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Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

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Aug. 15, 2021 Assumption of Virgin Mary

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps. 45:10)

TODAY'S READING

First Reading:--A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Rev 12:1)

Psalm:

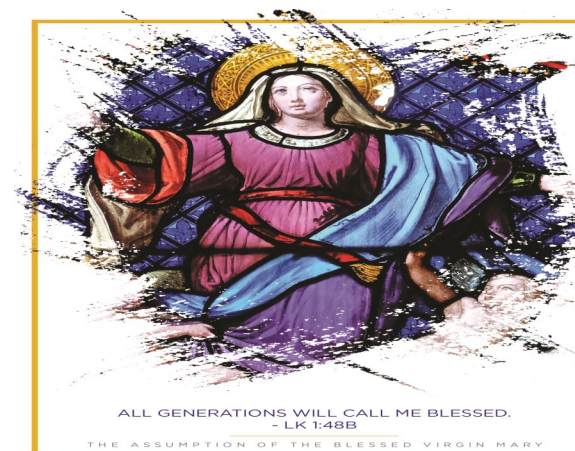
The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)

Second Reading:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:20)

Gospel:

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name." (Luke 1: 48)



The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectonary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the

He has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Happy Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary! This is one of the most important feasts of our Lady as it is a dogma of our Faith. We believe that when her earthly life was finished, Mary was taken up, body and soul, into Heavenly glory, where the Lord exalted her as Queen of Heaven. This feast is a commemoration of the official recognition of centuries old belief of Christians.

The Gospel today presents the *Magnificat*, the song of Mary. In it she sings praises of God for the “great things” He has done, especially His Mercy upon the lowliness of His servant. As God lifted up the “lowly servant” Mary, He lifts up all the lowly, not only because of their faithfulness, but also because He is faithful to the promise of Divine Mercy. Thus, today we celebrate the victory of God’s Mercy.

Mary’s Assumption is an assurance and hope of our own resurrection. It reminds us that we too must be pure and holy in body and soul, since our bodies will be glorified on the day of our resurrection. Therefore, let us offer ourselves on the altar and pray for her special care and loving protection in helping us lead a purer and holier life.

😊 Always
😊 Keep
😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!
Father Sinoj, HGN

August Birthdays

21--Kyler Carmona
24--Celena Hagan
30--Hank Pardon



Mary did not feel ashamed. She proclaimed Jesus her son. At Calvary we see her standing upright--the mother of God, standing next to the cross. What a deep faith she must have had because of her love for her son! To see him dishonored, unloved, and object of hatred. Yet she stayed upright.
-- St. Teresa of Calcutta

One balmy evening in the South Pacific, a navy ship spied smoke coming from one of three huts on an uncharted island. Upon arriving at the shore, the crew was met by a shipwreck survivor. He said, “I’m so glad you’re here. I’ve been alone on this island for more than five years.” The captain replied, “If you’re all alone, why do I see three huts?” The survivor answered, “Well I live in one and go to church in the other.” “What about the third hut?” Asked the captain. “That’s where I used to go to church.”

Mass Intentions

.August 1--Herbert Millay
August 8--Lucian Moorman
August 15--Mary Ann Calhoun
August 22--Grace Medley Ebelhar
August 29--Herbert Millay

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Connie Clary, Stephen Hall, Doris Smith, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul , Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, Gary Moorman, Rachel Mattingly, Camilla Greer, Phillip Moorman, Jr. If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage Place. Georgia Holland lives in St.. Louis but stays active in BSC happenings. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

IMP—Kroger

If you do not have a community reward partner at Kroger, please designate Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Sacrament’s # is WX799 Thank you. It does not affect your fuel point or any other rewards. Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](https://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to register. Thanks to each of you for your support.

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

August 15--Feast of the Assumption
August 22--Parish meeting--Picnic results

Thanks to each of you who have donated/pledged to the Disciples Response Fund. A list of donors is in the latest Western KY Catholic. Blessed Sacrament is well represented.



August 8--\$912

Weekly Budget--\$962

MTD collections--\$1,864

MTD budget--\$1,924

YTD collection--\$6,548

YTD budget--\$5772

Candles--\$2

May each of us give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.



