

# St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

I know I have discontinued my weekday letter to you. With the COVID pandemic slowly making its way out, and parishioners are allowed to come back to the church and participate once again in the celebration of the sacraments, I thought of discontinuing it and only write to you on Sunday in our parish bulletins and when there is an important message that needs to be imparted to you.

August 15, a few days from now, the Catholic Church all over the world celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother Mary. What a meaningful celebration for us! It is a beautiful and touching reminder for us, there's life beyond death- eternal life that God intends for us! Our Lord Jesus' resurrection is proof and assurance of this. Mary's Assumption is further proof. Where She has gone, surely we will follow. Mary was the first follower of Jesus. Her Assumption to life everlasting points the way to the other followers of Christ. Where she is now, eventually we will be. So, death is not the end but a door that leads to Jesus place and where Mary is now. In this beautiful feast which we soon are going to celebrate, let us pray to God and Mary's intercession that one day we will join her in the eternal happiness of Heaven.

This is one of the holy days of obligation in the church. But since this feast this year falls this coming Monday, it's not a holy day of obligation. But we are encouraged as always to show our love for our heavenly Mother. On Monday August 15, we are having a mass at 8:30 am to honor our blessed Mother. Msgr. Leo has graciously offered to celebrate the mass for you on that day, since I'm just coming back from officiating the wedding of my grand niece in Champagne, Illinois. I hope that many of you can come and join Msgr. Leo honoring our blessed Mother on that day.

In Jesus through Mary,

*Fr. Dwight*