

**August 5, 2012**

**Mass Intentions:**

**Sunday, August 12-**

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of the  
Joseph & Katherine Pesek Family

**Wednesday, August 15 (Holy Day of Obligation)**

7:00 p.m.- Gilbert Butschek

**Sunday, August 19-**

9:15 a.m.-Bernard Bujnoch & Margaret  
Bujnoch

**Sunday, August 26-**

9:15 a.m.-Anton Bujnoch

**Sunday, September 2-**

9:15 a.m.-Edwin & Selma Shimek

**Rosary Leaders:**

Aug. 12-Lucille Klekar

Aug. 19-Joyce Janak

Aug. 26-Dorothy Schneider

Sept. 2-Sandy Konvicka

**Lectors:**

Aug. 12-Anthony Matula

Aug. 19-Daniel Matula

Aug. 26-DedieDobbs

Sept. 2-Marie Hermes

**Cantors:**

Aug. 12-Richard Rouse

Aug. 19-Laurence Bludau

Aug. 26-Lucille Klekar

Sept. 2-Ruth Rouse

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Aug. 12-Pat Mladenka, Richard Sommerlatte &  
Vivian Mozisek

Aug. 19-Evelyn Konvicka, Janice Rother &  
Dedie Dobbs

Aug. 26-Leon & Nancy Etzler & Trina  
Sommerlatte

Sept. 2-Billy & Bev Hrnrcir & Pat Pesek

**Offertory Gift Bearers:**

Aug. 12-Francis & Lesly Bujnoch & Family

Aug. 19-Kenneth Bujnoch & Jolee

Aug. 26-Marvin & Susan Bujnoch

Sept. 2-Glen & Dedie Dobbs

**Ushers:**

Aug. 12-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar &  
Sidney Jasek

Aug. 19-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard  
Patek &  
Richard Sommerlatte

Aug. 26-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert  
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Sept. 2-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert  
Urbish & Charles Grafe

**Altar Servers:**

Aug. 12-Eric Klekar, Adam & Ryan Hermes &  
Josh Bludau

Aug. 19-Erin Svetlik, Emilie & Ryan Mudd &  
Luke Scherer

Aug. 26-Jacob Janak, Clay & Blake Rother &  
Kaitlyn Rother

Sept. 2-Samuel & Simon Machicek, Michael &  
Robbie Perdziak

**Church Cleaners:**

Aug. 11-Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother & Sue  
Cinadr

Aug. 18-Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen  
Technik & Ruth Rouse

Aug. 25-Katherine & Vic Kahanek & Sharon  
Janak

Sept. 1-Barbara Matula, Monica Matula &  
Susan Bujnoch

**Our Gift to God:**

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
July 1-\$230.00		\$639.00
July 8-\$273.10		\$420.00
July 15-\$226.00		\$561.00
July 22-\$318.00		\$485.00
July 29-\$344.00		\$589.00

Children's Collections: \$69.50

August 15 -  
Feast of the  
Assumption

of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**From the Desk of Father John**

The report for our parish picnic should be ready next weekend. It looks as if this was our very best picnic ever. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

We have drilled a new water well for the parish. The drillers didn't do something to specification, so they had to drill another one at their expense. It should all be operational shortly.

**Messages & Announcements**

**Meeting Notice**

The KJZT #53 of Wied will hold their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Wied Hall.

Thank You responses for St. Mary's Scholarships were received from Ross Rother, Kyndall Mixon & Mikayla Konvicka. Best of Luck with your future plans!

If you are interested in becoming an usher for St. Mary's Church, please contact Pat Mladenka @ 798-2128. We have a few individuals who are interested and would like to form another group or groups.

Forms for the upcoming Men's ACTS Retreat are available in the back of St. Mary's Church if interested.

