

Saint Mary University Parish



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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER T.J.

Looking Forward to the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means we are obliged to participate in Mass (since the solemnity falls a Tuesday this year, we are not dispensed). St. Mary University Parish will offer two Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Monday, August 14th at 7:00 pm (Vigil Mass) and Tuesday, August 15th at 7:00 pm. Both Masses will fulfill one's obligation.

Mass Schedule for Neighboring Parishes:

- St. Joseph the Worker, Beal City: 8/15—8:00 am, and 7:00 pm
- Our Lady of Hope, Clare: 8/14—7:00 pm; 8/15—9:00 am
- St. Vincent de Paul, Shepherd: 8/15—9:30 am
- Sacred Heart, Mt. Pleasant: 8/15—8:00 am, 12:15 pm, and 7:00 pm

What is our teaching on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary?

In the only declared exercise of papal infallibility, Pope Pius XII, after consultation with all the bishops of the Catholic Church, on November 1, 1950, proclaimed the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary a doctrine of the Faith. The dogma of the Assumption states that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven, after the completion of her earthly life (in theological terminology, her dormition, or falling asleep in the Lord), since by reason of her Immaculate Conception she should not suffer the consequences of original sin.

While there is no direct biblical evidence of the Assumption, the Church has long held, on the basis of theological reasoning and Tradition, the implicit belief in Our Lord's taking His mother to Himself from the moment of her passage from this life, since she is declared "full of grace" or "highly favored daughter" of God the Father (Lk. 1:28)....

The feast of the Assumption was celebrated by Christians as early as the seventh century. Today it is celebrated as a holy day of obligation in the United States on August 15.

Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic Encyclopedia, revised ed., pp. 110-111.

Welcome to Jennifer Brittain

Jennifer Brittain is our new Office Manager / Parish Secretary. Her first day was Monday, July 24th. She is very energetic and she brings with her years of experience and many new ideas. Let's make Jennifer feel welcome at St. Mary University Parish!

COLLECTION

August 6, 2017: \$430

Thank you for your generosity.

CHURCH & PARISH CENTER OPEN HOURS IN THE SUMMER

Mondays - Fridays: 9 am - 5 pm
Sundays: 4:30 - 7:30 pm

August 13, 2017 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass readings: *Journeysongs* #1002

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER T.J., *continued*

New Mass Schedule

Through much prayer, reflection, and conversation, I have decided to make a minor change in our weekend Mass schedule. We are primarily—though not exclusively—here to serve all the Catholic students at Central Michigan University. Therefore, I am eliminating the Saturday Vigil Mass because only a few students attended and I am adding a 9 pm Mass on Sunday. **Thus, starting Sunday, August 20th, our Sunday Mass schedule shall be: 10:15 am, 6 pm, and 9 pm.**

Beginning Monday, August 21st, our weekday Mass schedule shall be:

- **Mondays: Noon**
- **Tuesdays: 9 pm**
- **Wednesdays: 9 am** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration until 9 pm; Adoration will end with a Holy Hour and Benediction starting at 8 pm, with a rotation of holy hours 1st Wednesday of month—Evening Prayer; 2nd Wednesday—Night Prayer; 3rd Wednesday—Praise and Worship; 4th Wednesday—Night Prayer
- **Thursdays: 6 pm**
- *Fridays: 8 am at Sacred Heart Parish*
- **Saturdays: Noon**

Sacred Silence

From #45 of Part II of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*:

Sacred Silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration. For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves; whereas after a reading or after the Homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him.

Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 13th

Mass: 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:45 - 5:45 pm

Monday, August 14th: Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption

Mass: 7 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5:45 - 6:45 pm

Tuesday, August 15th: Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM

Mass: 7 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5:45 - 6:45 pm

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Our Lady of Hope Church in Clare will have Praise and Worship on Saturday, August 26th after the 4:30 pm Mass at 5 pm. Come praise our awesome God in song! Praise and Worship lasts about one hour. Please contact Cecilia Duley, Music Director, with any questions at 989-386-9862.