



The Dome

ASCENSION CHURCH OF OAK PARK

*A Stewardship Parish, Sharing Our God-Given Gifts in Service
August 14, 2011, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Why Pray?

Take time this week to reflect and pray over today's Reading's: Isaiah 56:1,6-7; Psalm 67; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

The "foreigners" as Isaiah calls them, the "Gentiles" as Paul calls them, or the "Canaanites" as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today's readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely "knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend," but also to "break, blow, burn, and make me new" (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today's Gospel, the results will follow.

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To help prepare for the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16: 13-30

MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED



A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

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Welcome to Ascension Church

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Our church is open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. Parish Registration forms are at all church entrances or you can also download a form at www.ascensionchurch.com (Administration/Forms/Join the Parish).

We are so glad you're here and hope you will come back again for Mass or become a parishioner.

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Infant & Toddler Care is available
during the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses in the
Cry Room of the Church.

From the Pastor

DEAR FAMILY OF ASCENSION,

Summer Greetings! Tomorrow, August 15, is the feast of the Assumption of Mary. As I said last week, the obligation has been removed by the United States Bishops because it is a Monday. I hope that those who are able will come to Mass at 8:15 a.m. anyway. The great Marian Feast of the Assumption means that Mary was taken up into heaven in fullness of mind, spirit and body. That sacred privilege shows Mary's all-important role in God's plan for our salvation and redemption. Mary is our model of discipleship on earth because she was the "Perfect Disciple." This feast reminds us that Mary is our hope that one day we too will enter heaven to live in eternal peace. A theologian has written: *Mary's Assumption is a reminder to us that every traveler in this world must take leave of the earth, bound for journey's end.* As we pray the Opening Prayer for this Marian Feast: *We pray, that, always attentive to the things above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory.* I hope you can join us on Monday for the Mass of the Assumption at 8:15 a.m.

As you will hear today, Tom Brooker has the good news about our parish finances. I would like to say thank you to Tom Brooker and Jim Schumacker for their leadership and for their generosity in giving of their time in this parish ministry. I thank all the members of our parish Finance Committee for their wisdom and advice, especially in facing these recent challenges. I thank Mary Pat Landa for her competent, hard and conscientious work in the bookkeeping of our finances and for her willingness to grow into this position. I thank our Staff for keeping to their prescribed budgets. I also want to thank you, our Family of Ascension, for coming forward and helping us in our financially challenged times. I thank our many parishioners whose special, one-time financial gift helped us through this crunch. I thank our parishioners who increased their Offertory monetary gift. I thank the many who consistently participate in the Offertory collection. To ALL of you, I thank you for your generosity. I thank our parishioners who so generously give of their time and talent, which saves us money; because of their efforts, we do not need to call in outside vendors. TO ALL, I THANK YOU!!!

I thank Carol Ford, Mary Stapleton and all the volunteers in and outside our parish for last Saturday's PADS Summer Lunch. As I walked around our Parish campus, I received so many "thank yous" from our PADS guests for not only this past Saturday but previous Saturdays as well. They so appreciate our hospitality during this hot and humid summer of 2011. So thanks to ALL our organizers, helpers and to all who donate items, whether it be food, beverages,

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toiletries, or socks and underwear for our guests. God bless you all!!!

Our last PADS Summer Lunch is this Saturday, August 20, in our Pine Room. If you are able to help, I would ask you to please call Carol Ford at 848-3971. Also remember the toiletry basket as well as the personal items box can be found in the East Ave. vestibule of our church as a way to help our guests in their everyday needs. Thank you so very much for your continued kindnesses.

I thank Bill Skalitzky and ALL of our Parish Volunteers for the completion of the Holy Angels School Painting Project. Thank you for your time, generosity in materials and equipment, and efforts especially in light of our summer weather. Thanks, everybody!

I thank Vicky Tufano and members of the Adult Formation Committee for another successful Back Yard Theology Series. I thank our three "JB" presenters and all who attended this 2011 series, which I heard was so enlightening.

