

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin



MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, August 15-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

4:00 pm Mark E. Donath by Donna & Lee Burr (Holy Family)
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:15]

Sunday, August 16-Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Gerald "Jack" Schilling by Steve & Chris Schilling (St. Patrick's)
8:30 am John P. O'Donnell [In Memory of His Death Date] by Kathleen Nicholas (St. Mary's)
10:00 am Paula Mills by Marilyn Gustafson (Holy Family)
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:15 am]
10:00 am Doris Eckert by Steve & Pam (St. Thomas Aquinas)

Monday, August 17

8:00 am Thomas Fedor by Family (Holy Family)
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]

Tuesday, August 18

8:00 am Norma Glassbrenner by Karen Bender & Delores Becker (Holy Family)
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]

Wednesday, August 19- St. John Eudes

8:00 am Agnes Reichle by Lou Ann (Holy Family)
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]

Thursday, August 20-St. Bernard

8:00 am Sandra Burr by Donna & Lee Burr (Holy Family)
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]
12 Noon Rosary (Holy Family)

Friday, August 21-St. Pius X

8:00 am Christopher Schilling by Steve & Chris Schilling (Holy Family)
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]

Saturday, August 22-The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 pm Donna Rae Mintjal by Joseph & Sudie Mintjal (Holy Family)
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:15]

Sunday, August 23-Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am John T. Dee, Sr. [In Memory of His Birthday] by Kathleen Nicholas (St. Patrick's)
8:30 am Sarah Alberts by Dorothy Westerfield (St. Mary's)
10:00 am Agnes "Ma" O'Donoghue by Mike & Mary (Holy Family)
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:15 am]
10:00 am Special Intentions by Pam Coogan (St. Thomas Aquinas)

⇒ **Eucharistic Adoration** is held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays from 2-3 pm with **Divine Mercy Chaplet**, at 3 pm, at Holy Family Church.

⇒ **Reconciliation** at Holy Family Church, Lincoln; Tuesday from 7:30-8:00 am and Saturday from 2:45-3:30 pm

Reconciliation at St. Patrick's Church, Elkhart; prior to Sunday Mass.

Reconciliation at St. Mary's Church, Atlanta; prior to Sunday Mass.

Reconciliation at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Mt. Pulaski; prior to Sunday Mass.

Based on the availability of clergy, this schedule is subject to change. Please check the parish calendar on the website for any changes or additions.



20th Sunday In Ordinary Time Cycle A

In Today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and His call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?



Tuesday Confessions at Holy Family Church

Due to the change of the Tuesday Mass time, confessions on Tuesdays will now be held from 7:30-8:00 am. Please check the weekly schedule at left for all other confession times.



WE NEED YOUR UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESS! We now have a new tool that will enable us to contact parishioners via email if there are cancellations, changes or updates. Please contact mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org with your updated email address so you won't be left out on important updates or changes.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, August 17

Ezekiel 24:15-23 / Deuteronomy 32:18-21 /
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 18

Ezekiel 28:1-10 / Deuteronomy 32:26-28,30,35-36 /
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 19

Ezekiel 34:1-11 / Psalm 23:1-6 / Matthew 20:1-6

Thursday, August 20

Ezekiel 36:23-28 / Psalm 51:12-15,18-19 /
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 21

Ezekiel 37:1-14 / Psalm 107:2-9 / Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 22

Ezekiel 43:1-7 / Psalm 85:9-14 / Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, August 23

Isaiah 22:19-23 / Psalm 138:1-3,6,8 / Romans 11:33-36 /
Matthew 16:13-20

ST. MARY'S, ATLANTA

~Ministry Schedule for Sunday, August 23:

Reader-Paul Eckert; Servers-Julianna Craig & Anna Johnson

~Prayer Chain: The contact person for our prayer chain is Marcia Pipp at (217) 648-2417.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

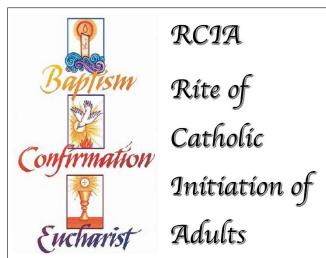
is a process of discerning and ritualizing stages of conversion leading to initiation through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Who is welcome to RCIA? —persons who have never been baptized; persons baptized in another Christian Church who desire to become Catholic; Baptized Catholics who have never received First Communion or Confirmation; Catholics who want to understand more about the practice of their Faith.

If you are interested in becoming part of our RCIA class for the Fall, or if you know someone who is interested, please call or have the interested person(s) call Sister Mary Lou at (217) 732-4019. Thank you.

