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August 2, 2020 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# St. Mary Parish

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Pastor – Father William R. Barron

**Deacon – Daniel Satterlee** 

### **Shared contact information:**

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Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions		Sacrificial Giving		
Monday, August 3— St. Mary's Bill Vizza By Tom & Madelyn	5:00pm	July 26 Collection	<b>St. Mary</b> \$2,257.00	<b>Assumption</b> \$1,961.00
Tuesday, August 4— Assumption Leonard Desmelik By Bill & Pat Gudalis	5:00pm	Electronic Giving \$ 285.00 \$ 206.00  Thank you for your generosity!		
Wednesday, August 5— Assumption Elsie Giglietti By Andrea & Mick Casanio	5:00pm	CSA—Catholic Services Appeal		
Thursday, August 6- St. Mary's Ray Santini By Cricket Kaizer	5:00pm	Pledged Paid to Date	<b>St. Mary</b> \$22,238 \$17,188	Assumption \$19,926 \$10,110
Friday, August 7— St. Mary's  Madelyn Tomasura  By Whipple Family	5:00pm	Thank you for your generosity!		
Saturday, August 8— St. Mary's Joseph & Marcella McCluskey By Lorraine & Family	4:30pm	Sa	anctuary Car	ıdles
Sunday, August 9— Assumption David M. Reig By Ernie & Marla Larson	8:30am	In Memory of	:	
		Raymond and	Irene McGreev	<b>ey</b> By: Family
Sunday, August 9— St. Mary's All Parishioners of both Parishes	10:30am	Dr. Daniel Go	rdon By: Made	eline & Marc

Ministers Schedule for August 8-9, 2020					
	4:30pm	8:30am	10:30am		
	(St. Mary)	(ABVM)	(St Mary)		
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# From the Pastor's Desk

As you know, the obligation to come to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is not in effect right now. But this is a temporary thing. Even though the obligation has been suspended for over 3 months now and is likely to be suspended for a while longer, one Sunday it will return. This brings up the question, "why do we have an obligation to attend Mass anyhow?" We continue with the article from Fr. Manuel Garrido, O.S.B. on this subject. This will be the final installment of this article.

The obligation of hearing Mass on Sundays, being a precept of the Church, could be altered or changed by the competent hierarchy of the Church, but the Church has not done so. On the contrary she has been over-generous in offering facilities for its fulfillment, and by simplifying the rites and offering a greater abundance of biblical and liturgical texts, she has exhorted that the eucharist be celebrated with the maximum power of pastoral efficacy. All the existing problems were studied by the bishops in the Second Vatican Council. Nevertheless in n. 106 of the constitution "Sacrosanctum Concilium" Sunday has been underlined as a day in which the faithful gather "so that by hearing the Word of God, and taking part in the eucharist, they may call to mind the passion, resurrection and glorification of the Lord Jesus, and may thank God." And they add: "Hence the Lord's Day, is the original feast day and it should be proposed to the faithful and taught to them in such a way that it may become in fact a day of joy and freedom from work."

The instruction "Eucharisticum Mysterium" of May 25, 1967, having put forward the theological meaning and apostolic origin of Sunday, goes on to say: "In order that the faithful may willingly fulfill the precept to sanctify this day and should understand why the Church should call them together to celebrate the eucharist every Sunday, from the very outset of their Christian formation Sunday should be presented to them as the primordial feast day, on which, assembled together, they are to hear the Word of God and take part in the Paschal Mystery. Moreover, any endeavor that seeks to make Sunday a genuine day of joy and rest from work should be encouraged." (AAS, 59 (1967), pp. 539-573, no. 25).

Later, this document insists that the celebration of Sunday Mass, whether it be with the Bishop, in the Parish Church, in other churches or approved places, nourishes and gives expression to the sense of community in the faithful.

