



SATURDAY/SUNDAY AUGUST 14/15, 2021
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
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Diocese of Des Moines has reinstated Sunday Mass & Holy Day Mass Obligation.

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2021 MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary, Portsmouth – 5:00pm – Saturday
 St. Boniface, Westphalia – 8:30am – Sunday
 St. Mary, Panama – 10:00am – Sunday

HOLY DAY MASS

Holy Day Vigil – 7:00pm
 Holy Day Mass – 8:30am
 Holy Day Mass – 7:00pm

For the bulletin go to www.parishesonline.com Then search for your parish.

Weekend Mass is livestreamed on St. Boniface Facebook page and search for St. Boniface Westphalia, Iowa

St. Boniface: 712-627-4255 (Phone), 712-627-4259 (fax)
 207 Duren, P. O. Box 86, Westphalia, IA 51578

stboniface@fmctc.com

Lorene Kaufmann, Business Manager
 Office Hours M – 8am – 3pm / W and F – 8am – 4pm

St. Mary of the Assumption: 712-489-2030 (Phone/Fax)
 200 N. 2nd St., PO Box 203, Panama, IA 51562

smpanama@fmctc.com

Marilyn Schwery, Parish Secretary
 Office Hours M – W – F – 8 – 10am
 Prayer Line Contact: Call 489-2030 or 712-644-4546

St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima: 712-743-2625 (Phone)
 502 4th St., P. O. Box 98, Portsmouth, IA 51565-0098

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Hank Hughes, Business Manager
 Office hours Monday through Friday–10am–6pm
 Prayer Line Contacts: Arlene Pauley – 712-743-2241
 Peg Petsche – 712-743-3652

**PLEASE NOTE: For church cancellations
 Listen to KNOD and/or go on FACEBOOK!**

HOLY COMMUNION AND/OR VISIT – NOT AT THIS TIME.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION:

Panama after 10am Sunday Mass or by appointment.
Portsmouth after 5pm Saturday Mass or by appointment.
Westphalia by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM -- Parents please contact the rectory early enough for required preparation if this is your first child and all to schedule the date of baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE – Engaged couples must call their parish rectory at **LEAST SIX MONTHS** in advance of desired date.

Mon. Aug. 16 – NO MASS

Tues. Aug. 17 – NO MASS

Wed. Aug. 18 – West. – 8:30am – NO MASS – Rosary will be prayed

Thu. Aug. 19 – Pan. – 8:30am – NO MASS – Rosary prayed in church

Fri. Aug. 20 – Ports. – 8:30am – NO MASS – Rosary prayed in church

Sat. Aug. 21 – Ports. – 5pm – Carmella Grap (d), Lawrence Leinen (d)

**Sun. Aug. 22 – West. – 8:30am – Charlie & Helen Lickteig (d),
 Virgil & Theresa Henscheid (d)**

Sun. Aug. 22 – Pan. – 10am – Pat (D) Kenkel (d), Bob and Sally Schwery (d)



EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL – The Diocese intended this initiative to ***HELP EACH OF THE FAITHFUL*** come to know and love God more deeply. ***PLEASE PRAY THIS DAILY PRAYER IN YOUR HOME.*** “Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, Furnace Of Divine Love, Grant peace to our family and to the whole world”. Amen.

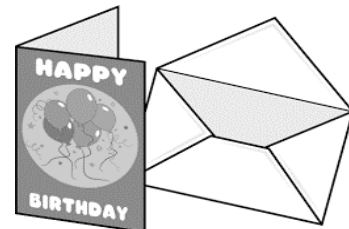
ACTIVITY FOR THE WEEK: Monday, August 16 -- 6pm at St. Mary of the Assumption church. Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 All are invited so please join us!



FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

The Scripture Study on the Book of Acts will resume at 7pm on Tues., Sept. 7 thru Tues., Oct. 26. at Panama Parish Hall. We will review Session 2, p. 11-15 in your book. Please come ready to discuss Session 3 pages 19 -24. Hope to see you there. **Questions, call Jann Reinig at 744-3209.**

Let us help Leona Sondag celebrate her 90th Birthday on **August 21** with a Card Shower. Cards may be sent to Leona Sondag, 519 Hwy. 44 Rd., Portsmouth, IA 51565



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FIFTEEN DECADE ROSARY FOR LIFE
Sunday, August 15, 1:30-2:30pm – St. Mary, Panama



Dear St. Mary of Assumption, St. Boniface and St. Mary of Fatima, The family of Rev. David Smith gratefully acknowledges your wonderful friendship and kindness towards our loved one. It was great to meet so many of you and hear your stories of your time with David. Hugs and prayers for your continued success and all of God's blessings.

