

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ***August 15, 2021***

Saint Joseph's Parish

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8:00-8:20 am or by appt.

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Mass of the Assumption Day – August 14-15th 2021



The month of August is dedicated to **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

A little History of Assumption Day:

Today's solemnity supersedes the Sunday liturgy. Now toward the end of the summer season, at a time when fruits are ripe in the gardens and fields, the Church celebrates the most glorious "harvest festival" in the Communion of Saints. Mary, the supremely blessed one among women, Mary, the most precious fruit which has ripened in the fields of God's kingdom, is today taken into the granary of heaven.

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated.

Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as *Aelia Capitolina* in honor of Jupiter.

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples.

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried.

At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption.

For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in

Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine, and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

From Fr. Clifford Stevens in Catholic Heritage



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:

Invitation of February 2022 Mission Trip to Kenya

I'm inviting anyone who would like to make a Mission trip to Kenya and see where I come from. While in Kenya, you will experience African Mass integrated in African culture in parishes, experience Kenyan city life and village life, visit my village Mission Health Center and high school, visit Maasai Mara National reserve park that has the big 5 of Africa: lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and African buffalo and take a train ride from Nairobi and head to the South to visit the coastal cities of Mombasa and Malindi. If you are interested, please come for our first meeting on Thursday, August 19th, at 7:00 pm at the Wisner rectory gazebo if weather permits. If not, we will be in the church basement hall. If you are interested in going but are unable to attend the meeting, kindly contact me at vsunguti2018@gmail.com or call 402-529-3531.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Registration 2021-2022

Once again, the time has come and we are open for registration of the RCIA program for 2021/22. I'm taking candidates from both parishes of Holy Cross and St. Joseph. Classes will be held together.

Who can join this program?


- Any adult who was baptized as an infant but never went through catechism instructions and hence was never initiated into First Holy Communion and neither confirmation
- A baptized Christian who would like to be admitted officially into Catholic faith
- One who has never been baptized
- Anyone else who would like to renew his or her Catholic faith

To register, visit our website and see the RCIA program which is under "Faith Formation", then click on "more". Download the registration form, fill it out, and send it back to me no later than August 31st. Our first class will be on Thursday, September 9th, 2021, at 6 pm. Venue is yet to be determined. If you have any questions, please contact me at vsunguti2018@gmail.com or 402-529-3531.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of August 22nd
WORD: Shelly Wellman
EMHC: Mary Mostek, Dennis Mostek
PRAISE: Diana Dinslage, Bev Francis
USHER: Fred Gentrup

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—August 8, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$405.00
Plate:	23.00
A/C Fund:	170.00
GACC:	500.00
HELP/Fuel:	50.00
Total:	\$1,148.00

AUGUST MOWING GROUP: Chair: Alan Batenhorst
 Members: Gary Batenhorst, Heath Harrison, Tom Peatrowsky, Ron Francis, Gerald Schlickbernd



Celebrations:

Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:

Birthdays:
 Gary Batenhorst Aug 15
 Gabrielle Borgmann. Aug 15
 Eugene Mestl. Aug 18
 Jaxon Knoell. Aug 18

Anniversaries:
 Tim and Tracy Oligmueller. Aug 17
 Mel and Sue Niewohner. Aug 20

Dessert with the Sisters

August 22, 2021
 Immaculata Monastery
 300 N. 18th St., Norfolk, NE 68701
 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

Plants for sale



New to You Items



Sister-Made Items

Come join the Sisters for Dessert and Conversation!

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	16	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	17	9:30 AM	WCC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Family
Wed	18	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Casper & Margaret Gentrup Family
Thu	19	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Gary Servi
Fri	20	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Helen Steffensmeier
Sat	21	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Herb Albers
Sun	22	8:30 AM	HC	+ Peter & Elizabeth Peitzmeier
Sun	22	10:00 AM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
SJ—St. Joseph's HC—Holy Cross WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer				


Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of August 21st & 22nd
LEC: Madonna Servi
EMHC: John Woerdemann
SERV: Joel Good, Erica Good
USHER: August Men's Group

LEC: Diane Davies
EMHC: Linda Hansen
EMHC 2: Kathy Johnson
SERV: Jesa Montgomery, Aidan McBride
USHER: August Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, August 15th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, August 22nd—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

MEN'S WORK GROUP—August 2021
Chair: Brad Cornell
Co-Chair: Sid Kneifl
Members: AJ Burki, Keith Schroetlin, Trevor Cyboron, Alan Harms, Chad Dixon, Devon Dixon, Dylan Kneifl

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—August 8, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$800.00
Plate:	120.00
Heating/AC:	160.00.00



Religious Education

Registration forms are available in the back of church. Please note there are separate forms for elementary and high school.

We have placed sign up sheets there as well for several options to volunteer for.

*****We are still in need of 2nd & 3rd grade teachers*****
 If we are unable to find volunteers, the parents of these grades will be responsible for teaching either in the classroom or at home.

Here's to another great year... Sarah and Capri

THE WAY...A Healing Retreat for Male Survivors of Abuse; a 3-day guided meditation and prayer experience for men whose abuse by another has deeply affected their heart, mind, body, and soul. For more information and to register, there are brochures are available in the back of church.

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES:

St. Joseph and Holy Cross.

There are envelopes available in the back of church. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, complete the envelope and place in the collection basket or contact Sarah at the parish office 402-529-3891, or email the info to stj068791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.