Paul VI stated in the question of the obligation of Sunday Mass to bishops from the central regions of France visiting him in Rome "ad limina apostolorum" on March 26, 1977. Among those present were the bishops of Bourges, Sens, Tours, Blois, Chartes, Moulins, Nevers and Orleans. From the context of the Pope's message, it is clear that they had brought up the problem of the Sunday gatherings of the faithful without the presence of a priest, in the rural districts where the towns and villages lack pastors, as a certain aspect of the unity of life and prayer which would not be advisable to discontinue. The Pope made it clear that he understood the reason for these meetings and their advantages, from the point of view of the responsibility of those who participate and the vitality of the faithful. He knew that in certain regions those meetings were favored. Then he added: "proceed cautiously, without necessarily multiplying the number of those meetings, as if it were the best solution..... On the other hand, the aim has to continue being the celebration of the sacrifice of the Mass, the only true realization of the Pasch of the Lord." (Paul VI, "Teachings to the People of God", 1977)

During the same year, in the National Eucharistic Congress in Pescara, Italy, the Pope once again insisted, in words that reveal the importance he gave to the Sunday precept: "How could we make both pleasing and binding a religious duty that every week both finds us united and praying ......in order to celebrate this blessed and continuous memory of the Pasch of salvation – the Sunday Mass? Such a Congress cannot fail in the restoration of the behavior that once again reveals itself as the "hinge" of our religious life; it should point to the beginning of the return to the faithful and loving observance of this vital precept." ("ibid". pp. 420-421)

Once again, the following year, at the beginning of Lent, the Pope spoke about the importance of the distribution of the days of the week, in such a way that, on Sunday the Christian imposes on himself some fixed religious observance. He quoted no. 106 of the constitution "Sacrosanctum Concilium" already cited and added: "We will do well in always considering this standard as all-important in our religious and social customs." (1, 1978, p. 17)

This is the way to be followed. The old Spanish liturgy used to admonish our forefathers: "Sunday is a day of light and of life. On that day, Christ, the life of the faithful, rose from the dead. Let us celebrate it with solemnity in order to deserve a blissful peace."

Fr. Bill

# ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, August 2, 2020

### **PARTNER PARISH NEWS**

<u>CLEANING FATHER'S CAR</u>: I received multiple offers for the detailed cleaning of my vehicle. I'm happy to report that my car is now clean and a young man is happily paid for his good work! Thanks - Fr. Bill

FR. BILL'S ANNUAL PRIEST RETREAT - Please be aware that I will be away from the parish from Monday, August 10th, to Friday, August 14th on my personal retreat. I am making it at a rectory of a priest friend within the Diocese. In case of emergency, I can be reached at 503-0028. Please note that I can only anoint someone if they are at home. If they are at the Manor call Fr. Matias at the Manor. If they are at the hospital, call Fr. Ed Walk at St. Bernard's, he is now the hospital chaplain. If they are at another nursing home facility, coordinate with the administration of that facility to see who the priest is to call. I wish I could attend to these facilities, but I am not allowed. Fr. Bill

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the social hall. All members are urged to attend.

**FRIDAY IS THE FIRST FRIDAY IN AUGUST.** Anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion and is not already on the list, please call Father Bill at 653-8586.

**CONFIRMATION:** If anyone wants to be confirmed next year, please call Barb Murray at 653-8648 ASAP.

"A JOURNEY OF KINDNESS": We are glad to announce that our Online Vacation Bible School series is available for viewing. There are 8 episodes (20-30 minutes each) which discuss **KINDNESS** throughout the Bible. We think that these lessons would be fun to watch for the entire family. You can find these episodes in 2 specific places. (Of course, you can share these links with your friends).

**Parish Website** - <a href="http://www.stcathstmikedubois.org/">http://www.stcathstmikedubois.org/</a> - You can find the episodes by using the link on the Website which will take you directly to the Vacation Bible School Videos. **Facebook** - <a href="mailto:@StCatherineOfSienaRomanCatholicChurch">@StCatherineOfSienaRomanCatholicChurch</a> - our Facebook page has the episodes posted.

**HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES**: If you need visitation by a priest at the Dubois Hospital, the priest to call is Fr. Ed Walk at St. Bernard's Parish. If you need visitation by a priest at Christ the King Manor, the priest to call is Fr. Matias. They will not allow the pastors to go into either facility to see their parishioners. Also, Fr. Matias is not allowed to travel between the hospital and the Manor.