*The more people praying for an intention,
the stronger the prayer becomes.*

Prayer Chain: Request prayers by sending an email to lcc4- prayer-chain@googlegroups.com. If you would like to subscribe to the prayer chain, follow the "Join Prayer Chain" link located on www.logancountycatholic.org. When your web browser opens click on "Subscribe to this group" option, then follow the instructions in the pop-up box. You should receive an email within 48 hours that indicates you have been accepted as a member of the prayer chain.



Please Pray for the Sick by remembering the following in your prayers:

Anne Lowry, Anna Beckers, Steve Coogan, Mike Lowry, Paul Lowry, Matthew Lowry, Elijah Cox, Guinevere Decker, Joan Lewis, Boone O'Donoghue, Ruth Young, Rodney Alberts, Jill Alberts, Linda Wright, Steve Schmidt, Ryan Butler, Donna Burr, Paula Rutherford, James Thean, Gavin Fox, Mark VanRheeden, Rita Johnson, Adelyn Jones, McKayla Nye, Judy Morrow, Gavin Shuler, Phillip Brown, Christina Clementz, Mike Kavanaugh, E. J. Miley, Rosie Huber, Linda H., Mark L., Kay Rosner, Mary Ellen Thornton, Rita Faith, Hank Barr, Deb Jordan, Dwayne Knap, Jo Ellen Warren, Esme Avart, Rita Scanavino, Amy Talmage, Marge Steinkamp, Thomas Siegel, Asher Phillips, Donald Langhart, Kristin Wright, Melinda Spangler, Phil Dehner, Alexa Cunningham, Mary Scanavino, Mary Masterson, Amanda Cruz, Marcia Bidwell, Sandra Buttell, Anita Tibbs, Debi Hardin, Ann LaMothe, Crystal Tibbs, Becky Maestas, Teresa Tripplett, Curt C., Eddie Pharis, Shirley Davis, Mike Young, Theresa Young, Dennis O'Donoghue, Dan Dankosky and all the members of the armed forces of our country. If you would like to add a name to the list, call the Parish Office at (217) 732-4019 Ext. 2202 or email mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org

Lord,
in Your MERCY,

hear our prayers!



Through the mercy of God
may they rest in peace.

Lois Marie Dutz and Larry Lee Newberry

Week of August 16

The red Altar Sanctuary Candle at . . .
Holy Family Church is lit this week

In Memory of Tom Fedor
requested by Family.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church is lit this week In Memory of the Deceased and for
Present Members of the Knights of
Columbus Ladies Auxiliary.

**The blue Sanctuary Candle by the Statue
of Mary near the Altar at**

Holy Family Church is lit this week

In Memory of Mary Schmidt and Helen
Culnan requested by their Great Nieces.



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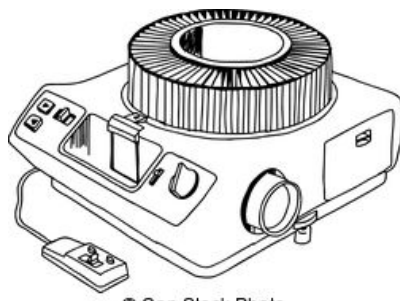
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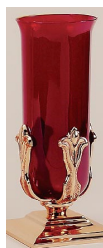
SLIDE PROJECTOR NEEDED!!

If you have a slide projector, your time and help with a project would be most appreciated. A box of slides has been found, but no projector to view them. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the identification of people and events on these slides. If you would be willing to help, please call the parish office. Thank you in advance for any assistance you can give!!



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Each sanctuary candle (red glass candle on altar) lasts for approximately a week at a time. For \$5 per candle you can sponsor a sanctuary candle in memory of a loved one or friend or for a special intention. The memorial/intention announcement will be placed in the Sunday bulletin each week. If you would like to sponsor a candle or candle(s), please contact Alicia Baker at (217) 732-4019 or email abaker@logancountyCatholic.org

The Freedom of Missing Out: A Retreat for Young Adults

... presented by Fr. Michael Rossmann, SJ on **October 16-17** at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House (Barrington, IL) Many have a "fear of missing out," but actually experience freedom when commitments are made. There is a depth of joy that only occurs when one goes all in. Using the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, Father Michael Rossmann will share how one can go about making commitments and experiencing true freedom. Includes optional time for small-group sharing. Register at jesuitretreat.org.



"Help Us Help Others"

In this time of the pandemic situation causing an uncertainty with the economy and stability of jobs, the Logan County Catholic Community Food Pantry is in need of help. With the influx of patrons in our Logan County

Cleaning Supplies



Featured Items Needed

area at this time, our stock disappears quickly each week.

