

St. Catherine Laboure Parish E-Newsletter

August 13th, 2020

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Saturday August 15th, the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church teaches and believes that at the end of her life on earth, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken into heaven body and soul after the pattern of her risen Son. The Preface of the Mass of the Assumption addressed to the heavenly Father states that *"The Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people."* While August 15th is a holy day, the obligation to attend holy Mass that day has been removed.

Sunday Mass Dispensation Extended

Bishop Boyea has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until November 28th, which is the last day of the Church year.

Asphalt and Concrete Project Completed

On Thursday August 6th the asphalt and concrete repair and replacement project was finally completed. Even though this project has dragged on for one year, in the long run, we ended up with more new concrete sidewalk in the front of the main entrance than was originally planned. I thank you for your patience while this project dragged on. No one is happier than I that this project is finally over. I want to thank all those who contributed to the Witness to Hope Capital Campaign that provided the funds to cover the cost of this much needed work.

The Cupola Project moves ahead

On Monday August 3rd members of the cupola committee met with architect David Swanson to review 4 prepared options for addressing the ever-leaking cupola. 2 options that were presented were different styles of domes that would take the place of the cupola structure. The other 2 options presented replacing the old cupola with a new one. The difference between the two options were ascetic styles in the structure. The committee unanimously chose to replace the cupola with another cupola. The projected cost of removal and replacement of the cupola would be around \$32,000.00. There is more work to be done. The committee is pushing hard to complete the cupola project before winter. There will be a period of time that the church will be closed off for construction. When that time comes we will celebrate Mass in the parish hall. Cupola committee members: Deacon Tom Arehart, Jim Legault, Leslie Reagle, and Fr. Tim Krzyzaniak.

Holy Water

Sadly, we have not been able to bless ourselves upon entering and leaving the church with holy water due to the virus. I am once again making available containers of holy water for you to use in your home. The holy water bottles are available in the main entrance of the church. If you have an empty holy water bottle that you would like to have filled please bring it to church and I will fill it for you.

Mass Attendance Numbers

August 8th: 57 August 9th: 67

Daily Mass

Schedule is M, TH, F 9 a.m. and W 7 p.m.

Chapel

Our Chapel is open 24 hours a day and available for you to come pray in front of the tabernacle where Jesus is truly present. At the start of Covid 19 it was used more frequently - not many visitors lately but it remains open! Jesus patiently waits for us.

Sacrament of Penance

Fr. Tim is hearing confessions at the regular scheduled time on Saturdays (3:00-4:30 p.m). If you are unable to make the Saturday time you may call Fr. Tim and set up a more convenient time.

Parish Office

Leave messages on the office phone for non emergency items or email stcatherine92@yahoo.com The rectory phone is 517-524-6261 if you are in need of speaking with Fr. Tim.

Offertory Collection

August 9th - \$2,786 (\$4,326 weekly goal) 33 envelopes - 12 online (\$186 was loose cash)

YTD Below Budget - \$3,717.00

DSA

DSA collection for this week was \$20 this week. We are so close to meeting our goal. **We now need \$859 to make our 2020 goal. Please consider a gift if you have not given yet. If you have given and would like to help us meet this goal by pitching in a little more it would be appreciated. Thank You for considering helping our Parish make its 2020 DSA Goal!!!**



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."

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