Love THE SMITH FAMILY

CELEBRANTS FOR WEEKEND MASSES IN ALL THREE PARISHES

August 14/15 – Fr. Ross Parker – Diocese of Des Moines
August 21/21 – Fr. Chas Kestermeier S. J. – Creighton Jesuit Community
August 28/29 – Fr. Wayne Gubbels – Harlan retired priest
Month of September – Fr. Chas Kestermeier, S.J. – Creighton Jesuit Community

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa is August 22. We are reminded of the tremendous gift the Diocese of Des Moines has received from the Church in Africa. In the last thirty years, we have been blessed by the ministry of many fine priests from Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya and South Sudan, as well as women religious from Kenya and Nigeria. They continue to serve our city and rural parishes, responding to the needs of God's people throughout our Diocese. Envelopes are attached to the bulletin.



Used Book Sale

Harlan Community Library 2021 ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE is August 9 thru September 4 during regular library hours in the lower level. Proceeds from this year's sale will go towards funding children and adult programs at the library. The library is taking donations of gently used books, DVD's, CDs or puzzles. They are not able to take encyclopedias, magazines, reference books or other items that are not suitable for resale. All donations can be dropped off at the library during regular library hours. Thank you for your support!

Portsmouth Blood Drive, Tuesday, August 24 12 noon to 6 pm.
Contact Connie Juhl 743-2491 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make appointment.

Seeking Help: for an elderly lady that is being cared for by her live-in daughter. Needing someone who can watch her mom while she runs errands for a few hours. (Paid wage) Please call 712-490-7228.

St. Boniface 150th Celebration. Save the date: July 2 & 3, 2022. We hope to see you there!



So very sad to hear about the passing of Fr. Dan & Fr. David. They were beautiful, spiritual priests. Our prayers have been for Fr. Dan, Fr. David, their families and for you - his parishioners.

It has been an extremely challenging year for all of us. Mom's grandson, John (Mike's son), passed away in November. His obituary can be found on - <https://www.whitefuneralhomes.com/obituary/john-finken>. It is also with deep sadness and profound love that we share that our son-in-law Matt Martin, Michelle's husband, died unexpectedly at home in April. His obituary can be found on - <https://www.horancares.com/obituary/Matthew-Martin>.

Prayers continue to sustain our family.

Mom has had many life struggles these past couple months so also please keep her in your prayers. Through it all she has remained a very resilient woman with a grateful heart. Mom continues to be a powerful prayer warrior. Through the family sadness and life's struggles, there have also been many treasured moments of happiness and gratitude. Our greatest and most beautiful treasured moments are the ones that we have shared with Mom & Dad over the years. We have gratitude every day for so much as each day is a gift. We are looking forward to Mom celebrating her 92nd Birthday on August 19. She would love to hear from you! You can send birthday greetings to my address: 801 22nd Avenue, Sheldon, IA 51201. If you have time, it was be wonderful if you could also include a memory (memories) you have of Mom and/or Mom & Dad, as the two of them were inseparable. Thank you to all you have kept Mom in your prayers and have continued to keep in touch with her. I will pass on to you Mom's advice to me - stay healthy, stay happy and stay hopeful! Love to all in Shelby County - you are always in our hearts and prayers. -Sharon Kirschbaum and Family

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION, PANAMA PARISH NEWS

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	Sun. August 22 10am	Sun. August 29 10am	Sun. Sept. 5 10am	Sun. Sept. 12 10am	Sun. Sept. 19 10am
Lector	Karen Wingert Jay Fahn	Larry Dunlop Linda Fahn	Ellen Schmidt Ashley Nihsen	Jane Tremel Deb Leuschen	Meg Dunlop LuAnn Schwery
EME	Mary Fahn Jamie Fahn	DeeDee Leinen Kris Wingert	Jay Fahn Linda Fahn	Jean Croghan Sr. Joyce Blum	Larry Dunlop Kris Wingert
Servers	Matt/Graham S. Kendall Kohles	Landon/Brody N. Edwin Mages	Katherine, Nolan and Tela Schwery	Landon K., Barrett K. Jason Croghan	Megan/Brian Klein Alden Gubbels
Musician Leader/Cantor	Open	Open	Open	Will Schafer Young at Heart	Open
Ushers	Gene Kenkel Jerry Hoffman Bud Chamberlain	Gene Kenkel Jerry Hoffman Bud Chamberlain	Keith Leinen Phil Croghan John Schwery	Keith Leinen Phil Croghan John Schwery	Keith Leinen Phil Croghan John Schwery
Rosary	Dave/Joyce Kenkel	Sr. Joyce Blum	Dave/Joyce Kenkel	Silent	Silent
Tithes Counters	Jamie & Mary Fahn Larry Klein	Kris Wingert Dean Gubbels	Jay/Linda Fahn Keith Leinen	Kathy Schafer Phil/Jean Croghan	John/LuAnn Schwery Kris Wingert

