

# August 4, 2019

## Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

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### Heavenly Credit Ratings

One of the great conveniences of modern living is quickly accessible, transportable wealth. No chests of precious jewels or heavy gold bars like our medieval ancestors toted from place to place, just plastic cards a few inches in size tucked comfortably in our pocket. Automated tellers and web access worldwide mean that wherever we travel we're "covered" for every contingency. Almost.

Today Jesus reminds us that money isn't a source of security in this world or the next. While we should be responsible stewards of the goods God provides, we can't rely on material goods as a future "insurance policy." God holds our future and our success in His hands. Only He knows how long we have to enjoy our blessings here on earth. So Jesus calls instead us to be rich in what matters to God, keeping an eye on our heavenly credit rating. Then one day when we face our Lord, He will account us good stewards of the most precious treasure He has given us, our soul.

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## Weekly Calendar

### **Monday, August 5**

*Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary*

*Major*

No Mass

### **Tuesday, August 6**

*Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*

7:00 am: Mass: Loretta Jansen

### **Wednesday, August 7**

*Memorial of of Saint Sixtus II, pope, and companions,  
martyrs of Saint Cajetan, priest*

8:00 am: Mass: Joseph & Bernie Boh

### **Thursday, August 8**

*Memorial of Saint Dominic, priest*

8:00 am: Albert Baker

### **Friday, August 9**

*Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,  
virgin and martyr*

8:00 am: William & Anna Matuszak

2:00 pm: Nursing Home

### **Saturday, August 10**

*Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*

4:00 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Felix & Roselyn Kotcon

### **Sunday, August 11**

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: James & Mary Gadbois

10:30 am: Mass: St. Mary Parish Family

## General Parish Information

**Father Varkey Emergency Cell Phone: 715-937-3664**

**New Parishioners:** You are most welcome to join the family of St. Mary's. Please contact the parish office (715) 743-3840

**Prayer Chain:** Jean Kuhn (715) 937-1161

**Meal Ministry:** Mary Sladich (715) 743-4466

**Bereavement Ministry:** Annie Augustine (715) 937-1432

**Visitation Ministry:** Anne Durst (715) 743-3352 or  
Annie Augustine (715) 937-1432

**Elizabeth Ministry:** Renee Schoen (715) 743-4059

**Marriage:** Contact with the parish is required six months to a year before marriage. Preparation begins with the first contact.

**Baptisms:** Baptisms are celebrated during the 10:30 am Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. Baptisms following Mass can also be scheduled. Preparation classes are required.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Gretchen Fitzmaurice (715) 486-6674.

## Weekly Collection

### **July 28, 2019**

Tithe	\$3,665.75
Offertory	521.50
Student	9.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,196.65</b>

### **Weekly Budget**

**\$4,479.79**

Pave the Way

\$255.00

## Liturgical Ministries

### Saturday-Sunday, August 10-11

<u>Lectors</u>	(A)	(B)
Sat. 5:00 pm	Jeanne Strey	Volunteer
Sun. 8:00 am	Larry Hooser	Wayne Thomas
Sun. 10:30 am	Gary Veltus	Mary Hartung

### Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm	Jeanne Strey/Volunteer/Volunteer
Sun. 8:00 am	Wayne Thomas/Volunteer/Volunteer
Sun 10:30 am	Gary Veltus

### Cantors

Sat: 5:00 pm	Rose Marie LaBarbera/Jeff McNeely
Sun. 8:00 am	Rita Kuchenbecker/Renee Schoen
Sun. 10:30am	Lorraine Spencer/JoAnn Blum

### Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun 8:00 am	Dolorosa Thomas	Faustina Thomas
Sun 10:30 am	Volunteer	Volunteer

### Ushers for August

Sat 5:00 pm	Bill Krzyzanowski / Larry Kyle / Donald Kotcon / Volunteer
Sun. 8:00 am	David Bohac/Kent Luedtke/Rodney Schoen/Volunteer
Sun. 10:30am	Ken Wirkuty/Volunteer/Volunteer /Volunteer

### Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lance Thomas
Sun 8:00 am	John Matuszak
Sun 10:30 am	Phyllis Carney

### Greeter Schedule – August

5:00 pm:	Tony Langreck
8:00 am:	Tom & Kelly Silbernagel
10:30 am:	Karen Gilbert & Mary Hartung

## Parish Announcements

### Seminarian Corner



One of the questions seminarians are most often asked is “What made you enter the seminary?” The seminarian’s answer is his “Vocation Story,” and every seminarian is usually able to give one version or another of their vocation story at the drop of hat. For me, the earliest I’d say the priesthood entered my thoughts was in the summer of 2008 between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. I was at a youth rally in Rothschild, and the Vocation Director of the diocese at the time, Msgr. Joseph Hirsch, was giving his homily. I wasn’t really paying attention, until he pointed directly at me, out of a crowd of maybe a thousand people, and said “Maybe you’ll be a priest one day!” I, being a typical 10-year-old, forgot all about the incident. Fortunately for me, my mother did not, and I as soon as I was old enough, she began to take me on weekend long retreats in La Crosse, led by Msgr. Hirsch. I enjoyed these retreats so much I came back year after year. Looking back, the coolest thing about these retreats was when the seminarians helping to run them, would lead the boys in the Liturgy of the Hours, the prayers of the church said by priests and religious all around the world. These retreats eventually turned into seminary visits, and seminary for me became not just a possibility, but an eventuality. From the desk of John Duranso, our visiting Seminarian.



**Enrollment for CCD** – Re-enrollment Forms will be mailed home soon. Families registering their child for the first time in Kindergarten or First Grade should call the office. Thank you!

