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Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30–4:15 p.m.
Tuesday thru Friday 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez Custodian
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Lil Stutes Mothers' Day Out

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries – Please call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

Since August 15th falls on a Sunday this year, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary replaces the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel reading for the feast day is Mary's visit to Elizabeth and her beautiful *Magnificat*, as told in Luke 1:39-56. In both speech and action, Mary proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her Savior.

The Catholic writer and speaker Amy Welborn offered this brief reflection: "Sometimes I try to imagine my Christian faith without Mary, and I can't. She provides the answer to the question of how to respond to Jesus—which is the central question of the spiritual life. She teaches me how to welcome Jesus into my life, how to be taught by him, how to say yes, how to live in hope. And here, in the *Magnificat*, offered for meditation on the feast of the Assumption, the beginning of Mary's earthly life with Jesus are linked to her earthly end."

Our Rita's Closet Thrift Shop operated by the Zippers is closed for the immediate future due to the surge in hospitalizations caused by the delta variant. Our volunteers and patrons have generally been sensitive to one another's health, but the close quarters of the rooms and the age of some of our volunteers made this decision the right one.

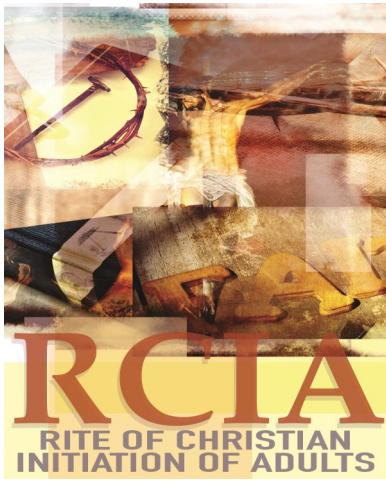
We had hoped to resume offering receptions and other gatherings in our activity center this month, but the circumstances simply do not allow us to do so safely. I especially regret that we are not yet able to offer meals for our grieving families after the funerals of their loved ones. We will have to rely on other expressions of sympathy until this crisis passes. The last thing we wish is for a gathering here at church to contribute to the further spread of this virus.

Our Catholic Daughters Court #2079, with support from our KC Council, is hosting a presentation on the Holy Shroud of Turin this Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the church. The presentation will be led by Father Jason Palermo and will include a replica of the Holy Shroud in a display case. A brief reception will follow in the activity center, but please remember to "mask up" if you are able to attend.

Our R.C.I.A. process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church begins later this month. We have an Open House planned for Wednesday, August 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory. Please invite your relatives, friends, or neighbors who may have expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith or who wish to join the Church. Refreshments will be served as we distribute information on the upcoming classes.

Please pray for all of our children and catechists as they begin their Christian Formation classes this week. These classes build upon the faith formation provided by their parents and help the children to grow closer as a parish family. Please remember that we also purchased a parish membership to the FORMED website which contains a wealth of resources on the Catholic faith for all ages. You may set up your free account at sjbbrusly.formed.org. Just enter our zip code, 70719, to find our parish, and then set up your account.

In Christ,
Father Matt



R.C.I.A. Open House
August 25th
6:00pm
Church Rectory

Please join us to discover the Catholic faith.

You may register by calling the Church Office 749-2189.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Confirmation classes begin on August 15th.

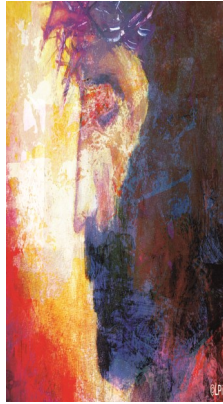
Religion classes for K-8 begin on August 16th.

4 Catechists needed for Religion Classes:
Monday: need 3 teachers for 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades
Wednesday: need a teacher for 6th grade

Please call June 749-3387.

SHROUD OF TURIN
August 19th in Church
6:00pm

Please join the Catholic Daughters #2079 for a presentation by Fr. Jason Palermo on the history of the Holy Shroud of Turin, Italy. You will view a replica of the Holy Shroud in a display case. A reception will follow in the Activity Center.

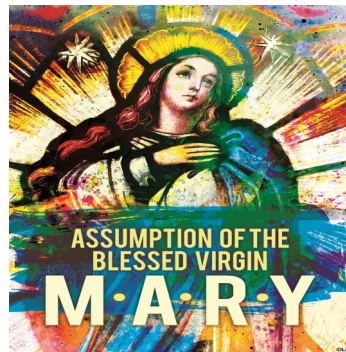


Baptism Seminar
September 8th
6:00pm

Please call the Church Office to register.



Sympathy and Prayers are extended to the family of Maryna Doiron upon her death.



The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of Stella Landry.



Please pray for all those seeking a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If you wish to choose a vocation of religious life, please contact Father Josh Johnson 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/



Due to Co-Vid, the ZIPPERS thrift shop will be closed through the end of this month. Please do not leave any donations at their door during this time.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."
 - Lk 1:48b-49, 52

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LSP

Stewardship of Finances
August 8, 2021

115 Identified: \$5,260.00
Loose Collection: + 416.00
Total: \$5,676.00

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

Bob Bewick

Audy Bourgeois

Christie Chapman, Secretary

Justin Clouatre

Wayne Delapasse

Paige Fitzgerald

Janice Hebert

Fr. Matt Lorrain

Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

Joey Normand

Edana Robnett

Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

- Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56
- Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/
Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/
Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

KC JULY 2021 CALENDAR WINNERS

Henry Daigle, III, Sarah Babin, Jena Clouatre, Sally Breaux, Earl Millard, Janet Middleton, Cathy Aguillard, Barb Roberts, Chris Kershaw, Jack Williams, IV; Gary & Rita Landry, Billy Bourgeois, Paul Stelly, Sofia Tempanaro, Arleen Eiseman, Robby Navarre, E. J. Alleman, Claire Ross, Cameron Whaley, David Himel, Barbara Seawell, Earl Richard, Dakota Bourgeois, Sandie Aucoin, Irving Coupel, Chantelle Johnson, Lee Moreau, James & Cindy Vidrine, Jason Riggs, Kathy D'Albor, Aaron Tullier