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August 15, 2021

*St. Mary's Catholic
Church*

Pastoral Musings: Hail Mary

I was surprised to see the Cover Story on Mary as the most powerful woman in the world in the National Geography Magazine published in December 2015. Indeed, Mary is powerfully present not only in the hearts of the Catholic faithful but also in the secular realm when the national exhibition of Arts in Washington D.C Museum drew the largest crowd ever. What is about Mary? She is the world's most depicted woman yet among the most mysterious, more written about her in the Koran than in the Bible.

As we celebrate the heavenly assumption of Mary this Sunday, her powers are invoked for anything and everything: by the sick in search of cure and quarterbacks hoping for a Hail Mary pass to win the game; by mothers who feel a special kinship with her, and truckers seeking safe travels. Why is Mary so important to Catholics?

You see yourself and your souls' journey reflected in her from the moment the Angel greeted her "Hail Mary Full of Grace," "Blessed are you among women" exclaimed by Elizabeth" to the moment of Magnificat "My soul glorifies the Lord. My Spirit rejoices in God my savior". May our devotion to Mary help us experience her heavenly freedom and joy in our hearts when we call upon her name in daily prayer. It is self-evident that both of our parishes stand in the name of Mary, and may our hearts be united in Spirit as well.

Last week, I was delighted to be at the first Rodeo in Sidney. Seeing the great crowd of thousands gathered, I wondered what it would take to inspire the people about the beauty of our churches, faith community, and Eucharist so that many more join our Sunday celebrations and experience great spiritual joy. As the world honors Mary as the Global Icon, let all women be honored and respected, bringing freedom and dignity to all. Let us "go for the gold" with Mary as we pray:

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, pray for us;

Holy Mary, Mother God, pray for us.

Happy Feast of Mary!

Fr. Tom

BIBLE STUDY

Next Wednesday, Aug. 18,
we will meet at St. Mary's
at 7 p.m.

Please
join us !



Building update

We obtained permission from the city for the construction and the work is scheduled to begin within a week with a ground breaking ceremony.

ADA update

Goal— 18,910.00

Gifts— 15,325.00

Leaving us 3,585 short. Thanks to everyone who has contributed, and if you have not had a chance to pledge, please contact Dan Goodman



Assumption of Mary

Feast Day August 15

Saints Stories for All Ages

The Assumption

One glance at a daily newspaper or a television news show will tell you that some people do not value human life. But this is not news. During the Holocaust of World War II, millions of people were tortured and killed. This terrible tragedy led many people to wonder about human life. How valuable is a single human life? How valuable are the lives of the elderly, the unborn, the terminally ill? Are their lives worth as much as those of people who are healthy and active, working, and raising families?

God creates human life and gives it value. And Jesus gave his life on the cross to redeem each individual human person. By doing this, Jesus said, "Your life is worth my dying to save you." Through his own Resurrection, Jesus showed us the glory of our resurrection and of our living in the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that the body and soul of a person, separated at death, will be joined together again in glory at the Last Judgment. The person will be whole for all eternity.

The feast of Mary's Assumption is a preview of what our lives will be. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed, or taken up, into heaven body and soul. She did not have to wait for the end of the world, as we do. God granted her this special privilege because of her sinlessness and her fullness of grace.

The Church has always believed in Mary's assumption into heaven. But on November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII focused the attention of the whole world on the Assumption of Mary as a dogma and mystery of our faith. This mystery shows us that God wants every human person, body and soul, to be in glory forever, just as Mary is now. This dogma shows how important every single human life is. Pope Plus XII hoped that by thinking about Mary's Assumption, people all over the world would develop a deeper respect for their own lives and their own bodies. He also hoped that people would grow in respect for the lives of others.

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

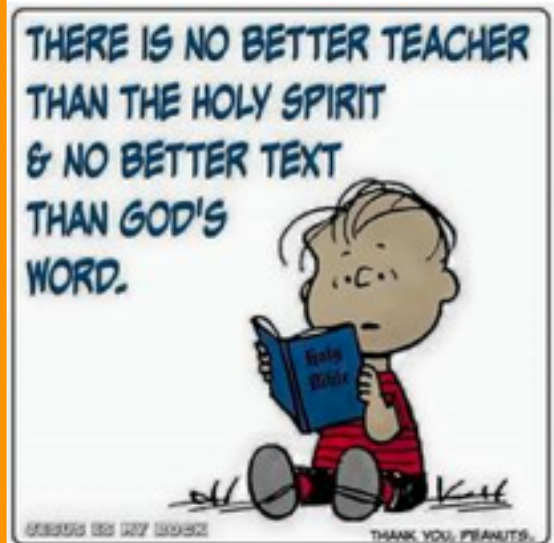
The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

Religious Ed

If you haven't been contacted by Monica to verify your child's grade for RE class, Please contact her!

