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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6:00 pm @ St. Isidore

Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John

Weekday Mass Schedule

As stated in the weekly bulletin

Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

Main Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

Friday:

7 am - 3:30 pm

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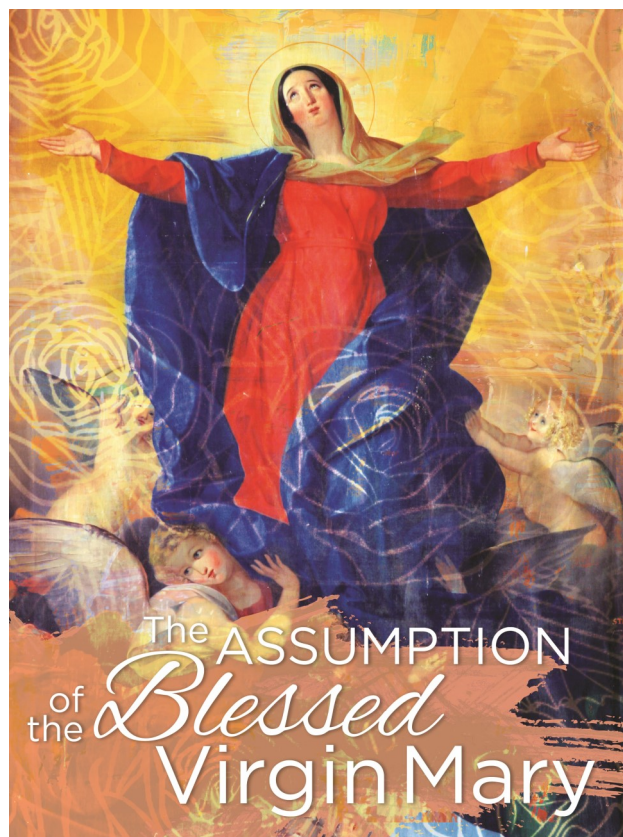
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Year of Seeking and Healing through Prayer and Kindness

To Our Parishioners & Friends

1. The Solemnity of Assumption :

“If our experience of daily life allows us to feel tangibly that our earthly pilgrimage is under the sign of uncertainty and strife, the Virgin assumed into heavenly glory assures us that we will never lack divine help” (JP II, August 15, 2021). St. John Paul II’s words set the tone for appreciating the relevance and the additional significance the feast of the Assumption of Mary brings to this Sunday’s liturgy.

Our Catholic belief in Mary’s Assumption into heaven is linked practically with the reality of Jesus’ Ascension into heaven, and it reaffirms the fundamental truth we hold about the resurrection of all believers. Mary’s Assumption shines through the words of the prophet Daniel in the first reading, announcing her as the “woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.”

Mary’s victory before God, which she gained through her uncompromising resistance to the ancient serpent that threatened to destroy both her physical offspring (Jesus) and spiritual children (Jesus’ disciples) is the basis for her being taken to “a place prepared by God.” This place, we all hope to be.

Brothers and sisters, as far as the belief and meaning of the Assumption is concerned, we should consider it in all its breadth; we should make it our duty to accept it fully without neglecting it or guiding our lives without it, even when some of the details is apparently more difficult to grasp.

We should allow the feast of Assumption not only to ignite in us the willingness to unify active faith and daily commitment in our personal life with the Eucharist, with prayer, and with the word of God, but also, we should strive to let Mary’s dynamic faith, humility, and obedience to God shine in our lives. Let us permit her son to animate our hearts, souls, and minds with his Spirit and be encouraged by the hope for the glorious future we all have at the end of our lives.

2. Visiting Ghana:

It has been over seven years since I went back home to Ghana. However, in the past month two close family members have passed on, which makes me feel it is time go back home to see my folks out there and be part of the funeral celebrations. I will be gone on September 14, and I hope to be back by October 14.