I am sad to say that our weekend assistant Father Jerry Bleem is going to be re-assigned by the Franciscan Order to another ministerial position. Unfortunately for us, this new ministry means that Fr. Bleem will be moving to the Joliet Diocese. While retaining his duty as Professor, he will also work with the young postulantes who are discerning a vocation to the Franciscan religious life. Fr. Bleem's last day with us will be Sunday, August 28, at the 11 a.m. Mass. We will have a farewell reception for him after Mass.

As we draw near to school's opening, we also draw near to new seasons of Religious Education as well as parish choirs. I hope that you would prayerfully consider one or both of these parish ministries. More information can be found on pages 4 and 5 respectively, along with contact information.

Over a cup of coffee, I did meet with Joe Wemhoff last Thursday concerning our differing viewpoints in the *Wednesday Journal*. I thought our discussion was a good one, not just because he paid the bill, but

because we both came to the table with open minds. We did agree on two things: The priest shortage is real, and we are both concerned about the sacramental life of our Church. As you well know, Masses aren't celebrated as regularly and consistently as in years gone by. Folks die without the Sacrament of the Sick because priests are not always available when the need arises. We call ourselves a sacramental church but in reality now, can we live up to that title? Joe called the shortage "contrived"; what he meant by that was "liberal" priests like me don't promote vocations so that the Church will be forced to ordain women and married men. My response was that guys like me are modeling and witnessing a happy priesthood in School and Religious Education classrooms as well as on the parish campus for students to see. As you well know, I am quite happy being a priest and there is nothing I'd rather do in my life. Joe called the shortage "artificial" because there are smaller families now, so the potential pool of male priests is limited. Please read into that all that you want. Our discussion was about 40 minutes. We don't agree on things, but it was good for us to have a good and open discussion and shake hands when it was over.

Elsewhere in our DOME is last week's Offertory collection summary. As in the paragraph above-
THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH!

I pray for you every day.

Now that the Lollapalooza is over, it was uncovered that its promoters didn't have to pay amusement taxes which are normally imposed. Folks are questioning why, in light of the budget crisis when workers are being laid off and city services curtailed. Rumor has it that former Mayor Daley's nephew, Mark Vanecko, is a lobbyist for the promoters. New Mayor Emmanuel better look into this and in the spirit of the Lollapalooza, "sing like a canary" with his findings and corrections.

Have a good week and THANK YOU! God's Blessings!

Father Larry

Brick Banners 2011

New families and old are invited to design a brick for the parish banner.

Originally started in 1979 for the 50th anniversary of the present church building, the banners have grown from one to four. Each family and organization was asked to contribute a brick.

The green ones display the names of the parish organizations and committees and echo the Celtic cross that is part of the school facade. The brown/red shades are for families. The material and instructions are at the foot of the St. Joseph altar. The green material is at the Parish Center for any new organizations. Please follow the instructions. There is a Directroy next to the material box with all the names of families who have made a brick. All those names are represented on a banner. Completed bricks should be returned to the Parish Center by October 15th.

Any questions, please call Peg Zak, 708-485-1970.

P.O.L.O. (Parents of Little Ones)

Please join us with your little ones, preschool age and younger, at Randolph Tot Lot (corner of Randolph and Grove) on Wednesday, August 17, from 8 to 10 a.m. In case of rain, we will email an alternate location prior to the day's event.

Also, join us for a ladies night out to enjoy drinks, appetizers and great conversation on Thursday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Maya Del Sol. Please RSVP to Juliette Dols at juliettedols@gmail.com by Tuesday, August 23, so that we may make a reservation.

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to be added to our email list, please call or email Juliette Dols at 773-220-7939 or juliettedols@gmail.com.

Catechists Needed

The Religious Education program at Ascension continues to grow. As children enter our program, we are always in need of generous people who are willing to volunteer their time as catechists. We are especially looking for a third, sixth and seventh grade teacher on Sunday morning and a fifth grade teacher on Tuesday with other possible openings depending on returning catechists.

It is the privilege and responsibility of the parish to provide religious education for its children. Please join us in living out this commitment at Ascension.

Please call the Religious Education office at 708-848-3099 if you are interested or need more information.