There is also a need for volunteers to help with teaching and substituting for this year.

If you would be able to help with this, Please let Monica know!!



Classes will begin soon!!



Thank You to those who were able to help with grounds cleanup around the church!

We did it!!!!

Fund Raiser

We are trying to put together a fundraiser for St. Marys on Popcorn Day. If you aren't already committed to something, we pray the you will be able to join us! There will be a short meeting downstairs after mass for those who can help on Sept. 11. Please stop by!!!



O Be Careful!

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)

The puzzle is base on Ephesians 5:15-20

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SONGS
 MUSIC
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 DAYS
 PSALMS

WINE
 HYMNS
 THANKS

HEART
 LIVE
 SPIRIT

EVIL
 DRUNK
 WISE



Be sure and shop our
'Farmer Market'
downstairs in the
basement.
Enjoy fresh grown
vegetables and fruit from the garden.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy,

August 20 – 22, retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with musician Father Bob Dufford, SJ (St. Louis Jesuits).

During this retreat, based on St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises, Fr. Bob will use specially composed instrumental music and texts which help retreatants to be present with Jesus, the Face of the Father's Mercy. The goal is to strengthen trust in the gracious forgiveness of God. – Social distancing will be observed, wearing a mask is recommended. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Sunday after lunch. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

" Hi everyone!

This year at the University of Iowa I will be participating in Dance Marathon for the second year. Dance Marathon is the largest student organization at the University of Iowa and is a year-round fundraiser supporting, celebrating, and remembering the families and children who are and have fought against cancer. My goal for this fundraiser is \$500.00 and allows me to participate in a dance marathon: dancing for 24 hours, For the Kids. In the past year, we raised close to 1.5 million dollars despite COVID-19. If you would like to donate please reach out to Dan and/or Lori Goodman! Thank you all so much!

With Love, Cara Goodman"

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020

- Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES
JOSH SIMMONS
JACOB ANDERSON
DERRICK HUBARD
STEVEN ANDERSON
COLBY MCGINLEY

Your Contributions

August 8, 2021

Tithes—\$

Plate—\$

Thank You!!

never give
up on the
things that
make you
smile.



8-16—Harold Hendrickson

8-16—Jolene McGinley

8-20—Jim Folkes

8-23—Dave Horejsi

8-23—Marty Maher

8-23—Suzanne Moody



8-5—Pat & Angie Sheldon

8-16—Vince & Susan
Hilton

8-30—Mike & Kathy
Moody



Greg Andersen
Grady Secht
Reese Kemp
LeRoy Herscheid
Mary Lou Miller
Dottie Dankof
Isacc Durr
Todd Quick
Verona Mitchell
Joel Loggins
Kenneth Russell
Bill Long
Henry Johnson
Lawrence DuBois
Pat Sheldon
Joe Kirk
Tim Konecny
Esther McCowan
Shawn Collins
Drake Travis
Martha Gude
Bill & Gloria Green
Larry Dalton
Zayne Osborn
Cathy Mason
Anna Weber
Alan Briggs
Dee Ann Crews
Robert Haughton
Maurie Maher
Janet Rummel
Jennifer McAllister
Dave Zavadil

2021	August 15 Assumption of the Blessed virgin Mary 8:30	August 22 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30	August 29 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30	Sept. 5 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30	Sept. 12 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30
Lector	Scott Mayberry	Linda Dewhirst	Carolyn Maher	Kathleen Lorimor	Michael Gallagher
Mass Setup	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe
Cantor	Kim & sons	Kate/ Margaret	Beth/Anna	Kate/ Margaret	Kim/Evan/ Quentin
Accompanist	Donna	Nancy	Guitars	Nancy	Donna
Server	Tate Mount	Isaac Hutt	Mia Foster	Evan Laumann	Isac Hutt
Usher and Greeter	Marty & Carolyn Maher	Denny & Joella Travis	Dan & Lori Goodman	Dave & Kate Roberts Family	Rick & Teresa Jamison
Coffee & donuts	Dave & Kate Roberts	Jeff & Lisa Phillips	Terry & Kim Travis	Dave & Kim Dowling	N/A
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Inspiration for August 15

America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance—it is not. It is suffering from tolerance. Tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded.

