

# August 15 ~ Feast of the Assumption of Mary



## MARY'S ASTONISHING "YES"

I imagine someone who knew nothing of Christianity, who had never seen the New Testament, who had never heard the Gospel. Suppose this person hears just one song—the Magnificat, Mary's hymn from the Gospel of Luke. What will that person think?

In some translations of Scripture, Mary says her soul "magnifies" the Lord. She rejoices in God who saves her. Someone who also believes in God will find this appealing and hopeful. But what does it mean that Mary magnifies the Lord?

This woman sings about what God does. God blesses those no one else sees. People who know Someone has created everything might be in awe of this God. Here is Someone with enormous power. The poor fear such power, yet God shows them mercy. Human tyrants abuse power. This God sweeps them away. But how could Mary's life magnify this God, this Lord?

She sings of Abraham. Her God created descendants from a nomad, descendants who later left slavery in Egypt. Moses asked this God, what should we call you? "Call me I AM." No normal name can say what this God is. This God is doing something new now, so this woman sings.

How does Mary magnify the Lord? Her life is the window through which we see the image of the eternal God taking our own form. Her heart is a lens through which our eyes focus in wonder as her response, her yes to God, receives God's presence. This woman was asked by God to do something extraordinary. She said yes. And with that yes, she is taken up forever in something astonishing.

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

August 15 – Joseph Spreckelson  
August 22 – Elmer Neumeier  
August 29 – A. Francis Spreckelson

## MASS INTENTIONS

August 14 – Paul and Marjorie Haurert  
August 15 – Gary Stier  
August 21 – Charles Walke  
August 22 – Karen and Heather Cain

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – August 21 at 4:00 PM

*Lector:* Jack Ferkinhoff  
*Eucharist Minister:* Judy Steuri

### Sunday – August 22 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Arlene Gehl, David Hardesty  
*Eucharist Minister:* Amanda Schutte

### Saturday – August 28 at 4:00 PM

*Lector:* Tara Ricke  
*Eucharist Minister:* Terry Harmeyer

### Sunday – August 29 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Ron Bauerle, Amy Kinker  
*Eucharist Minister:* Vicki Wagner

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3241.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 471.00
Loose Collection	\$ 241.00
Total Collection	\$3712.00
Assumption	\$90.00
Capital Improvement	\$470.00
(\$175.00 in memory of Walter Hermes)	

MONTHLY REPORT – JULY	
Electronic Giving for July	\$2,410.00
Total Sunday & Holy Day Collections (7/1/21 – 7/31/21)	\$14,954.00
Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/21 - 7/31/21)	\$13,336.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR  
PARISH!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** – Congratulations to **Gene and Patty Simon**, who are celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. May God continue to bless them in their love for one another!

**FAITH FORMATION** – Members of the Faith Formation Committee will meet Wednesday, August 18, 4:30 PM.

**PARISHIONERS:** Mark your calendars for the next parish gathering following the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, October 2.

**PARISH COUNCIL** – Members will meet this Thursday, August 19, 6:00 PM.

**CATECHIST** – Please prayerfully consider fulfilling the request to become a catechist for our 7th grade students. Call Joyce Muckerheide at 812-363-5929.

**MISSIONARY PRIEST** – Next weekend, August 21-22, we welcome Fr. Frank Falco to the parish to speak about the work of the men and women in their missions in KwaZulu-Natal, Republic of South Africa. The main task of the missionaries today continues to be the proclamation of the Gospel and the establishment of viable Catholic communities. Other ministries include education, primary health care centers, providing funding to improve the water system to root out malaria, digging of wells in areas that do not have clean water, building of homes for the very poor, and the formation of their young Zulu seminarians. Fr. Frank is a member of the Order of Friar Servants of Mary. Their order has supported missionary activity in Africa since 1948.

Brochures and envelopes are in your pew this weekend for you to take home in preparation for this missionary appeal. Please return your gift August 21-22. A special collection will be taken up after the gifts are brought forward. Do extend a warm welcome to Fr. Frank.

**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS** – Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home. Indeed, the people of God invoke her as the Gate of Heaven. (Solemnity of the Assumption, August 15, 2019)

**ST. MAURICE AUCTION**  
SEPTEMBER 11, 10:00 AM, IN THE PARISH HALL  
**DONATE AN ITEM IF POSSIBLE**  
**AND COME TO THE AUCTION!**

**AUCTION LUNCH** – The ladies of the parish will be serving lunch at our auction, which is only 4 weeks away! We are asking everyone to help out with donations and volunteering to help make this a success. We will be serving coney dogs, barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, cookies, brownies and pies, pop and water. A sign-up sheet will be out the next 3 weekends to let us know what you can donate. Thanks in advance!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – The Religious Education program for Preschool through Grade 5 will begin on Wednesday, September 15.

Sunday, September 12, is the first Religious Education class for Grades 6-12.


**REFLECTION QUESTIONS** – How would you explain the importance of Mary to a non-Christian? What might God be asking you to do and are you willing to say yes to his call?

**PRAYER** – Lord, you reveal the wisdom of God in the hearts of all people. Help me teach others by example the wisdom of your love, forgiveness, and peace. (From Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney)

**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH** – He is Holy Joseph, because according to the opinion of a great number of doctors, he, as well as St. John the Baptist, was sanctified even before he was born. He is Holy Joseph, because his office, of being spouse and protector of Mary, specially demanded sanctity. He is Holy Joseph, because no other Saint but he lived in such and so long intimacy and familiarity with the source of all holiness, Jesus, God incarnate, and Mary, the holiest of creatures.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – "Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine I'd go to a bank teller with a mask on asking for money." (*via Risa Samra Hallendale Beach, FL, The Joyful Noiseletter*)

# August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		Blood Drive (Noon – 6:00 PM)  Finance Meeting (6:00 PM in St. Francis Room)	Mary & Martha Ladies Meeting (6:00 PM)  First Day of School for Students		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (8:00 AM – Noon)	Items Needed for September Auction
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time						Immaculate Conception Consignment Auction (9:30 AM)  St. Nicholas Music Festival (7:00 PM-11:00 PM)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Assumption of Mary  			Faith Formation Meeting (4:30 PM)	Parish Council Meeting (6:00 PM)		Missionary Priest – Fr. Frank Falco
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Missionary Priest – Fr. Frank Falco						St. Mary Festival
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
St. Mary Festival	Liturgy Meeting (7:00 PM)					