Men's Spiritual Formation Group Meeting

Men of the parish are invited to join us in the Pine Room this Saturday, August 20, at 7:30 a.m. We get together to support each other and share our experiences in living a Christian life. We talk, laugh, pray, sing, read Scripture, reflect. Our goal is to create an atmosphere of fellowship and community in which we can discuss the issues involved in developing a spiritual life for men in our contemporary world. Newcomers are always welcome.

Gentlemen, also mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 17, at 7:30 a.m. when Deacon Joe Walsh will lead us in a discussion on the topic of "Spirituality and Service."**

Trivia Night, October 7

Mark your calendar for Friday, October 7, the date for Ascension's long-awaited, first-time-ever Trivia Night. If you'd like to help plan the event, please join us for a brief meeting on Monday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Religious Education Office. Can't make the meeting but want to help? Please call Marybeth Granholm at 708-434-1541.

Music Ministry News Sing a New Song to the Lord!

Consider sharing your musical gifts with the music ministry of our parish! All adult choirs are open to singers, high school age and older. We have two adult choirs and one children's choir in the parish. All new potential adult members are asked to contact David Anderson at the Music office, 434-1535, or email him at danderson@ascensionchurch.com.

The **Schola** rehearses 2-3 Tuesdays each month and sings at the 9 a.m. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 13, from 7:30-9 p.m.

The **11 a.m. Choir** rehearses every Wednesday evening and sings at the 11 a.m. Mass on all but the first Sunday of each month. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 7, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. *The 11 a.m. Choir is always in need of extra tenors and basses.*

The **Choristers** for young people in **grades 3-8** begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 14, from 3:15-4 p.m. in church. A snack is served at 3:05 p.m.! Contact Mr. Anderson if you have any questions. Permission slips will be available through both the School and Religious Ed programs. Choristers generally sing on the first Sunday of each month (October through May) at the 11 a.m. Mass. Starting this year, the Choristers will also sing at the monthly Children's Focus Mass at 9 a.m. on the third Sunday of each month, October through March. **There will be no separate Cherub Choir this year.**

Teen/Young Adult Ensemble gathers on the first Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. (October-through June) to prepare music for the monthly Teen Focus Mass at 5 p.m. Singers of all ages are welcome. Please join us and support our young people!

The **String Ensemble** plays for the 5 p.m. Mass on the 4th Saturday of each month. Rehearsal is before the Mass. Membership is open to all high school *string* players. Adult string players are welcome to join this group as well. For more information, contact Becky Coffman at 434-1561.

Other Instrumentalists of the parish are also welcome to offer their talents at various parish Masses. We currently have several parishioners who play once a month at different weekend Masses. If you are fairly proficient at a particular musical instrument and would like to offer your talents, then give David Anderson a call or send an email as noted above. Music is provided!



Religious Education Registration

All families who were registered in the Ascension Religious Education program last year, or new families who requested registration forms, should have received a registration packet in the mail. Please return the registration form as soon as possible. Mail or drop off the completed forms to the Parish Center.

You may also register in person after all Masses during Registration Weekend, August 27 and 28. All families are encouraged to send in their registration by Thursday, September 1, to avoid a \$25 late fee.

Please note: the deadline for current Catechesis of the Good Shepherd students is Monday, August 22. On Tuesday, August 23, any openings in these sessions will be made available to accommodate new students.

If you have any questions, or would like to request a registration packet, please call the Religious Education Office at 708-848-3099.