**LIVESTREAMING OF MASS** - Mass will continue to be livestreamed daily.

<u>SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</u> - The obligation to attend these Masses is not in effect. No one is required to attend mass in person at this time.

<u>CONFESSIONS-</u> Confessions will be available at St. Mary's after Saturday 4:30 Mass and Sunday 10:30 Mass, and at Assumption after Tuesday and Wednesday 5 p.m. masses. Please note that Confessions will not be available before any Mass. Masks are required for Confession. Confessional at St. Mary's is in altar server sacristy, at Assumption, confession is the altar servers' room.

**FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS** - Please note that you are allowed to have non-family and extended family attend funerals and weddings again. The seating capacity for Assumption Church given social distancing is 60. The capacity for St. Mary's is 85. There is overflow seating with the closed circuit tv in the St. Mary's Social Hall for an additional 40-60 people. We are working on installing a closed circuit tv at Assumption Social Hall that will seat an additional 30 people. All attendees at funerals and weddings, except for bride and groom and those "in the wedding" must wear masks for the duration of the service.

**BAPTISMS** can proceed freely. Please call to schedule a baptism anytime.

**<u>BULLETINS</u>** are now available at the rectory office door because state and diocesan regulations have mandated that visitors to businesses must wear masks. Hence, to visit the church building one must wear a mask.

**NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL**: Fr. Bill is posting new YouTube videos giving spiritual guidance and direction during this time of challenge you can find our new channel on YouTube by searching for St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes on YouTube.

**DROP OF ENVELOPES:** You may drop off your envelopes using the mail slot at the front door of both Assumption and St. Mary's rectories.

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<u>ONLINE GIVING:</u> Visit our parish website on the homepage and click on your parish icon to take you to the portal for online giving registration, or press the icon on the myParishApp called giving to take you to the portal.

## ST. MARY'S NEWS

**BAKED CHICKEN & BISCUIT TAKEOUT DINNER** will take place here at St. Mary's church on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. Only 125 meals will be sold. Call 590-4637 to reserve your dinner. See insert for more details.

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY GRASS MOWING - Jimmy John Welder is a young man who has mowed the grass for the month of July. Unfortunately, he cannot continue to mow because of conflicts with his educational schedule. We thank him for his work - he did a fine job- we wish him the best. The Matusky family will begin to mow the cemetery grass in the month of August and going forward. They have been generous in many ways in the community and in the parish, and the cemetery board thanks them for their interest in this work. We are sure they will do a fine job.

<u>ST. MARY'S BINGO</u> - We are currently reviewing the governor's latest pronouncements to see if it is possible to operate bingo. As of August, it appears that it is not possible to do so at this time. It would be good to be able to bring Bingo back in some form this fall, but only if it is possible to do so within government and church COVID directives. This is proving to be difficult. More to come in future weeks.

## **ASSUMPTION'S NEWS**

<u>ASSUMPTION PARISH CASH RAFFLE UPDATE</u> – Thank you to all the Donors for our Cash Raffle. With your support of donating the Cash Prizes of \$2,000.00 we made a cash <u>profit of \$4,445.00.</u>

<u>CONGRATULATIONS to the Winners: Loree Danch - \$1,000 - Michelene Spellen - \$500 - Reta Rice - \$300 and Autumn Carlson - \$200.</u>

ASSUMPTION ROSARY SOCIETY FALL BAZAAR - A.B.V.M. Rosary Society will not be having their fall bazaar in October due to the Pandemic we are still facing. However, Raffle tickets will still be mailed to you with the following prizes on the ticket: Expert 4 burner grill, 50 inch flat screen T.V. & Hp Laptop Computer. The prizes were already donated so we need to give them away! Also, the Rosary Society will be doing a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, Curbside Only from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Assumption Social Hall. Adults: \$8.00; Children 12 & Under; \$4.00. An insert is in your bulletin for a N & N Cinnamon Roll fundraiser you may order from now until September 6<sup>th</sup>. Delivery Date will be September 22<sup>nd</sup>. These fundraisers are in place of the bazaar! Thank you in advance for your support!!