Any and all non-perishable foods are always welcome at the pantry, but we would particularly appreciate donations of **cleaning supplies (needing everything from hand soaps to laundry detergent)**.

Bring your items to Holy Family where there is a shopping cart located to the right in the main entrance, at St. Mary's there is a box provided in the gathering area, at St. Patrick's or St. Thomas Aquinas items may be left in the main entrance.

Monetary donations are also accepted.

GARDEN PRODUCE



The food pantry is accepting garden produce for its patrons. If you wish to donate garden produce you may bring it to the pantry on any Wednesday. The food pantry is open from 10 am to 2 pm each Wednesday and you may bring

your donations during that time or call Carolyn Webster at (217) 737-5633 to make arrangements to have someone meet you at the food pantry to accept your donations.

The food pantry is now partnering with a USDA program that provides boxes of produce and/or dairy products FOR FAMILIES OF FOUR OR MORE on a monthly basis. The boxes will be distributed during normal pantry hours, from 10 am-2 pm, on Wednesdays, but ONLY on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Regular pantry offerings for any and all Logan County residents, regardless of family size, will continue EVERY Wednesday from 10 am-2 pm. We urge you to spread the word to friends or acquaintances who might be helped by this program.



Please call Carolyn at (217) 737-5633 if you are interested in becoming a food pantry volunteer. We could really use your help, especially men.



Our food pantry serves patrons in all of the Logan County area. Thank you to everyone who supports the Logan County Catholic Community Food Pantry in any way. Thank you for all your past support.

Abortion Violates the Laws of God

We need to review certain facts. First of all, the most beautiful thing a woman can be is a mother. Only women have the power to populate God's earth and women are the ones who nurture and cherish their children.

But, sad to say, the most dangerous place on Earth today is the womb of a mother. That is because of legalized abortion – a vicious taking of a life. We need to take the blinders off our eyes and see the horrendous evil that is abortion. It is an abomination in God's eyes.

There is absolutely no government, no law and no man that can override or veto God's law. Get the facts. Do not believe the lies from the abortion industry. Don't be fooled into believing it's just tissue in the womb. It's a baby.

*Ruth Weber
Davenport Iowa*

Abortionist Has Terrifying Vision at Medjugorje, Converts on the Spot

In 2011, an unlikely group of non-religious abortionist doctors found themselves visiting the most active Catholic apparition site in the world, Medjugorje. One of the doctors, a gynecologist in her sixties, had personally performed 1000s of abortions. But her life suddenly changed after having a supernatural vision on Apparition Hill!

The group was led by Valentina, a young woman from Ukraine. She had had her own conversion experience while visiting Medjugorje for the first time in 2007, and since then had been leading pilgrimages there. Inspired by Bl. Mother Teresa, Valentina had also dedicated herself to serving the sick poor.

Her work got her connected with her local medical community, which led to her inviting the group of doctors to Medjugorje.

An important part of their time in Medjugorje was climbing to the top of Apparition Hill, one of the first places Mary is said to have appeared to the child visionaries in 1981.

That's when something incredible happened.

"I had scarcely put my foot down on the hill," the abortionist later explained, according to Mystic Post, "when everything changed before my eyes.

"The rocks disappeared. The hill was suddenly covered with the bones and skulls of all the babies I had aborted over forty years.

"Look at these hands!" she cried out, stretching out her hands before the group. "Here are the hands which killed an entire city!"

With that, the doctor was done with abortions. Many of the other doctors in her group also had conversion experiences. In all, Valentina has taken somewhere around 400 abortion doctors to Medjugorje in the last few years.

Whatever you make of the alleged visionaries, stories of conversion are always something to celebrate!

Pray for the conversion of abortionists!

by ChurchPOP Editor - August 20, 2016



Do you need prayers? **We are here.**

Do you just need someone to talk to? **We are here.**

Do you know someone who just found out that they are pregnant in the midst of a pandemic? **We are here.**

Do you need diapers, wipes or formula? **We are here. CALL (217) 474-2976**

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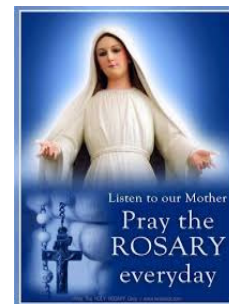
"We are so blessed that in our Diocese we have many Natural Family Planning methods available as well as a Catholic Healthcare system that provides these services as well." Cecilia Sone, NFP Director Diocese of Peoria.