**Ascension Parish
2011 Financial Report**

INCOME	FY 2011	FY 2010	Change
Sunday & Misc. Church Collections	\$971,131	\$978,221	\$ (7,090)
Christmas	136,371	115,000	21,371
Easter	<u>70,272</u>	<u>71,122</u>	<u>(850)</u>
TOTAL CHURCH COLLECTIONS	\$1,177,774	\$1,164,343	\$13,431
Tuition, Fees & Misc School Income	1,786,753	1,689,116	97,637
Tuition, Fees & Misc Religious Ed Income	92,567	80,686	11,881
Fees & Misc Youth Group Income	18,675	18,289	386
Misc Church Income	<u>2,693</u>	<u>25,818</u>	<u>(23,125)</u>
TOTAL, TUITION, FEES & MISC INCOME	1,900,688	1,813,909	86,779
Auction	72,541	52,651	19,890
Teach the Children	70,872	61,093	9,779
Fundraising Obligation	32,499	33,299	(800)
Shopping Certificates	35,383	28,124	7,259
Youth Group Fundraising	27,579	33,672	(6,093)
Run-A-Thon	27,089	25,971	1,118
Market Day	6,106	3,700	2,406
Alumni Annual Appeal	5,914	5,496	418
Other Fundraising	<u>8,800</u>	<u>10,227</u>	<u>(1,427)</u>
Total Fundraising	286,783	254,233	32,550
Total Designated Gift & Misc Income	38,076	31,650	6,426
Total Sacrament Fees & Mass Stipends	42,199	38,399	3,800
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$3,445,520	\$3,302,534	\$142,986

Capital Fundraising	FY 2011	FY 2010	Change
Capital Campaigns & Designated Gifts	\$200,753	\$526,849	(\$326,096)
2011 Year End Bank/Fund Balance			
Operating Account Balance	201,199		
Alumni/Development Account Balance	127,153		
Bishop McManus Scholarship Fund Balance	20,522		
Capital Account Balance	<u>651,737</u>		
Total Bank/Fund Balances	\$1,000,611		
2011 Year End Loan Balance to Archdiocese	\$176,184		

Ascension Parish 2011 Financial Report

EXPENSE	FY 2011	FY 2010	Change
School: Pre K, K-8 & Extended Day			
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,950,100	\$1,850,030	\$100,070
Books & Testing	45,232	37,201	8,031
Administrative	73,634	61,167	12,467
Utilities	80,563	78,652	1,911
Maintenance & Repairs	82,084	81,290	794
Archdiocese Assessment	11,063	11,017	46
Property/Casualty Insurance	61,452	65,340	(3,888)
PR, Hospitality & Misc	13,336	17,812	(4,476)
TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSE	\$2,317,464	\$2,202,509	\$114,955
Church: Liturgy, Music, Religious Ed & Youth Group			
Salaries & Benefits	606,145	697,419	(91,274)
Books & Liturgy Supplies	40,058	44,347	(4,289)
Administrative	21,038	55,068	(34,030)
Utilities	62,630	49,158	13,472
Maintenance & Repairs	47,778	50,739	(2,961)
Archdiocese Assessment	167,100	167,215	(115)
Property/Casualty Insurance	28,758	33,102	(4,344)
PR, Hospitality & Misc	46,580	44,951	1,629
Youth Group Service Projects & Events	76,257	54,495	21,762
Total Church Expense	1,096,344	1,196,494	(100,150)
Total Operating Expense	\$3,413,808	\$3,399,003	\$14,805
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$31,712	(\$96,469)	\$128,181

Capital Expense	FY 2011	FY 2010	Change
Church Interior	0	15,297	(15,297)
Parish Center	25,200	117,139	(91,939)
School Cornice	0	39,120	(39,120)
Parsonage	0	9,335	(9,335)
Church Exterior	800	4,372	(3,572)
Church Men's Room	0	92,000	(92,000)
School Exterior	0	2,334	(2,334)
School General	14,615	0	14,615
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	\$40,615	\$279,597	(\$238,982)

Feast of Faith

THE SHAPE OF THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Our Eucharistic Prayers originated in the traditional Jewish meal prayers known as *berakah*, which were prayers of thanksgiving used at meals. Over the centuries, the Christian thanksgiving, or Eucharist, gradually took shape. While in the East the Eucharistic Prayers (called *anaphora*) took many forms, in the Roman Church there was for many centuries just one Eucharistic Prayer, called the Roman Canon (now known as Eucharistic Prayer I). Almost all Eucharistic Prayers include the same basic elements. They begin with thanksgiving and acclamation. Then there is an *epiclesis*, as the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts. Then follows the institution narrative and consecration, as the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper are repeated. After the consecration, we remember in an explicit way all that Christ has done for us—this is the *anamnesis*, or remembering. The prayer concludes with the offering, the intercessions—prayers for the Church, our leaders, ourselves—and a final doxology of praise.

