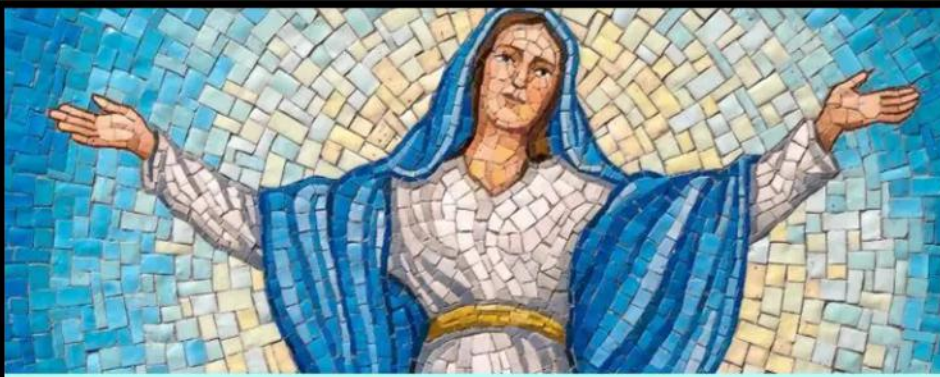


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AUGUST

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In the **Solemnity of the Assumption**, we celebrate that “the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” ~Pope Pius XII (Nov. 1, 1950)

The Assumption OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

“Like the bodies of the saints, however, she has been held in honor for her character and understanding. And if I should say anything more in her praise, she is like Elijah, who was virgin from his mother’s womb, always remained so, and was taken up, but has not seen death.”
St. Epiphanius of Constantia (350 AD)

Biblical precedent for the assumption are in the accounts of both Enoch (Genesis 5:24) and Elijah (2 Kings 2:11-12), both serving as foretastes of the good things to come.



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION - Holy Day Mass Times

MONDAY, AUG. 14TH - 7 PM | TUESDAY, AUG. 15TH - 7 AM, Noon, 7 PM

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[] We’ve Moved, here is our new information

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 13, 2023

Saturday, August 12

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
 4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
 4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
 5:00 p.m. Herbert & Genevieve
 Lohmuller Family
Sunday, August 13

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
 10:00 a.m. Tom Thompson +

Monday, August 14

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Vigil Mass

7:00 p.m. Waller Booth +

Tuesday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Special Intention
Noon Cole/Wyss Family
 7:00 p.m. Parish Family

Wednesday, August 16

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
 6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
 7:00 p.m. Karyn Gilly +

Thursday, August 17

8:00 a.m. Don & Jean Johnson Family

Friday, August 18

8:30 a.m. Mary Lynn Lautzenheiser +

Saturday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
 4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
 4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
 5:00 p.m. Denise Mangan

Sunday, August 20

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
 10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 14 - Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr - Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Vigil - 1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16,16:1-2/ 1 Cor 15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28. **Day** - Rv 11:19a,12:1-6a,10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday, August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary - Dt 34:1-12/ Mt 18:15-20
Thursday, August 17 - Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17/ Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday, August 18 - Jos 24:1-13/ Mt 19:3-12
Saturday, August 19 - St. John Eudes, Priest - Jos 24:14-29/ Mt 19:13-15
Sunday, August 20 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 56:1,6-7/ Rom 11:13-15,29-32/ Mt 15:21-28

This weekend (Aug. 12th/13th), the Church celebrates the **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our bulletin cover, however, reflects the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, celebrated this Tuesday, August 15th. As this solemnity is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, we are offering several Mass times to assist in meeting this obligation:

MASS TIMES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
Vigil Mass on Monday, August 14th, at 7 PM
Mass on Tuesday, August 15th, at 7 AM, Noon, and 7 PM

Though the dogma of the Assumption was only recently formally declared by Pope Pius XII in 1950, the teaching itself can be traced back to the first centuries of the Church. By the beginning of the fourth century, a church was built to mark the already celebrated ancient empty “*Tomb of Mary*” near Mount Zion. This feast day was almost universally celebrated in the Eastern Church by 336 AD and by the Western (*or Roman*) Church by the sixth century.

In the middle of the fifth century, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, St. Juvenal, was asked by the Emperor Marcian to bring a relic of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the Council of Chalcedon. The Patriarch responded that he could not as there were no relics of the Blessed Virgin. He explained that “*Mary had died in the presence of the Apostles. Her closed tomb, when opened at the request of St. Thomas the Apostle, however, was found empty. From this, the Apostles knew that Mary’s body had been assumed into heaven.*”

PARISH COUNCIL

This past week, our Parish Council resumed its meetings for the year. We are welcome our two new Parish Council members this year: Lori Bender and Tyler Hoffacker. These two, drawn from over 20+ nominations, join our current Parish Council members (*Chris Hartman, Abraham Herr, Sarah McCorkle, and Andy Vachon*) in serving as an advisory board for our parish. The Parish Council meets on the first Wednesday of every month after the 7 PM evening Mass in the Parish Conference Room and is open for all parishioners to attend.