**Memorials to the St. Mary's Altar Society**

In Memory of Jimmy Kolojaco

Melvin & Joyce Janak.....\$20.00

In Memory of Hubert C. Grahmann

Stanley & Betty Bujnoch.....\$10.00

Margaret Smolik.....\$15.00

In Memory of Lambert Pollok

James & Barbara Matula.....\$10.00

**Memorials to St. Mary's Memorial Fund**

In Memory of Hubert Grahmann

Cecilia Opela.....\$10.00

Robert & Louise Pesek.....\$20.00

**Promise of Marriage:** Ryan Tobola & Janna Janak on October 13, 2012.

**CCD News & Dates**

**WE NEED YOU!!!**

We are still in need of Catechists for the upcoming year. Please consider this worthwhile ministry. Contact Cindy Svetlik @ 798-4654 for more information.

**August 22-Catechist Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the rectory.**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>-CCD BEGINS!**

Registration forms will be mailed two weeks prior to the start. Please return completed forms on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Memorial to St. Mary's Cemetery Fund**

In Memory of Hubert Grahmann

Frank & Elrose Migl.....\$25.00

**Financial Report for July 2012**

**Income**

Sunday Collections.....	\$4,085.10
Children's Collections.....	69.50
Parish Hall Rentals.....	200.00
Memorials.....	800.00
Church Rentals.....	130.00
History Books.....	15.00
Total Income.....	\$5,299.60

**Expenses**

Hall Expenses.....	\$1,739.87
Church Expenses.....	863.90
Maintenance.....	225.00
Office Expenses.....	450.59
Health Insurance.....	211.00
Pension Plan.....	349.00
Administration.....	300.00
Utilities.....	2,080.49
Total Expenses.....	\$6,219.85

Beginning Balance.....	\$23,660.21
Parish Income.....	+ 5,299.60
Parish Expense.....	- 6,219.85
Balance.....	\$22,739.96



### ***Responding to God's Word.....***

In this time where messages of scarcity bombard our senses, depression can overcome us. Thirty-three percent of children in the U.S. are living in poverty. News of the seesaw Stock Market and the growing number of homeless families is discouraging. The question becomes: How can we move from the prevailing messages of scarcity to a lived reality of abundance? After all, we do believe in a God of abundance. "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

This is not a promise of an improved material life. As Jesus reveals in the Gospel, this view is shallow. We have all heard that people in impoverished countries seem to be happy. It is all in the way we see things. When the inner life is aglow with a conscious awareness of the Mystery dwelling within, joy and happiness become visible and real.

Belief in the Bread of Life is faith in a relationship. The Latin word for bread is panis. Companio means one who eats bread with another. In referring to himself as bread, Jesus helps us to see that he desires us to enter into the relationship of companion with him. Jesus walks with us on this spiritual journey and works the divine will in us. We are not alone, even when we experience material or physical loss. Instead we are abundantly rich, filled to the brim and overflowing. It takes a new set of eyes to see this during the hard times. Heaven is happening all around us if we but seek and see.

### ***Give us this day our daily bread.....***

We pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Help us to see the true meaning of the bread that is You! You nourish us with your indwelling presence. You satisfy our hungers with a deepening spirit. You fill the empty and lonely places within us with abundant and unconditional love. Open our eyes to relish and rejoice in your daily bread. Open our hands to share that bread with the lonely, the lost and the poor. May our breaking of the bread send us into a world of scarcity with an overflowing heart. In your name we pray. Amen.

### ***The Faith of the Church***

A great mystery of faith is that the Church draws its life from the Eucharist. When the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ we see a fulfillment of Jesus' promise to be with us always. We are filled with wonder and awe at the amazing change that takes place in the Eucharist: bread and wine—the work of human hands— becomes, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus, the Son of the living God. (See United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, pages 219-224)

### ***Bread of Life.....***

Jesus, you are the bread come down from heaven. Feed us, we pray. Draw us close to you and to the Father. Jesus, Bread of Life, strengthen us to live as your disciples. Jesus, Living Bread, grant us eternal life. Amen. Alleluia.

### ***Responding to God's Word.....***

Have you ever heard the phrase "you are what you eat"? This idea is based upon the premise that if you eat organic food and drink purified water your body will be healthier.

