat | 3:30 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM
Sundays Masses: 8:00, 9:30, & 11:30 AM

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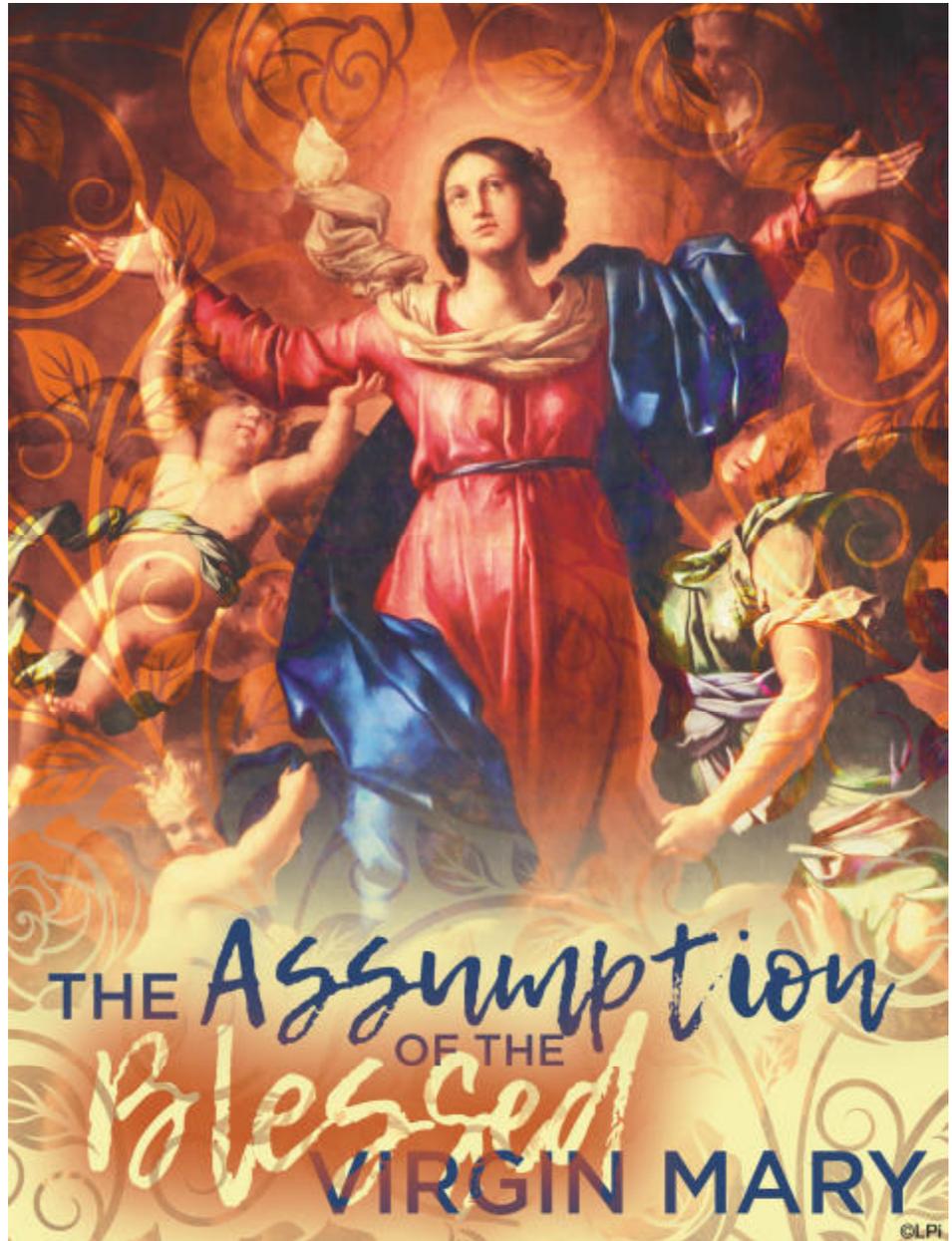
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Mission Statement