- * Link to NFP providers: <https://cdop.org/evangelization-and-faith-formation-old/marriage/>
- * Link to OSF Fertilitycare: <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/fertility/>
- * Links for resources provided by the USCCB during this Covid19 pandemic: <https://catholiccurrent.org/covid19/>



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August 8/9, 2020 Weekly Offering Versus Budget					
Parish	Budget Requirement	Weekly Offering	Weekly Online Giving	Weekly Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	Year to Date Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)
Holy Family	\$7,020.00	\$7,835.50	\$1,600.00	\$2,275.50	\$4,591.50
St. Mary's	\$1,077.00	\$1,072.05	\$20.00	\$12.05	\$435.10
St. Patrick's	\$1,340.00	\$1,440.00	\$380.00	\$460.00	\$96.00
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$952.00	\$1,217.00	\$180.00	\$427.00	(\$726.00)
Sunday Offering (does not include Capital Campaign Donations, Utilities, ADA, Holy Day of Obligation Collections, Easter, Food Pantry, Building Fund and Diocesan Collections) Budget period: July 1, 2020 — June 30, 2021					



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Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

August 22

The mother of a king is a queen who receives honor in her son's realm

Mary is both a queen and a mother, but she is more mother than queen. Mary's Queenship and "motherhood," or motherhood, spark to life simultaneously. In the very moment Mary becomes a mother at the Annunciation, she also becomes a queen. The Archangel Gabriel tells Mary that her Son will sit on "the throne of his ancestor David" and that "He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Lk 1:32-33). Since Jesus is a king, and since He is conceived in the womb of Mary, and since in Israel the mother of a king was always a queen, (the daughter not necessarily so), Mary becomes a queen. Some texts from the early centuries of the Church call Mary the "domina," the female of "dominus," Latin for "master" or "Lord."

It is not royal blood, but her motherly relationship, that makes Mary a queen. And since nothing is excluded from the realm of Christ the King, Mary is the Queen of that same realm, including both heaven and earth. This realm was not earned through violent conquest or political machinations. The Kingdom of Christ the King was purchased through a blood sacrifice of the King Himself who died on the cross. Soldiers were not killed so that Christ could walk over their corpses on the battlefield in order to rule a vanquished people from a secular throne. No, of course not. Christ humbly allowed Himself to be murdered so that He could rise forty hours later and ascend into heaven to be seated, like a king, at the right hand of the Father. (Kings sit. Their audience's stand.) Christ gives the world a new form of reigning, a reinterpretation of the words "I win!"

Mary is that heavenly queen in the mysterious vision of the Book of Revelation in which appears "a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev 12:1-3). The complex symbolism of this crowned empress encompasses Mary, Israel, and the Church Herself. Mary's coronation, the Fifth Glorious Mystery of the rosary, has not been defined dogmatically but has been celebrated liturgically and depicted in art since early medieval times. The most ancient depiction of Mary as queen is a mosaic from the 500s in a small church in the historic center of Rome! But the feast day of her Queenship was only placed in the Church's calendar in 1954. Vatican II stated unequivocally that "Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe..." (Lumen Gentium, 59). After the liturgical reforms of Vatican II, the octave of Mary's Assumption was abrogated but is still recalled in her Queenship being commemorated eight days after August 15, showing the link between the two celebrations.

Earthly kings, queens, and kingdoms, so present throughout the lived history of mankind, are, more cosmically, images or signs of the structure of authority that lies behind all creation. Mankind naturally organizes its public life to ensure peaceful co-existence with others, to promote order and tranquility, and to foster the common good in a thousand ways. This secular response of establishing a structure to manage together what cannot be managed alone is universal and always includes certain leaders to represent the organized community. All of this has a religious equivalent. A sacred canopy hangs over the world. A timeless, divine mega-structure encompasses under itself all of the smaller, temporary civic structures. The man anointed as king, the woman crowned as queen, the order they impose through a just rule in a secular polity, point to something else—an underlying, and overarching, sacred polity in which God rules His creation like a fatherly king. In this timeless theological union, the feminine presence is felt. The queen mother is there, interceding with her King-Son on behalf of His subjects. She worships with them but also receives their honor. The accolades directed at her are deflected, mirror-like, to the greater One to whom she is holy daughter, holy mother, holy spouse and holy queen, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.

Mary, Queen of the Universe, in your Son's Kingdom, the faithful struggle to be faithful and to be fruitful. We are under your regal yet maternal care. May we please both our King and Father, and you, our Queen and Mother, since all parents are deserving of their children's honor.