



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE

August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, August 16 at St. John's

10:00a.m...Joe & Janet Smith

Tuesday, August 17

:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, August 18 at St. John's

12:00noon...John Bonvillian

Thursday, August 19 at St. Mary's

5:30p.m...Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's Altar & Rosary

Friday, August 20 at Holy Family

9:00a.m...Cassie Dawson

Saturday, August 21

5:00p.m...Justin Watson at St. Mary's

6:30p.m...Audrey Cimino at St. John's

Sunday, August 22

9:00a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. John's

11:00a.m...Mickey McPherson & Catherine McPherson at Holy Family

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR AUGUST:

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



Pope Benedict XVI once wrote on the Assumption that it is a "day of joy. God has won. Love has won. It has won life. Love has shown that it is stronger than death, that God possesses the true strength and that his strength is goodness and love. Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven: There is even room in God for the body. Heaven is no longer a very remote sphere unknown to us. We have a Mother in heaven. Heaven is open, heaven has a heart." These are beautiful words that remind us that we too have a place being prepared for our souls and bodies in heaven. I hope that it makes concrete the reality that heaven is not just a place of fluffy clouds and harps, but a place that allows actual love and joy to truly be experienced and shared in authentic ways. This among many things is what we celebrate on this solemnity.

Along with that we encourage our Knights of Columbus members and those interested in becoming Knights at all our parishes to celebrate with a great gathering at the Shields's house this Sunday starting at noon. The KOC is a great fraternal organization that does more than fish fries: it is a spiritual organization with a deep devotion to our Lady. Each member upon joining receives a rosary and is encouraged to seek Her intercession daily. Becoming a Knight is being involved in the lifeblood of the Church by seeking to grow in works of charity and love in our local community but also through the international works of the Church. I am always edified by the work and effort my brother knights put into their meetings and all the different activities they are willing to be part of and support. Let us continue to ask our Lady to pray for our Knights and their families.

In Christ,
Fr. Hurley

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Barry Garner, Tia Burbank's father, parishioner of Holy Family, who passed to eternal life this past week. May his family be comforted by your prayers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 16: [St. Stephen of Hungary] Jgs 2: 11-19; Mt 19: 16-22

Aug. 17: Jgs 6: 11-24a; Mt 19: 23-30

Aug. 18: Jgs 9: 6-15; Mt 20: 1-16

Aug. 19: [St. John Eudes, priest] Jgs 11: 29-39a; Mt 22: 1-14

Aug. 20: [St. Bernard, abbot & doctor of the Church] Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22: 34-40

Aug. 21: [St. Pius X, pope] Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17; Mt 23: 1-12

Aug. 22: Jos 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5: 21-32; Jn 6: 60-69

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, Aug. 17: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday, Aug. 18: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Thursday, Aug. 19: Pastoral Council 6:30pm at St. John's

Saturday 21: Pot Luck Dinner after 5pm Mass at St. Mary's

Sunday, Aug. 22: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

First Day of PreK-12 Religious Education at St. John's

WE NEED YOU!

The religious education team at Holy Family is in need of at least two individuals willing to share their love of our faith with our students. The 4th & 5th grade class and the 6th, 7th, & 8th grade class both need a teacher. Just so you know Confirmation will take place in high school, so the junior high teacher(s) would not need to focus on Confirmation. Currency, Kristina Slater will be working with the preschool through 1st grade, Alexandria Christman & Kaleb Moore will be working with the 2nd & 3rd graders, and Christina Christman will be with the high school students. All classes meet downstairs at Holy Family from 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM before Sunday Mass. Helping the youth of our parish will encourage continued growth in our church. Thank You!

St. Mary's is having a Pot Luck dinner following 5pm Mass on August 21st. Bring your favorite dish to share. We are going to finish up the ice cream and root beer floats. Drinks will be provided. All of the pastorate are welcome.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

RV 11:19A, 12:1-6A, 10AB; PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 COR 15:20-27; LK 1:39-56



Today we celebrate the Assumption of Mary — the moment she was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. This day reveals much about our Holy Mother.

Next to her Divine Son, Mary truly is the model steward for us as we journey through this life. Our Gospel recounts the story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth who was soon to deliver John the Baptist. Mary truly is a dwelling place for Christ. Even baby John the Baptist noticed as he leaped in his mother's womb upon Mary's greeting! We too are called to be a dwelling place for the Lord. Yet for Christ to dwell in us, we must prepare our hearts for Him.

Mary was prepared for Christ to reside in her, and her Magnificat expresses how we can imitate her and prepare a place for Christ in ourselves: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..." How can we proclaim the 'greatness of the Lord?' It is simply by how we choose to live our lives. Each day is an opportunity to grow as a disciple of Christ. We can choose to rise each day in prayer, respond to those around us in kindness, serve in our vocations and occupations from a place of love and selflessness, and use our gifts and talents for the glory of God.

As we reflect on the life of Mary today, let us strive to imitate her in proclaiming the greatness of God by how we live our lives. Let us celebrate her as our Mother, our Queen, and a Model Steward. She is not distant or out of reach, rather, she is as close to us as a mother to her baby — constantly watching, interceding, and guiding us to be with her Divine Son in eternal life.

This Sunday, Aug. 15, **Holy Family** invites all in our pastorate to share in their **monthly carry-in** luncheon following 11am Mass. Bring a covered dish to share. Reemmer Hall will be open for food drop-off prior to the start of Mass.

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY

Interesting, even compelling books, come across to us in places often overlooked. **The Word Among Us** has several titles that might be calling your name. They are listed in the July/August 2021 issue which is found on top of the book cases at the back of our churches.

Love Like A Saint by Elizabeth Kelly is written as a workbook to study or to pray, by yourself or in a small group. She shares the lives of women, just like women we know, who lived lives I'd surrender and love.

Another Saint book, Saints Who Transformed Their World, is about ordinary men and women who will inspire you and teach you how to grow in holiness.

A 30 day at home retreat, Ascending with Ignatius, will help you become stronger in your prayer life and deepen your relationship with the Lord. 30 minutes a day.

Order online at WAU.org/books or call the church office to order. These are perfect for the individual but also for small groups.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Set aside time with Mary through prayer of the rosary for a safe, successful school year that administration, teachers, parents and students may strive for quality education and growth of our young people.

The rosary is prayed each Sunday at 4pm with Divine Chaplet and each Wednesday at 4pm with recitation of 15 decades at Holy Family.

St. Mary's will pray the rosary each Saturday prior to Mass beginning at 4:40pm.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL COOKOUT

Sunday, August 15th at noon
Home of John & Karen Shields
7014 E 100 S, Hartford City
All Knights, prospective Knights, Knights widows, and their families from our pastorate are invited
Knights will provide the meat and drinks
Please bring a well-filled dish to share.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$625.00
Africa: \$65.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,723.00
Building Fund: \$55.00
Pantry: \$60.00
Africa: \$25.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$3,009.00
Sharing Cupboard: \$138.00
Votive: \$16.00
Africa: \$50.00
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

"Those who seek the Lord want for no good thing," says today's Psalm. But in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should "give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass. May God continue to bless you and your new little one.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:
St. Mary, 5-5:30pm each Thursday; 4-4:30pm each Saturday
St. John, 8-8:45am each Sunday prior to Mass
Holy Family, 12noon-1pm each Sunday; 8:30-8:55am each Friday.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Please contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Hurley is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades K-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

St. Mary, Dunkirk

St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City

Holy Family, Gas City

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information