

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 15, 2010

Monday, August 16, St. Stephen of Hungary  
8:15AM John Caron by Dale & Cheryl Nanney  
Tuesday, August 17  
8:15AM Leonard Naeger by M/M Lloyd Siegfried  
Wednesday, August 18, St. Jane Frances de Chantal  
10:00AM Melvin Gross by Family  
Thursday, August 19, St. John Eudes  
No Mass  
Friday, August 20, St. Bernard  
8:15AM Pat Kickham by Willie  
Saturday, August 21, St. Pius X  
5:00PM For The Parish  
Sunday, August 22  
9:00AM Reuel Allison by Ruby, Ray, and Richard Allison

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 15<sup>TH</sup> THRU AUG. 22<sup>ND</sup>

Sunday	Feast of the Assumption Coffee/Juice & Donuts following 9AM Mass
Monday	11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon 7PM K of C Meeting (Dinner at 6:30PM)
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass
Wednesday	10AM Mass at St. Ann's 12PM-4PM West Deanery Meeting - Valmeyer First Day of School - Dismissal at 10:40AM (Bus Service Available)
Thursday	4PM-8PM Priest Gathering - Sparta Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass at Parish House
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and today's solemnity was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, today is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly, and exalted the human race by her faithfulness, is glorified today. A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, receives a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim Resurrection faith to the disciples.

**SERVERS SCHEDULE:** Aug. 15, 5PM, Brenton Atchison, Justin Bert; 9AM, Elizabeth Heffernan, Steven Colonel

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Matt Bohnert and his family on the occasion of his reaching the level of Eagle Scout.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Occupancy - The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place.

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD** for Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>: \$4,071.00 from 155 env.; Improvement Fund, \$579.00; V. Lights, Children, \$2.00

**PARISH COUNCIL:** At our last meeting new members were selected for the coming year. Matt Colvis and Martha McDonald accepted 3-year terms; Sheila Surman and Bev O'Toole accepted 1-year terms. Thank you to Janet Vasquez, Bob Saak, Bonnie Todd and Veneta Kerkhover for their service on the Council. Officers for the coming year are: Brian Niermann - President, Lloyd Stern - Vice President, and Marsha Link - Secretary. Other members of the Council are Fr. Gene, Cheryl Gross, Rose Dethrow, Linda Smith, Mike Vasquez and Ron Korando.

**PSR - PSR** Classes for K through Grade 8 are to begin on Sunday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. New Students and Kindergarten students are particularly important to register ahead of time. Classes will be in the Parish House following the 9AM Sunday Mass until 11AM. Fee per family is \$75.00. For further information and first time registration, please contact Cheryl Gross, 826-2526 or 853-2678.

**RCIA - RCIA** is scheduled to begin on Tues. Evening, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Do you know someone interested in the Catholic faith? Please invite them to join us. For further info. Contact Fr. Gene (826-2444) or Cheryl Gross (826-2526 or 853-2678).

**ST. MARY'S FUNDRAISER:** At this year's Popeye Picnic St. Mary's will be sponsoring a "THEMED BASKET" stand. Chances will be sold to win the baskets. We are asking your creativity in making "themed baskets" (for example, a Carwash Basket which could include a bucket, chamois, sponges, tire spray, car wax...) Each basket should be worth \$15-\$25. If you prefer, a monetary donation of this amount can be made or individual items can be donated where the committee will assemble them for you. Please return the Baskets to Church (where the Advent Giving Tree is normally located) by August 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Dee Shemonic at 826-4410 or Diane Kerkhover at 826-2229.

### **"ASC NUN RUN" -SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010**

Catholic women ages 18 and older, who are currently single, healthy, adventuresome, and curious about the life of the Sisters (Adorers of the Blood of Christ) and the ASC Associates are invited to participate in this "run on wheels". Enjoy a full-day, *on-the-move*' experience with Sister Adorers of the area. To register or for more information call S. Jan Renz or S. Cecilia Hellmann" home 618-235-1690 or cell #977-0585. Or e-mail to [renzj@adorers.org](mailto:renzj@adorers.org) or [hellmannnc@adorers.org](mailto:hellmannnc@adorers.org). Details will be sent to those who express interest.

**FALL SENIOR LIVING** - The Messenger is preparing their Fall Senior Living publication in Sept. 2010. We are looking for people in your parish who are 100 years of age or older. We plan to acknowledge these individuals in the Fall Senior Living supplement. Please forward: Name, birthdate, contact information, interesting information you know about this individual and a photo. Deadline to submit information: August 20, 2010.