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND RECUPERATING: -- Connie, Megan & Brian Klein / Eunice Blum / Betty Keane / Charlotte Fountain / Bob Mages / Punk Bruck / Andy Schwery / Fr. Paul Koch / Gay Burgod / Marge Klein / Alice Kwapiszeski / Alice Ratigan / Rita Reisz / Alf Wingert / Bill Fahn / Eileen Ratigan / Steve Miller / Peggy Pauley / Ann Hoffmann Lewitke / Laura Arkfeld-Mohr / George Schwery / Duane Chamberlain / Darren Pauley

Financial Report: Tithes \$470 Plate \$205 **Diocesan Appeal:** Goal \$16,799 Paid/pledged \$10,895 Balance \$5,904

Office will be closed Thursday, August 19.

Office will be closed most of Thu. Aug. 26 while Lorene attends Diocesan meetings in Atlantic.

Thank you to the many volunteers that helped before, during and after the picnic. It was a success because of all the help.

Congratulations to our winners of the drawing. \$75 Duane Assmann, Dave Ohlinger, Tony Cogdill grandkids, Kathy Jablonski, JoAnn Noble, Marc Crall, Mike/Lisa Feldman, **\$100** Lisa Schwery, **\$2500** Ryker Outhouse, **\$7500** Bill Plambeck.

Chance book winners: \$75 Keith Schwery, **\$125** Paul/Sarah Cogdill, **\$150** Haley Arkfeld, **\$200** Jack Zimmerman, **\$300** Larry & Shelli Schaben, **\$500** Damian Kenkel. The **winner of the quilt** was Rita Kloewer

ST. BONIFACE, WESTPHALIA PARISH NEWS

<u>MINISTRY SCHEDULE</u>	Sun. Aug. 22 8:30am	Sun. Aug. 29 8:30am	Sun. Sept. 5 8:30am	Sun. Sept. 12 8:30am	Sun. Sept. 19 8:30am
Tithes Counters	John Henscheid Ann Heithoff	Ron Rosmann Jay Schechinger			
Lector	Ann Heithoff	Judi Schmitz			
EME	Joy Schaben	Cindy Schechinger C – Lorene			
Musician	Guitar	Choir			
Livestream	Cade Sears	Lorene			

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND RECUPERATING: Connie, Megan & Brian Klein / Glen Schechinger / Tami Rueschenberg / Leann Coenen-Krayenhagen / Colette / Bill Stinn / Jan Masteller / Mary Lou Keitel / Bob Mages / Faye Patten / Gay Burgod / Fr. Glen Wilwerding

Tithes \$390 Plate \$7 Votive \$18

Parish Office closed: August 19 thru August 23.

Pavilion Schedule: Aug. 14 – Schwery gathering Aug. 22 – Tractor Ride / Sept. 11 – Iowa vs Iowa State Game (All are welcome) / Sept. 12 – Lorene Kaufmann – fundraiser – Brich & Killion playing 2–5pm (All are welcome) / Sept. 17 & 18 – Schaben wedding reception / Sept. 24 & 25 Schulte wedding reception & rehearsal / Oct. 2 – Tami Stinn

Coffee & Rolls After Mass: Sundays, August 15, 22, 29, Sept. 12. Free Will Donation appreciated. Please contact Bev Schwery if interested in helping.

Flu Shots: will be available Monday, September 20 from 8:00 – 9:00 AM in the parish center.

ST. MARY OUR LADY OF FATIMA, PORTSMOUTH PARISH NEWS

<u>MINISTRY SCHEDULE</u>	Sat. August 14 5pm	Sat. August 21 5pm	Sat. August 28 5pm	Sat. Sept. 4 5pm	Sat. Sept. 11 5pm
Servers	Kody Bruck Hope Reinig	Anthony Fields	Johnathan & Addison Zacharias	Anthony Fields	Kody Bruck Hope Reinig
Lector	Brenda Arkfeld	Jeanne Fields	Janet Croghan	Jeanne Fields	Nyra Sondag
Offertory	Duane & Linda Reinig	Noah & Jennifer Sellner	Bill & Lisa Sondag	Randy/Jeanne Fields	Bill & Brenda Arkfeld
EME	Linda Reinig	Randy Fields	Bev Ohlinger	Randy Fields	Amy Zacharias
Ushers	Dave Ohlinger Bev Ohlinger Jerry Sondag Connie Juhl	Bill Arkfeld Randy Fields Bill Sondag Dewayne Stolz	Julie Stein Marv Leinen Lynn Martens Bill Slaven	Ron Gau Dave Ohlinger Bev Ohlinger Dewayne Stolz	Bill Arkfeld Bill Slaven Jerry Sondag Lynn Martens
Rosary	Deb Muell family	Randy/Jeanne Fields	Dave & Peg Petsche	Dave/Bev Ohlinger	Phil/Doramae Heller