We, the community of Divine Mercy Parish, profess and proclaim Christ crucified, risen and alive in His Church. We invite all to a life of discipleship through worship, ongoing formation, merciful witness, and service which actively builds the Kingdom of God here on earth and by which we journey towards the eternal Kingdom in Heaven.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 16th

8:30 AM †Patricia Griffin
†James Hartung

Tuesday, August 17th

8:30 AM †Geraldine Botyos

Wednesday, August 18th

8:30 AM †Michael Matts

Thursday, August 19th

8:30 AM (SI) Joan Herrick
(healing)

Friday, August 20th

8:30 AM (SI) Nicole Meyer (in
Thanksgiving)
(SI) Joanne (healing)

Saturday, August 21st

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:30 AM (SI) Tom Tombler
(healing)

4:30 PM †David Cotner
(SI) Gar & Sally
Zimmermann (50th
Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, August 22nd

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †James Wheble
†Geri Reynolds

9:30 AM †John W. Kurtz
†Ronald & Daniel
Kromeich

11:30 AM †Anne Mraw

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

Observances of the Week of August 15, 2021

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Friday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Pius X, Pope
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading:

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Rev 12:1)

Psalm:

The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)

Second Reading:

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:20)

Gospel:

"From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name." (Lk 1:48-49)

Contact Information

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Hours: M-Th: 9:00-4:00

F: 9:00 - 12:00

Closed for Lunch: 12:00-1:00

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DIVINE MERCY COMMUNITY PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Julie Dunn at 321-432-8548 for special
prayer requests.

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill at home,
in the hospital or nursing homes, and for those whose
names we do not have.

This week we remember in prayer: Darlene Seberry,
Christine Dennison, Brad Gittings, Dorothy Scherff, Diana Walker, Nick Scherr, John
Roblin, Richard Beebe, Barbara & Joe Brown, Norm Hausknecht, and Tony Pino.

WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

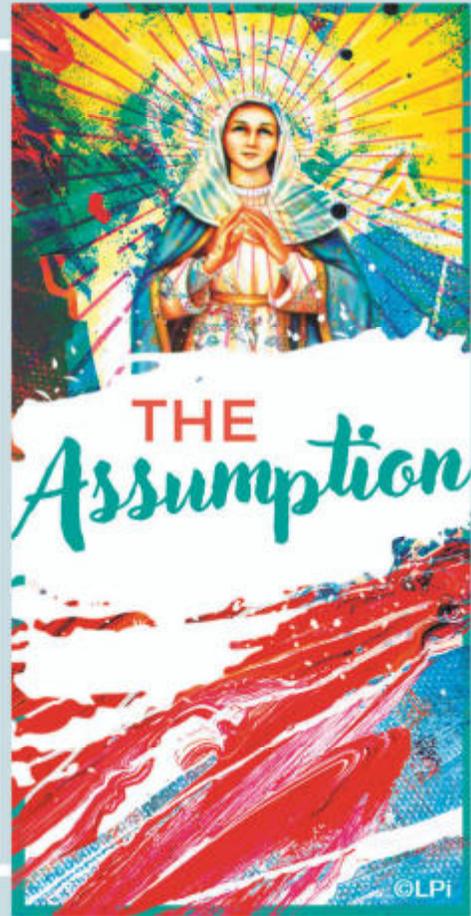
GOSPEL MEDITATION

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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REFLECT

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 READING

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."

FOR NOTHING
WILL BE
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR GOD.

LUKE 1:37



WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

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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ASSUMPTION



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE PARISH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee and Donuts-Volunteers Needed

Coffee and Donuts are back! This is a wonderful ministry that allows for fellowship and growth of our church community. We are in need of volunteers. If you would be willing to give of your time to be a part of this ministry we can really use your help. Please contact Robin Lake in the Parish Office.

Altar Servers Needed!

Boys and girls going into 5th grade and older are invited to be a part of the wonderful ministry serving at weekend masses. Requirements are that you have received First Communion and are able to serve once a month. Training is provided and you will be teamed with experienced servers. Please contact Mary Frances Coburn – maryfrances@divinemercychurch.org

Rosary Before Masses

Beginning this weekend we will now be praying the rosary in the church before all Masses. If this is something that you think you would like to volunteer to lead before one of the weekend Masses please contact the parish office. This is a great opportunity to spend some reflective time before we begin the celebration of Mass.