Whatever the facts of this statement concerning regular food and drink, it does reflect a Catholic belief about the Eucharist. If we eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we will become like Christ.

Practically, what might that mean? In his Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul suggests that we become more Christ-like when we put away our anger; stop being bitter, jealous, or envious of others; put the needs of others ahead of our own wants and desires; praise others and treat them with love and respect; and when we don't take offense at others' failings but, instead, freely offer forgiveness.

Reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist. How is it food for your life's journey? In what ways do you allow this bread from Heaven to change who you are and how you act? What prevents you from "absorbing Christ" from this spiritual food?

(From *The Faith Connection*)

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

August 2012

**Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches**

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### Get involved

Catholics have a long history of action – feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the poor. Are you doing all you can to help? If not, find out if there is a parish ministry that could use your time, talent, or treasure. Catholics like you are meant to make a difference.

### Run, don't walk

If you think you don't sin and don't need the Sacrament of Reconciliation, run – don't walk – to the nearest confessional. *"If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves"* (1 John 1:8). Unconfessed sin, especially when it goes unnoticed, forms a barrier between us and God. Penance, absolution, and life amendment helps to break it down.

### A Novena

Do you have a particular concern or an upcoming challenge? A novena – a prayer offered over nine consecutive days in preparation for a feast day or a special need – is a great way to ask for God's particular help.



## Four ways to avoid discouragement

"With the economy still poor, I worry whether I'll have a job next year," said Francine. Marty said, "Politicians just point fingers at each other and nothing changes." "Criminals are getting younger and crimes are more violent," said Cooper. There is enough bad news in the world to make it seem like evil is winning. Yet there are powerful steps each of us can take to not only hold onto hope but spread peace to others.

**Attend Mass more often.** In fact, try to make Mass several times a week. Pray for peace. And the graces you receive will fortify you for the extra challenges you

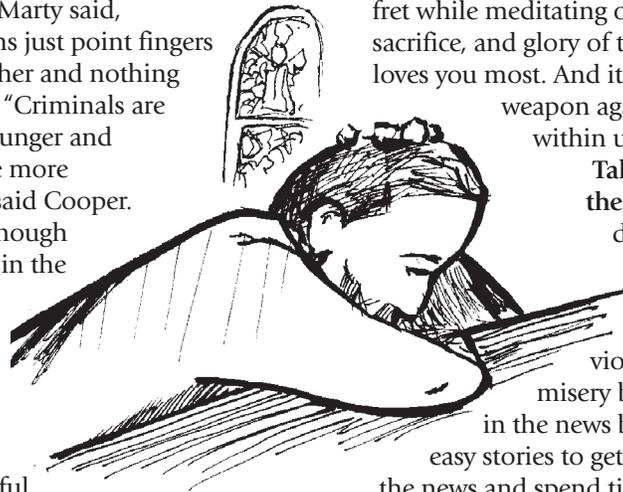
face each day.

**Pray the rosary.** It is impossible to fret while meditating on the life, sacrifice, and glory of the one who loves you most. And it is a very strong weapon against evil both within us and outside us.

**Take a break from the news.** It's depressing to constantly read about scandals, violence, and

miserly but that's what's in the news because those are easy stories to get. Instead, avoid the news and spend time reading Scripture or inspirational books that lift your spirits.

**Don't be a pew potato.** Your parish offers real help and hope to many needy people in your area. Ask your pastor or rectory staff how you can help.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics believe Mary is our mother, too?

"The Virgin Mary... is 'clearly the mother of the members of Christ'" (CCC, 963). When Mary and St. John were at the foot of his Cross, Jesus said to her, *"Woman, behold your son."* He then said to John,



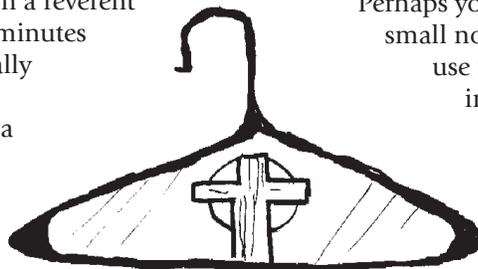
*"Behold your mother"* (John 19:26). So saying, Jesus gave Mary to us as our mother.