While I’m away, Fr. Danny Juhl will cover the Masses for me. There will be all weekend Masses in the parishes. However, morning Masses will be on Tuesdays only in Isidore’s and Fridays only in St. John’s.

Thanks to all of you for your sympathies, support, and prayers for my family.

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

“All your children shall be taught by the Lord; great shall be the peace of your children.” Isaiah 54: 13

Never underestimate the ponderings of a Christian parent or grandparent. Never underestimate the power that comes when a parent or grandparent pleads with God on behalf of a child or grandchild. Who knows how many prayers are being answered right now because of the faithful ponderings of a parent or grandparent ten or twenty years ago? God listens to thoughtful parents and grandparents.

Praying for our children and grandchildren is a noble task. If what we are doing in this fast-paced society, is taking us away from prayer time for our children and grandchildren, we are doing too much. There is nothing more special, more precious than time that a parent or grandparent spends struggling and pondering on behalf of a child or grandchild.

A reminder to register your child or children for faith formation sessions that begin on September 8 with a Parent Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for all grades followed with Mass at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday classes begin on September 15 for 4th – 8th grade at 6:00-7:15 p.m. and high school at 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sunday sessions begin for Preschool, held during Mass, and K -3rd grade from 9:30-10:45 p.m. To register, go to: <https://www.myschoolsystems.com/ArchDBQ/DBQ137/> and don’t forget you can pay fees on our web site at www.stjohnmv.org. Click on “online giving.”

Youth Ministry - Parents, Save the Date! All parents who have signed their teen up for high school Faith Formation are invited to attend a **Parent Information Session on August 29, 2021, following our 8:30 Mass in the lower level – Parish Hall.** Parents who choose to home school should still come to this informative meeting. The High School Faith Formation Team will be offering the *YOU, Life, Love and Theology of the Body Program* for our Wednesday evening faith formation program. You: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body is a unique program that addresses, head on, many of the issues teens are already exposed to via entertainment media, societal pressures, and their own interactions with each other. Recognizing parents as the primary educators of their children in matters of faith and morals, this program includes a rich parental component. The high school team looks forward to watching an explanatory video with you, reviewing the contents of *YOU* and responding to any questions you may have prior to beginning our Faith Formation Program. The meeting will last approximately 2 hours. See you all there!

St. Pius X SummerFest presents...

Movie Madness & More!

An outdoor event featuring food, fun, films and FUNdraising! August 27 & 28: 6:30pm The Sandlot

9:00pm The Greatest Showman

Admission is \$5 or \$20 per family for both shows!

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and sit back and enjoy a double feature on the St. Pius X Parish grounds, 4949

Council St NE. Food trucks will be on site and we will be selling baked goods, candy & non-alcoholic beverages.

(No pets or coolers please.)

Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

- Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
- Wed: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc 10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



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Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,423.08

August 8, 2021

Budget, Adult.....	\$2,675.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 171.10
Air.....	\$ 125.00
Up-Keep of Faculty	\$ 25.00
Total Collected	\$ 2,996.10

YTD collection needed.....	\$ 32,538.00
YTD collections received	\$ 29,151.01
YTD	\$ 3,386.99

Liturgical Ministers

August 22, 2021

- Sacristan: Jim Kendall
- EM: Lisa Thuerauf Charlene Vig
De Wagner Tom Wieseler
- Lectors: Cindy Kendal Charlie Liberko
- Servers: Penelope Vig Betsy Louwagie
- Greeters: Mike & Ruth Clark family
Dave & Lesley Panos family
Troy & Tracey Louwagie



Wednesday, August 18th

8:30 am - Allison Horton Jacobi

Friday, August 20th

8:30 am - Ed Ludwig

Sunday, August 22nd

8:30 am - James & Margaret Lynch

St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Central City - NIBL'N BID'N and PIE

Pit-Grilled CHICKEN DINNER. Sunday, Aug. 22, 11am - 3 pm. Dine in or carry out