The reforms of the Second Vatican Council enriched our liturgy with additional Eucharistic Prayers, including both ancient texts (Eucharistic Prayer II is based on the most ancient of all existing Eucharistic Prayers) and new compositions.

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Readings for the Week

Monday	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Feast Days

Tuesday:	St. Stephen of Hungary
Friday:	St. John Eudes
Saturday:	St. Bernard

Increase your Understanding of the Eucharist and the Catholic Faith

A rare, full-day opportunity to hear popular speaker, acclaimed theologian and prolific author, Fr. Robert Barron, present his insights on two topics: the Eucharist, and the living culture of the Catholic Church on Saturday, October 1, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Drury Lane Theatre and Conference Center, Oakbrook Terrace.

For more information or to register please call 630-268-9000 or register online at www.mayslakeministries.org.

Ascension Gardeners, Share Your Harvest



If you wish to donate a portion of your garden surplus, volunteers from the Ascension Community Gardener group will be at the Parish Center parking lot/Community Garden every Tuesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. for the rest of the summer accepting donations for St. Martin's food pantry.

For more information, please call John Owens at 708-846-1827, Julie Patterson at 708-386-1945 or Ceal Bacom at 708-386-0577.

Congratulations, Scholarship Winners!

Congratulation to the college students receiving this year's \$1,000 *Kathy Adams Scholarship* grants:

Owen Brady
Alexandra Dossey
Rachel Fields
Sean Lyons
Nadia Yala

The Kathy Adams Scholarship Fund is proud to award these grants to Ascension Parish college students for our 16th year!

Mass Attendance

Mass Attendance983

Financial Update

Total Weekly Offering \$19,324.07
Weekly Need \$19,275.00



YTD Budget..... \$115,650.00
 YTD Offering \$101,776.42
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Ascension Parish is entirely funded by private donations. Thank you for your kind and generous support of all the ministries of our community.



CAPITAL DEBT \$172,566.86

Meetings and Events

<i>Today</i>	<i>August 14</i>		
RCIA	209 & 215		9:30 am
Extending the Word	Dining Room		10:00 am
<i>Monday</i>	<i>August 15</i>		
St. Vincent de Paul	Dining Room		7:30 pm
Trivia Meeting	REO		7:30 pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>August 16</i>		
TT Interviews	LL		7:00 pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>August 17</i>		
New Student Lunch	Pine Room		11:30 am
TT Interviews	LL		7:00 pm
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>August 18</i>		
TT Interviews	LL		7:00 pm
Stewardship Subgroup	DR		7:30 pm
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>August 20</i>		
Men's Spirituality	Pine Room		7:30 am
Work Ministry	Dining Room		7:30 am
PADS Lunch	Pine Room		11:00 am
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>August 21</i>		
RCIA	209 & 215		9:30 am
Extending the Word	Dining Room		10:00 am

Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."
 (Matthew 25:35)

"Over 33,000 farm workers, nearly all of them undocumented produce Florida's annual crop of 1 billion pounds of fresh market tomatoes-a wholesale value of \$610 million.

For every \$ we spend on a supermarket tomato, the field worker who picked it gets just 1 cent."

Southern Poverty Law Center
 "Injustice on Our Plates"
 March, 2011

Office for Immigrant Affairs and
 Immigration Education
 3525 S. Lake Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60653
 Elena Segura (312) 534-5333
 esegura@archchiago.org

*Bereavement Support Group
 meets this Monday at 7 p.m.
 at
 Rush OP Hospital, Room B.*

*Let us help you in your grief;
 please join us!*

*Please remember that our
 Food and Cleaning Supply
 collection is
 next weekend for
 St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry.*

A GOOD PRAYER

A good prayer, though often used, is still fresh and fair in the eyes and ears of heaven.