Message from Payton Sanford



At the end of July I went on a medical brigade to Guatemala through Global Brigades at Western Kentucky University. My experience in Guatemala was unforgettable. I learned so much about the need for health care in third world countries. I feel very humbled and thankful for the country we live in. My experience would have not been the same without Blessed Sacrament's support and donations. I appreciate everyone who donated supplies to me. A toothbrush or shampoo may not seem like much to us but to them it meant the world. I will take the lessons I learned with me throughout my health care career. Please continue to pray for the people of Guatemala.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43--44 /Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-14, Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-7, /Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-10/ Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6-10 /Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1-5 /Mt 23:1-12

Observances-- Week of August 15, 2021

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Thursday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Friday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Pius X, Pope

ASSUMPTION



Our Own Cheerleader

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures.

Thank You!!

Thank you to each and everyone of you who supported our picnic in whatever way you could. It takes planning and hard work and you met the challenge. Our bar-b-q is always held up as one of the best, if not the best. Your hospitality is always tops even when we can't welcome people into our hall. May you be blessed with whatever you need in your life right now.

Lector

August 15: Aubrey Ottofy
Jacques Williams

August 22: Layson Brooks
Kathi Skidd

August 29: Greg Gough
Sarah Malone

Eucharistic Minister

August 15: Barbara Bisel

August 22: Misty Sanford

August 29: Rita Moorman

50-50 RAFFLE

Thanks to everyone who bought/sold tickets for the 50-50 raffle. We sold \$5645. The winner was Khi'Zuria (Robert Johnson's great grandchild).



As our parish has grown, we are in need of another religious ed teacher. Think about it and pray about it. We usually met every other Sunday after Mass. Materials and help is provided. This is a way to share your love of God and your faith.

Proclaim the Greatness of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Assumption of Mary—the moment she was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. This day reveals much about our Holy Mother. Next to her Divine Son, Mary truly is the model steward for us as we journey through this life. Our Gospel recounts the story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth who was soon to deliver John the Baptist. Mary truly is a dwelling place for Christ. Even baby John the Baptist noticed as he leaped in his mother's womb upon Mary's greeting! We too are called to be a dwelling place for the Lord. Yet for Christ to dwell in us, we must prepare our hearts for Him. Mary was prepared for Christ to reside in her, and her Magnificat expresses how we can imitate her and prepare a place for Christ in ourselves: *"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..."*

How can we proclaim the 'greatness of the Lord?' It is simply by how we choose to live our lives. Each day is an opportunity to grow as a disciple of Christ. We can choose to rise each day in prayer, respond to those around us in kindness, serve in our vocations and occupations from a place of love and selflessness, and use our gifts and talents for the glory of God.

— *Excerpted from Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

All forms of stewardship begin with prayer! This week, pray the Magnificat. Meditate on Mary's words of faith; reflect on your blessings, consider the ways in which you might imitate Mary's trust in the Lord.

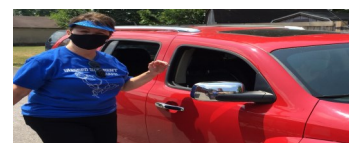
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What are we celebrating on the feast of the Assumption of Mary?

The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will.

The church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven.

What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather, we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God.



Escape to the Mount Trivia and Quilt Bingo Sept. 11-12 "Escape to the Mount" returns for a full weekend of fun-filled activities! On Saturday, Sept. 11, we will play Trivia from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. This year, Trivia will be held at Blessed Mother Parish Hall, 601 E. 23rd St., Owensboro. Get your team together (perhaps your parish, clubs, or other groups) and join us for a fun evening. Register for \$25 per person, up to 10 people per team. Snacks and adult beverages will be served. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. On Sunday, Sept. 12, we will play Quilt Bingo (where you can win quilts!) from 1-4 p.m. in the Mount Saint Joseph Gym, Maple Mount (12 miles west on Hwy. 56). Tickets for Quilt Bingo are \$25 per person, which includes lunch and your first bingo game card. Extra cards are \$1 per game for smaller quilt prizes and \$2 per game for larger quilt prizes. Seating is limited, so register for Trivia and/or Quilt Bingo and pay in advance by Sept. 8. You can sign up online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/escape-to-the-mount-weekend/> Also, Mount Raffle tickets can be purchased for just \$5 for your chance to win \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, \$750, \$500 and \$250, or a handmade quilt! We will do the raffle drawing on Sun., Sept. 12,