Mask Wearing

Bishop Noonan has requested that we return to wearing masks while we gather at Mass, regardless of vaccination status. This is due to the recent uncertainties and spikes in cases in our area. We appreciate everyone's cooperation as we make these changes for the safety and well being of all.

Altar flowers this weekend are in loving memory of:

Herbert Carter
With Love,
Your Family



Altar flowers this weekend are in loving memory of:

Bill Harrington
With Love,
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COFFEE AND DONUTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AFTER THE 8:00 AM AND 9:30 AM MASSES. PLEASE JOIN US AS WE ONCE AGAIN GATHER IN FELLOWSHIP!



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

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Assessment: \$223,707

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Envelopes: 435

Percentage to our goal: 88%

Remaining balance: \$27,020

As of: 8/10/2021



Do you feel called to proclaim the word of God at Mass? Comfortable speaking publicly? We need you! Lectors are needed for our 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Masses. If interested contact Carol Ponder in the Parish Office.

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We celebrate the feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary today, the spiritual mother of all. We are blessed because she accepted God's plan for her. In our community there are mothers who may not have a plan and may not know God, they are simply surviving day to day. Your donations to the food chest, poor box, diapers and other items helps them to survive until they have a plan. Through our phone and delivery people they may meet the goodness of God for the first time. Thank you.

Food Requests: Pasta, Tomato Sauce, & Baked Beans

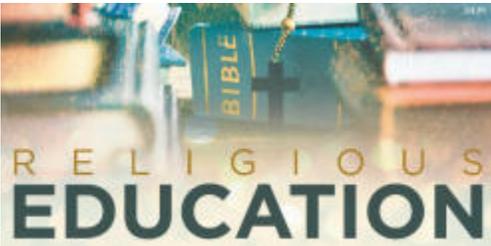
Reminder: When donating food items, please check expiration dates and be sure food is current.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the beauty of our altar we are now accepting donations of any amount to our flower fund. You may also purchase an arrangement for a specific weekend in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or special occasion. Contact the parish office for more information. Thank you.

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a special intention please contact the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



If you are looking to have your child baptized in the church please contact Mary Frances Coburn in the parish office (321) 452-5955 or maryfrances@divinemerchchurch.org

KID'S CORNER



Sharing the Gospel

Mary understood God's power. She loved and respected God. Everything Mary had belonged to God. He was happy to share good things with her. God deserves your respect and your love, too. When you are humble like Mary, God will do amazing things through you.

Prayer

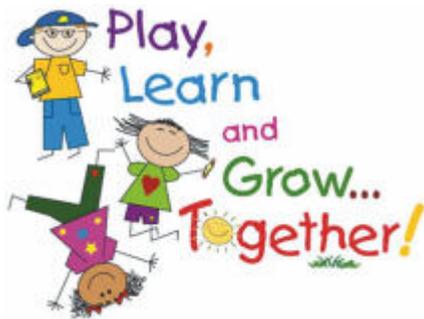
God, help me to be humble like Mary.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Mary bowing down to pray to God.

Mission for the Week

Mary was a humble girl, and God chose her to be Jesus' mother. David was a humble shepherd, and God chose him to be a great king. Name one other humble person in the Bible that God lifted up and used powerfully.



Religious Education Classes for grades Kindergarten through 6th grade will begin Wednesday, September 8 from 6 - 7:15 PM. Parents are asked to stay for the entire time and everyone will meet in the church.

Religious Education for 7th and 8th graders is called **Edge** and those sessions also meet on Wednesday evenings from 6 - 7:15PM beginning September 8.

LifeTeen is the Program for 9th through 12th grade students and they meet every Sunday evening from 6 - 8PM beginning September 12.

First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in second grade. Confirmation is celebrated in eighth grade. Attendance in the religious education program is required to receive the sacraments.

Registration packets for all grades can be picked up in the Narthex after all Masses. Registration is also available on the parish website: www.divinemerchchurch.org.

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If you are an adult interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Mary Frances Coburn in the Parish Office.

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