

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 11

6:00 p.m.
Bill Staalenburg (D)

Sunday, August 12

8:00 a.m.
Teresa Lopez (L)

10:30 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

Tuesday, August 14

6:00 p.m.
Susan Busch (L)

Wed., August 15

8:30 a.m.
Winifred Jackson (D)

6:00 p.m.
Joe Mueller, Sr. (D)

Thursday, August 16

6:00 p.m.
Greg Marr, Sr. (D)

Friday, August 17

8:30 a.m.
Joseph O'Neil (D)

Saturday, August 18

6:00 p.m.
Mary Manns (D)

Sunday, August 19

8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

10:30 a.m.
Edward Veccia (D)
Richard Sullivan (D)



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the truth that Mary is now in heaven, body and soul.

And just as Christ the King governs his Church from there, so too Mary, his Queen Mother, intercedes for sinners there and sends us help and encouragement. This is the reason behind the many apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout history. And it is also the reason why the Church encourages all of us, old and young, men and women, boys and girls, to have a strong devotion to Mary. But we must understand clearly what true devotion to Mary really includes. It does not consist mainly in pretty pictures or saying a lot of prayers - those are devotions, not devotion. It is possible to kneel in front of pretty pictures and say ten Hail Marys and then go back to work and start gossiping, lying, nagging, cheating, or otherwise making other people's lives miserable.

That is not true devotion to Mary. The beautiful paintings and the simple, profound Marian prayers are meant to stir up in our hearts a strong desire to imitate Mary's Son, to follow in Christ's footsteps, just as she did. In today's Gospel, Mary shows us exactly what that entails. After her encounter with the angel Gabriel, she didn't become obsessed with her own self-importance as the mother of the Messiah. Instead, she went in haste to her older cousin Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist, and spent the next three months taking care of and helping her. True devotion to Mary means doing that: self-forgetfully giving our lives for the good of those around us, just like our Mother.

As we renew our faith in Christ's power by contemplating the great miracle of the

Assumption, let's ask our heavenly Mother to obtain for us that all-important grace of gradually changing our selfish hearts into self-giving Christian ones.

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary/Holy Day of Obligation Mass times:

August 14th Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.
August 15th Masses 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE

**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

6:00 p.m. T. Gorham, B. Stich
8:00 a.m. J. Vargo, W. Vargo
10:30 a.m. R. Jacobs, M. Macko

Lectors

6:00 p.m. G. Pullen, J. Pullen
8:00 a.m. E. Campos, V. Laurienzo
10:30 a.m. P. Johnson, A. Madera

Sacristans

6:00 p.m. Pullens
8:00 a.m. T. Cross
10:30 a.m. L. Davis

Altar Servers

6:00 p.m. (Open), (Open)
8:00 a.m. C. Lara, (Open)
10:30 a.m. J. Angulo, I. Brown

Liturgical Assistants

6:00 p.m. R. Larson
8:00 a.m. S. Mehr
10:30 a.m. G. Brown

For Sunday, August 5

Offertory this week:	\$5,363.00
Target:	\$5,128.22
Collected vs Target for month	\$234.78
Collected vs Target since July	\$2,270.21
Projected Offertory for year:	\$271,270.38
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00

Building Fund this week:	\$753.00
Collected this month:	\$753.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected since July 1:	\$3,819.00
Collected vs Target since July 1:	-\$1,607.00

Improvements Collections:	\$14.00
Total collected to date:	\$483.00

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Flower Ministry is an important part of creating a beautiful environment for worship. Would you like to donate money for the altar flowers for a particular weekend? Your donation could be in remembrance of a loved one or some special occasion in your life. Call the office to reserve a date and get details.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

This ministry is helping us improve the look and upkeep of our parish! We reached our goal for the year ending June 30th. and hope to do this again for the new year which began July 1st! Our goal for the year is \$11,000. To date we have collected \$694.50. Monthly Movie Nights support this campaign. Car wash gift card sales support our efforts! Aluminum can sales also add to this account!

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Holy Day of Obligation.

August 14th, Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m.
August 15th, Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (Latin Mass)

CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for August is **Thomas Smith**. We appreciate all you do for St. Louis.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Wednesday Bible Study Class will resume on August 29th from 10-11 a.m. The 8-week class will be "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother." The cost of each study set is \$24.95 plus shipping. Please let Gloria Pullen know if you will attend in order to obtain the needed materials (270-7875).



HOMELESS SHELTER MEAL MINISTRY

Many thanks to all who donated so generously and those who came and worked at meal preparation and serving! Another fine night of dining at the Shelter for 275+ on August 4th! Keep up the good work and generosity; there was plenty of food for all. If dropping off anything *before* our next dinner assignment, (September 1st-Labor Day weekend), Please make it coffee....(their peanut butter supply is overflowing). May God bless us all.

Brenda and Mary

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL "Adopt a Student Scholarship Program"

It is difficult for some families to afford a Catholic education. If you are interested in the future of our church and the education of our next generation, please consider donating to the "Adopt a Student Scholarship program." You can make a difference in the life of a child. Please contact Shea Galletti at gallettis@trinityknights.org or call 222-0444 for information on how to help. Thank you so much in advance.



ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Expanding the Mind ~ Pursuing the Truth~
Serving the Community
~Strengthening the Body~
Growing in Faith



It is not too late to enroll for the 2018-2019 school year! St. John Paul II Catholic High School is committed to a strong Catholic identity and a transformative educational experience. We are forming

academically-prepared and spiritually-inspired leaders who will change the world for the better. Our patron, Saint John Paul II, told us: "Do not be afraid! Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Instead, put your boat out into the deep and lay down your nets for the catch." This serves as a beacon for St. John Paul II Catholic High School. Call us at 201-5744 with questions or to schedule a tour. <https://www.spjiichs.org>

Prayer Service

Jose Jimenez is scheduled to be executed by the State of Florida on Tuesday, August 14. There will be a prayer service in the Good Shepherd Chapel immediately following the 9:00 a.m. mass at 9:45 a.m. on Monday, August 13th for Mr. Jimenez, his victim Phyllis Minas, their families and for an end to the death penalty. A prayer service will also be held in front of the Governor's mansion at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, and, if there is no stay of the execution, a prayer service will be held in the Capitol Rotunda at noon on Wednesday, August 15th. All are invited to attend. You are also invited to write to Governor Rick Scott at Office of Governor Rick Scott, State of Florida, The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001, requesting an end to this and all executions in the State of Florida.

CHOIR

"Adult Choir practice is Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Please come and sing with us! No prior music experience necessary. E-mail questions or concerns to pjwilford@gmail.com."