—Thomas Fuller

Banns of Marriage

I Zach Carr & Rachel Rusinak

Pray for the Sick

Marty Biau, Sarah Bowman, Michael Brady, Kay Bracco, Lorraine Brzozowski, Josephina Carmona, Joe Cassidy, Mary Colombo, Danny Doyle, Jennifer Fischer, Simon Gutierrez, Meri Hale, William Hall, Bruce Hanessian, Patricia Hanley, Sam Harnisch, Ester Hitchner, Heather Kadlac, Pat Koberstine, Thomas P. Kragie, Scott Krusinski, Anne Marie Kuhny, Fay Kutz, Kathleen O'Bryan Kurrle, Annina Lementavich, Gerry & Mary Logan, Jan Lorenzen, Rosita Malmis, Mary Massura, Mary Ruth McGrath, Dellwyn & Nora Meewes, Ken Morten, Frank Murphy, Emilia Ortiz, Estelle Pargulski, Regan Pierce, Philip Rice, Joseph Rigali, Jeanne Riordon, Anne Sandow, Caleb Savino, Fr. Larry Schmuhl, Tom Slott, Steven Sobie, Annette Spillane, Elizabeth Stohl, Mary Strenski, Mikayla Sweeney, Sr. Joan Thomas, Mary Thomas, Jesse & Sonia Vasquez, and David Wojcik.

May our prayers bring them healing and peace.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Carol Kevil Mulvihill, Edward's wife
and for their family and friends.

This Week August 13/14

5:00 pm	Fr. Jerry Bleem	Fr. Larry McNally
7:30 am	Fr. Jerry Bleem	Fr. Larry McNally
9:00 am	Fr. Larry McNally	Fr. Jerry Bleem
11:00 am	Fr. Larry McNally	Fr. Ray Guiao
5:00 pm	No Mass	No Mass

Next Week August 20/21

Masses for the Week

SUNDAY – August 14

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 (Sat)	Charles & Grace Kevil / Vernon Noak / Mary Trenor
7:30	John Burns & Corinne Prindiville
9:00	Jerome Rogers / Mary Jo Cooke
11:00	Irene & Barney Wise / Hayes and Kragie Families

MONDAY - August 15

*The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
(not a Holy Day this year)*

7:45	Rosary (Monday—Friday)
8:15	Leo Navarro, Jr.

TUESDAY - August 16

St. Stephen of Hungary

8:15	Jean Sullivan
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WEDNESDAY - August 17

Weekday

8:15	James Bruner / Robert Reich
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THURSDAY - August 18

Weekday

8:15	Souls in Purgatory
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FRIDAY - August 19

St. John Eudes, priest

8:15	Margaret Flanagan
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SATURDAY - August 20

Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00	Teodoro & Tereso Rodriguez
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SUNDAY - August 21

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30	Kathy Wiedow / Edward Ucinski
9:00	Marty & George Grimes / Valerie Sewell
11:00	PFC Julie Shanahan & Angelica Shanahan / Josephine Wanderling

PARISH INFORMATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM.

Infant Baptism: Our parish celebration of infant Baptism takes place at 1 p.m., on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. A preparatory session for parents is held on the second Saturday of the month in the Parish Center at 9:30 a.m. First-time parents are required to attend. To register for a preparatory session, or to schedule a baptism, please call the parish office.

Adult Initiation: Adults interested in information about the Catholic faith or wanting to become Catholic, should contact Vicky Tufano, ext 233.

Weddings: Please make an appointment with Fr. Larry to pick up a wedding information packet at the Parish Office at least a year prior to selecting a date or reception hall.

Sick Calls: If there is anyone at home who cannot attend Mass or receive the sacraments because of illness or old age, please contact the Parish Office or one of the Ministers of Care Coordinators: Susie Cahill, 383-7238, Linda Dunne, 848-5574, or Cece Masella, 383-3785.

Registration: All newcomers are welcome to the Ascension family and are asked to pick up a census/registration envelope at the entrance of the Church or by downloading a form from the parish website. Parishioners who marry, have a baby, or move to a new address should also notify the Parish Office.

Audio Devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please see an usher or greeter before Mass.

Lost & Found Box is under the table in the church vestibule.

Parish Office: 708-848-2703

Bulletin deadline: Monday 5 p.m. Please deliver articles to Parish Office or email to ascensiondome@msn.com