Through her special relationships with her son, Mary is in a great position to advocate for our needs and concerns. She is our best intercessor.

# Dress for Mass

The best way to dress for Mass is to put on a reverent attitude. You can do this by arriving a few minutes early to go over the readings so you can really absorb their message.

The next thing you can wear to church is a smile. That will give others the feeling that you're happy to be there and happy to see them, too. And of course you'll want to don your best singing voice so you can sing with gusto (regardless of ability) and really participate in the Mass.



Perhaps you'll want to accessorize by tucking a small notepad in your purse or pocket. You can use it to jot down prayer requests, intercessions, or thoughts from the homily to review later. That will help you live the Mass all week long.

Finally, as a good rule of thumb for clothing, avoid outfits you wear to the gym, to play a sport, or to work in the yard – even on vacation. If in doubt, ask your pastor.

## from Scripture

**Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48;**  
**Nothing is worth the loss of heaven**

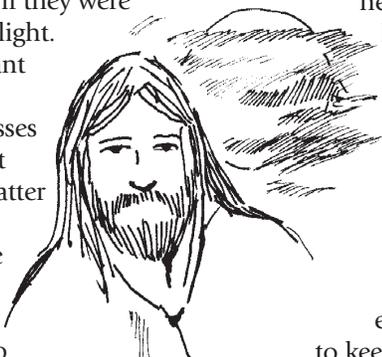
In this passage, the disciples were jealous of a man who was healing in Jesus' name. It seems as if they were afraid of losing the spotlight. Jesus made two important points in response:

When someone expresses belief in Christ, we must respect that belief no matter to which Christian denomination he or she belongs. Confessing the truth of Jesus is what counts. We don't have to give up our own Catholicism but we do have to respect the entire Body of Christ.

Secondly, sacrifice is asked of all Jesus' followers. What we sacrifice may even be

something we cherish. Jesus expects us to be whole-hearted in our love for him. If there is something we prize but it keeps us from Christ, we must give it up.

Pride and self-gratification are the main barriers to completely following Jesus and he used some extreme examples of how to keep on the right path toward God. In truth, there are no sacrifices too great to get rid of things that keep us from following God. Love of Jesus is what matters.



## Q & A Why do we speak of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Knowledge of three persons in one God – the Triune God – is what we call, "a revealed truth." The Triune God is the core of our belief as Christians.

Knowledge of a single god was revealed to the Hebrews. Until then, all peoples had a multitude of gods they worshiped for different purposes.

The Old Testament made many references to the Messiah and to the Spirit of God. For example, God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..." (Genesis 1:26).

Still no one was able to tie all those references into a triune god. That came from the revelations of Jesus Christ. His entire public ministry pointed to him being divine. He also referred to himself as the Son of God. His miracles reinforced his claim. Jesus said, "And I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Paraclete, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth..." (John 14:16-17). Since God told us of Father, Son and Spirit, we accept it in faith.

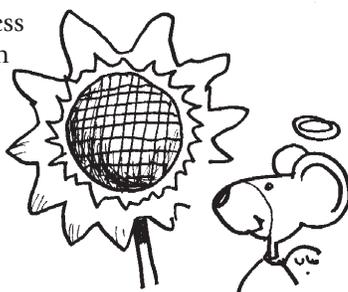


## Feasts & Celebrations

**August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Declared a dogma of our faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life. It is a Holy Day of Obligation requiring Mass attendance.

**August 19 – St. John Eudes (1680).** Born on a farm in France, John was a priest and missionary. St. John is best known for promoting the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He founded the Congregation of Jesus

and Mary (Eudists).  
**August 22 – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** In 1954, Pope Pius XII established this feast day to celebrate the Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Mary's queenship is rooted in scripture and tradition. As the mother of the King, Mary can intercede for us in Heaven. Because of her faithfulness to her Son and his mission, Mary is exalted above even the angels.



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