## *Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary*



Of the things that other Christian Communities misunderstand about the Catholic Faith, the teachings about Mary are among the first mentioned. We are approaching a great Marian Feast Day, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day on which the Church asks us to celebrate it by attending Holy Mass. Two important points to remember: Mary was assumed by the power of God, not her own power and we are not sure whether Mary had experienced death or not when she was assumed body and soul into Heaven. Many people might accuse Catholics of treating Mary as a god or goddess, but in truth, we do not. Mary holds a special place of honor, but she doesn’t do anything of her own power, only through the power of God Almighty and Jesus. While Jesus ascended to Heaven of His own ability and power, Mary did not. She went to Heaven only through the power of God. This was a special grace afforded to her by God.

There is no agreement as to whether the Blessed Mother first experienced death and was then assumed into Heaven or if she went straight to Heaven without experiencing death. Either way, she was so close to God and because of her sinless existence; death would have held no fear or punishment for Mary. For Our Blessed Mother, death would have simply been a transition from living on earth to living in Heaven with God.

Is the Assumption of Mary a unique phenomenon? Well, we know there is Biblical precedence for assumption as Elijah was taken away in a chariot of fire. Couldn’t Mary just be buried somewhere? We also know of the long tradition in the Church of preserving relics as well as saints’ bodies and yet, we have no relics of Mary’s body, only two empty tombs in the two cities in which she lived: Jerusalem and Ephesus. These things can help us understand and believe in the Assumption of Mary.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church CCC #966 "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." *Please join us at Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation in honor of our Blessed Mother.*

**Wednesday, August 14 - 6 pm**  
**Thursday, August 15 - 7 am**

## Knights News

### *4 Person K of C Charity - 9 Hole Scramble*

**Sunday, August 18 @ 3:00 PM**



### **Hole in One Contest**

**Prize: \$10,000.00**

**Cost \$ 40.00 per person (cart not included)**

*Men and Women invited*

**Included are prizes and a Steak dinner**  
Additional Steak Dinner tickets available  
at \$15 each!!!

*Portion of Proceeds Go To Our Local Seminarians and Sisters*

Contact Larry Hoeser (715-937-5831) to sign-up.

**Please sign up by August 12, 2019**

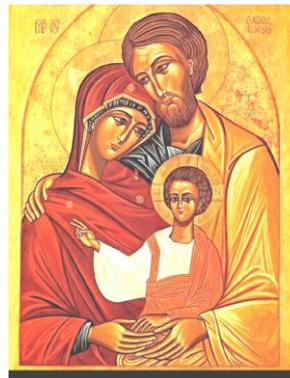
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### **Uganda Pilgrimage 2020**

The dates for 2020 pilgrimage will be June 8th thru June 23rd, 2020 (approximately). During our visit the group will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Our Lady of Guadalupe School. Prior to the pilgrimage we will be raising funds to build a dining hall for the campus. If you would like to join the group a \$500 nonrefundable down payment payable to St. Mary Parish, is required to hold your spot. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$3,000. Please contact Martha Opelt at 715-937-0576 or via email [opeltem@yahoo.com](mailto:opeltem@yahoo.com) with any questions or to sign up.

**Please “Save the Date” for the Annual Thorp Deanery Convocation-“Sharing the Light of Faith”** will be held **September 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm-9pm** at **St. Anthony’s Loyal**. Please join the parishes of the Deanery for an evening of discussion and planning in order to improve our Deanery from every Parish. A new format this year will include interactive sessions on these topics: How to take the next steps in the fight against pornography (after Safe Haven Sunday), Why Christians Sing when they Pray (and how to do it better), The importance of Cultural Tolerance, Aging Gracefully. Watch for registration materials coming soon. **All are welcome and there is no cost for this event.**



**Evangelization Retreat for Sacramentally Married Couples – Domestic Church Retreat – Sept. 12-15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 & March 26-29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** Together the spouses learn the importance of living a joyful, certain and vibrant faith. The retreat will be held at St. Anthony Spirituality Center, in Marathon, WI. Find out

more at [www.domesticchurchfamilies.com](http://www.domesticchurchfamilies.com). Register at: [diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment](http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment).

### Area Events

#### **Annual Roast Beef Dinner Wednesday August 14, 2019**

Immaculate Conception Parish  
Alma Center, WI

Dinner Served 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Adults \$12/Children 6-12 \$6

Children 5 and under FREE

Co-Sponsored by Catholic Families – Local Branch

**Thank you** to Dr. Amy Schneider & Vincente Cortez & family, Clint & Caitlin Hannasch & family, Rick & Donna Kuhn & family, Allen & Lori Nauertz & family and Ruth Pennington & Gabriel Pennington for sharing their time and talents with St. Mary’s by cleaning off grave stones at the cemetery and landscaping in the Prayer Garden this past Saturday. May they be richly rewarded for their generosity.

**SECOND CHANCES THRIFT STORE**

(241 N. MAIN, LOYAL)

**\$5 Bag Sale**

**Tuesday Aug. 6 thru Sat. Aug 10**

**Just in time for Back-to-School Savings!**

**Fill a bag with clothing for just \$5**

**Summer Store Hours**

Tuesday thru Friday 12:30 – 5:30

Saturday 9-Noon

**Help us Support the Programs  
of the House of Mercy**

**Thank you to all who have visited our store. We  
appreciate your support.**

**Check out our Facebook page (Second Chance, Loyal)  
for weekly sales.**

Please pray to root out wickedness and evil from the Catholic Church.

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*