

From the Pastor: The Assumption of Mary into Heaven

by Fr. Joseph Evinger

On August 15th the Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. On this day all Christians are to celebrate what God has done for our Mother by attending Mass and other prayers. We are to celebrate with joy God raising her body and soul into heaven next to her Son, our Lord Jesus.

Some may ask why do Catholics say that Mary assumed body and soul into heaven? This is a good question. Besides the historical tradition that Mary's tomb was empty when Jesus' disciples came to visit her tomb, there are no known relics of her. The Church kept track of all of the apostles' remains, but there is nothing in regards to Mary. Let me explain.

Now if you and I were early Christians, and we heard that the mother of our Lord was still alive, we would certainly want to meet her. After all she was the one who reared Jesus. We would ask her many questions about Him, have her tell us stories about Him, and ask her to pray for us. Furthermore, we would make sure that she was in a safe place and well taken care of during her dying days. After her burial, we would visit her grave often, for she would be the holiest person we would have ever known next to her Son; she gave birth to Him after all. Certainly we would not be the only ones who would do this; there would be hundreds of other Christians who would do the same. We would tell those Christians who came after us where she was buried. No one would forget, for she was the most blessed among all women. Overtime, Christians would uncover her grave to take another look at her remains. Some clergy would request a relic of her for their church's altars, something very common in the early church until today in regards to deceased saintly persons. Christians would venerate her remains, as they do for the apostles', for the wood of the cross, the crown of thorns, and Shroud of Turin, etc.

But as we all know, there are none of our Blessed Mother's remains to be found. The word passed down to us is that Mary's body was nowhere to be found after she died. Having witnessed Jesus' ascension into heaven, the early Christians made the immediate supposition that Mary was assumed into heaven by our God. This of course has been confirmed by the multiple Marian apparitions that have taken place since. May we all look forward to the day when we too will rise from the dead and assume into heaven at the right hand of our God.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Joseph's Church - Twin Buttes
St. Paul's Church - Halliday



St. Joseph's Church - Killdeer

August 11, 2019



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If you would like to know more about any of our parishes feel free to check us out at stjosephkilldeer.com to obtain additional information. We are glad you are here!

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, Aug. 12

No Mass

TUESDAY, Aug. 13

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration (Killdeer) 6:00 PM

Mass(Killdeer) +Arlene Brosky by the Family 7:00 PM

Wednesday, Aug. 14 – Vigil of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass (Killdeer) +Pauline Candrian by Kevin and Cindy Candrian 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, Aug. 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass (Killdeer) +Dorothy M. (Bren) Kostecky by Lola Fong 7:00 AM

Mass (Twin Buttes) Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parishes and St. Paul's 5:00 PM Central Time

Mass (Halliday) +Donald Weidner by Dianna Weidner6:00 PM

FRIDAY, Aug. 16

Mass (Killdeer) +Lois Wetsch by Deacon Dan and Nancy Tuhy 7:30 AM

SATURDAY, Aug. 17

Confessions (Killdeer) 4:45 – 5:15 PM

Vigil Mass (Killdeer) +Josephine Boger by Harold & Patty Voigt 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, Aug. 18

Confessions (Halliday) 7:30 - 7:50 AM

Mass (Halliday).....+ Christine Kraus by Rene Kraus 8:00 AM

NO MASS(Killdeer).....10:30 AM

Mass (Twin Buttes) +Bishop Paul Zipfel..... 2:00 PM Central

Mass (Lake Ilo)..... Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parishes and St. Paul's5:30 PM

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 17

Killdeer

Altar Servers: Volunteers please.

Reader: Don Hedger

Sunday, Aug. 18

Halliday

Reader: Shila Schleppenbach

EME: Shila Schleppenbach, Rene Kraus

Killdeer

Altar Servers: Volunteers please.

Readers: Darci Schettler, Joe Schettler

EME: Dona & Jim Lowman

Twin Buttes

Reader: Lori Fredericks

EME: Diana Tomlin

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COLLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY, Aug. 4, 2019

Sunday Offering

St. Joseph's, Killdeer.....	\$5808.00
St. Paul's, Halliday.....	\$524.00
St. Joseph's, Twin Buttes.....	\$398.00

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Holy Father's Intention: That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

Living: Richard Jambor, James Miller, Brenda Zastoupil, Matthew Rambur, Jeff Kilzer, Tim Knopik, Carolyn Neurohr, Alicia Benz, Mike Lee, Gladys Spelevoy, Don Dukart, Pat Hawkinson, Dianna Weidner, Rose Wruck, Martha Reisenauer, Sadie Ridl, Darryl Binstock, Roland Gleich, Brenda Kralicek.

New Statues: This Sunday August 11th you will notice two new stunning statues in the sanctuary, one of Mary's Assumption into Heaven and one of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Both statues are over 90 years old and have been restored to match the parish's beautiful crucifix we all love. This, thanks to the generosity of Wanda, Twilla, and Bryan in memory of their parents Adolph and Dorothy Kostecky.

Summer Picnic and Outdoor Mass: An outdoor Mass and picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 18th at Lake Ilo, **starting with a Rosary Walk at 5:00 PM** followed by Mass at 5:30 PM. In the case of inclement weather, Mass and the meal will be at St. Joseph's church in Killdeer. Hamburgers, hotdogs, beverages, buns, condiments, plates and utensils will be provided. Parishioners are requested to bring salads, desserts, and your own chairs. Parishioners from St. Josephs in Killdeer, St. Paul's in Halliday and St. Joseph's in Twin Buttes are most welcome to attend. **Please note that there will be no Mass in Killdeer that morning at 10:30 a.m.**

Perpetual Profession of Sister Anne Dukart: Sister Anne Dukart, daughter of Don and Jeanie Dukart will be consecrated to God by Perpetual Profession on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 3:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Peoria, Illinois. All are invited to witness this joyous occasion. For details please contact Don or Jeanie Dukart.

Catholic Classes to begin Sept. 19: Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but have never received one or more of the Sacraments of Confirmation, Confession, or Holy Communion? Do you know of someone whom you think would be interested in becoming Catholic? Would you be willing to sponsor them? Or maybe you would just like to know more about the Church and would like to grow in faith.

We invite you to join us for Catholic Classes on **Thursday Evenings** starting September 19th through April 30th, 2020 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. These weekly classes are for anyone who would like to become Catholic or simply grow in Christian faith, hope, and love.

Catholic Classes are at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Killdeer. Come with your questions and invite a friend to join you! Feel free to sign up on the parish website at stjosephkilldeer.com/catholic-classes or call the parish office at 701-764-5357 .

Stewardship Message: In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

• Stewardship Thought: Have you given real thought lately to how good God has been to you? Do you give in proportion to what God has given you?