ST. FRANCIS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Last weekend marked the end of our St. Francis Summer Reading Program. Over the past two months, twenty-four of our youth read over **8,000+ pages** from a collection of our faith-based books. Congratulations to our first place winners (*Landon in the Elementary Category and Cecelia in the Middle/High School Category*) and all those who participated!

LIFEWISE ACADEMY

A number have asked my opinion of the Lifewise Academy Program now being offered in two of our school districts. Over the past year, our diocesan **Office of Catechesis** and I have been in talks with various representatives of Lifewise Academy regarding concerns with their program’s curriculum. Though we have raised several concerns regarding the curriculum, we have so far received little receptivity for actual dialogue regarding these concerns.

In brief, the organization and the curriculum it uses are presented as being non-denominational. Yet, the organization itself puts forward a “*Statement of Beliefs*” and its core curriculum is purchased from an outreach of the Southern Baptist Convention. We found a number of their “*Statements of Beliefs*” (*ten of seventeen statements*) to be at odds with the teachings of the Catholic Church. In addition to this, the limited number of lesson plans we were permitted to preview from their curriculum have raised similar concerns.

As pastor of our parish, I would strongly encourage our parish families to refrain from enrolling in this specific program. I will be sending a letter to our school-aged families highlighting some of the specific concerns that were touched on in a general way in this column. While the desire to infuse the Scriptures into daily life is one to be lauded, **how** these lessons are presented are of great importance to avoid confusion and misconceptions. ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



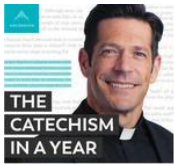
Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, Margaret Pogue, and Richard Payne.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass, Monday, August 14 at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, August 15 Masses at 7:00 AM, Noon, 7:00 PM



Catechism Chat

Wednesday, August 16 at 7:45 p.m.

Parish Social Hall

Bring your questions and insights from your journey through the *Catechism*.

PARISH REGISTRATION WEEKEND * AUGUST 19/20

After all Masses next weekend (August 19th/20th), we will host a registration weekend where you can update your parish registration information, sign up for online giving, and learn about the many different upcoming events and ministry opportunities available at St. Joseph's.

ASK FATHER

Thursday, Aug. 24th—5:30 PM—Parish Conference Room

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Aug. 12** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 13** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., Aug. 14** - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.
- **Tues., Aug. 15** - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 16** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 16** - *Catechism Chat* - 7:45 in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Aug 17** - Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Aug. 18** - Mass at 8:30 p.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 19** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 19** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 19** - Parish Registration following 5:00 Mass in the narthex.
- **Sun., Aug. 20** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 20** - Parish Registration following 7:30 and 10:00 Mass in the narthex.
- **Tues., Aug. 22** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 23** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 23** - Italy Pilgrimage informational meeting - 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Aug 24** - Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Aug. 24** - *Ask Father* - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Aug. 25** - Mass at 8:30 p.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 26** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 26** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.

Weekend of August 19/20 Weekend



5:00 Josie Andrews
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp



5:00 Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Marita Crawfis



10:00 Diana Cole, Jeff Miller



5:00 Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker, Isaiah or Melanie Bedwell
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Volunteer, Volunteer
10:00 Charlie Andrews, Luke Miller, Sam Smith

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

for the Weekend of Aug. 5/6

Adult Envelopes- \$2,729.00

Loose- \$130.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-

\$2,365.07

Assumption- \$10.00

Paper Gator- \$17.69

Totus Tuus Donation- \$250.00

Total- \$5,501.76

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$385.36 ahead of our budget for the month of August.

Online Giving for July- \$6,125.00.

We were \$3,432.96 ahead of our budget for the month of July

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$276.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>



To all the winners of the St. Francis Summer Reading Program.

Elementary category:

1st place: Landon Lautzenheiser

2nd place: Maggie Andrews

3rd place: Louis Andrews



Total pages read by program participants, over 8,000 pages!

Middle-High school:

1st place: Cecelia Andrews

2nd place: Kari Bedwell

3rd place: Josephine Andrews

Winners may claim their prizes in the parish office.

If you have books at home that belong to the reading program. Please promptly return them in the box provided in the narthex. Thank You!

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Friday's: 3pm-8pm
Saturday's: Noon-8pm

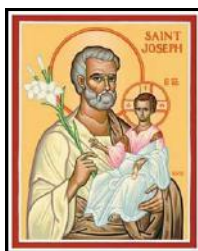
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