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND RECUPERATING -- Thelma Schoemann / Anna Kenney / Ralph Kramer / Alvin Heller / Connie, Megan & Brian Klein / Ed Leinen / Fr. Bob Schoemann / Tim Waltz / Judy Ellebracht / Marian Smith / Frankie Anastasi / Gay Burgod / Marv Kohles / Barb Plambeck / Jim Goeser / Ramona Kaufman / Virginia Reinig / Mike Nowatzke / Tyler Bruck / Melissa Schwery / Gerry Huebert / Marian Smith. **St. Mary, Portsmouth Serviceman serving our country** – Scott Ruffcorn

Financial: Tithes \$745 Plate \$116 Votive \$ Spring Fund \$575 Mass stipends \$70

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18 – 7:30PM – LEGION MEETING IN THE LEGION HALL.

PLEASE NOTE: The Pastoral Council voted to keep the north & south church entryway doors locked for security reasons not for COVID reasons. You may exit that way and bulletins are available. Church is locked during the week. If you want to make a visit, come to the rectory and Hank will unlock the door for you. Thank you for your understanding!

RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS: \$5,000 – Dean/Norma Gubbels, Panama / \$2,500 – Ruby Mumm, Dunlap / \$1,500 – Colleen Kloewer, Panama / \$1,000 – Chad/Sarah Reinig / \$750 – Donated back / \$500 – Randy/Julie Bruck / \$250 – Denison Livestock Auction / \$50 – Paul Kohles / Adam/Dianne Goeres / Mary Wilwerding / Larry/Carol Stein / Kris Wingert, / Hank / Dave Petsche / Craig Rau // **Second Drawing:** \$5,000 – Craig Bruck, Persia / \$1,250 – Dave/Bev Ohlinger

QUILT WINNER: Virginia Reinig. Thanks for cash donations & support of the cash/quilt raffles. We served 708 dinners.



COVID UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE OF DES MOINES

PLEASE NOTE: The Diocese is now **RECOMMENDING, not requiring**, masks for parishioners **over the age of five during all indoor liturgies and other indoor parish events.** Although recent evidence has shown that breakthrough infections can occur in vaccinated individuals, and that vaccinated individuals can be contagious, it is also the case that infection is less likely for vaccinated individuals, and the risk of severe symptoms is much less likely. There are still ample benefits to vaccination, and our Catholic moral teaching consistently affirms the value of vaccination both for individuals and for the common good.

Additionally, **masks will be required for all clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during the distribution of communion.** By recommending masks we are allowing for more individual and communal discernment in mitigation strategies, but the most important thing is to exercise prudence and concern for the most vulnerable among us during this time.

Important sustained policies:

- Servers, hymnals, choirs, and collections all **continue to be permitted.**
- Social gatherings are still permitted, and attention should be given to COVID mitigation during planning.
- The Sign of Peace is permitted, and non-physical exchanges remain the norm.**
- The Sunday Obligation remains in place, although there are always individual cases where in conscience a person might opt not to be present at Sunday Mass.
- Cleaning and sanitation is still required once a week, and after any known positive COVID case.
- Continue to communicate that individuals who feel sick should stay at home.

Let us continue to pray for a swift end to this pandemic, and for all those who are suffering during this time, including our weary health care providers



Fundraiser: for Jay & Cindy Schechinger Sunday, Sept. 12.

Jay was injured working on a parish project June 6th, was not able to work for several months, is still limited to what he is supposed to do and will be for a while.

Festivities will begin at **1:00 pm with a Corn Hole Tournament.**

Contact Dave Schechinger d.schechinger@helmfert.com

or 816-200-4848 to sign up. \$30 Entry Fee per team

(\$15 per person).

Music by Brich & Killion 2:00 - 5:00 pm.

Food, Fun, Games & Friendship.

Free Will Donations encouraged and very much appreciated.

Contact Carol (Schechinger) Masker 402-301-8457 or

Lorene Kaufmann 712-579-2057 for questions or to donate.

On October 9th, there will be a Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's retreat in Earling. This one-day retreat will start at 8:30 AM and go until 3:00 PM. The theme this year will be: **The Dignity of Women.** Watch the bulletin for more details as the date gets closer.

