

St. Joseph Catholic Church

AUGUST 10, 2025

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Aug 11	Mon	7:30 am	+Don Christen	Clare
Aug 12	Tues	7:30 am	Special Intention	
Aug 13	Wed	7:30 am		
Aug 14	Thur	7:00 pm	+Don Slater	Assumption Vigil Mass
Aug 15	Fri	7:30 am	Jeanann Verde	Assumption Day Mass
Aug 16	Sat			20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug 17	Sun	9:00 am	+Andrew Verde	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	

Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses

Our Offering to God last week	\$1,399.00
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St. Joseph Prayer Chain

A special intention	Jim Jackson	Alyssa O.	Shannon Tebo
Dan Adler (Sem)	Cathy Kamost	Brad Oschner	Angel Valdivia
Andrea Ainsworth	Bill Kerber	Salvador Palas	Landon
Bill Alexander	Shirley Koenig	Fr. Allan Phan	Van Boening
Wayne Alley	Erica Lauinger	Sharon Reasland	Garry Veik
Greg Almond	Rita Mach	Dennis Reddick	The Verde family
Pete Bartels	Jolene Markland	Nancy Sapp	Teresa Volesky
Randy Chloupek	Cecilia Martel	Randy Schulte	Diane Walz
Kelem Fabrice	Shirley McCabe	Juan Slazar	& family
Cesaria Gabriel	Cecilia Meeza	Tony Stec	Edith Weber

If you have any intentions you would like to add to the prayer chain, call Elaine Almond (402-224-0732) or Shirley Koenig (402-984-0692).



◆ Assumption Holy Day – August 15:

The celebration of Mary's Assumption into heaven is celebrated on August 15, and this is a Holy Day of obligation. We will have two Masses to celebrate this Holy Day. There will be a *bilingual* Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14, at 7:00 pm. There will be a Mass on Friday morning, August 15, at 7:30 am.

◆ **CCD:** School is starting soon, and so CCD is starting soon. We are in need of a new teacher or two before we get started (looks like we will start after Labor Day at this point). If you would be willing to assist with this, please contact Fr. Hoelsing or Theresa Sapp. Thank you very much!

Parish News & Upcoming Events

◆ **Mowing sign-up sheet for August:** The mowing sign-up sheet for August is on the table in the back of the sacristy. Thanks to everyone who has helped with the mowing so far. Please sign up for a slot if you can.

◆ **Holy Father Prayer Intention for August:** For mutual coexistence – Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

◆ **School is about to start:** Area schools will be starting this week. Keep your eyes open for stopped school buses as they are on the road again. Let's pray for a good and safe school year for everyone involved.



Concerning the Harvard Alumni Banquet next May

I'm reaching out to all parishioners with a question. St. Joseph parish is next in line in the community assignments for serving the Harvard Alumni Banquet next spring on May 28, 2026. This is a Saturday evening meal served at Harvard Public School for about 100-150 alumni and it can be a good fund raiser for our church.

I am asking if there is any one in our parish who would commit to being the chairman/organizer for planning and serving this meal. We will also ask any parishioners who are available to help

prepare and serve this meal. Chris Cooney and I are both going to be gone that weekend for our own 50th class reunions so we are not able to help and so we are making this request early for planning purposes.

Thanks for considering taking on this project and please call me if you have any questions about serving it.

Shelly Chloupek
Altar Society President

◆ Keep thanking God for the rain: We keep getting rain in various amounts. Thanks to God for that. We could still use more, keep asking God for that. He's been taking good care of us all summer!

Embracing the Mother of God: The Assumption

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name." Luke 1:46-49

These, the opening lines of our Blessed Mother's glorious song of praise, reveal who she is. She is one whose whole life proclaims the greatness of God and rejoices continually. She is one who is the perfection of humility and, therefore, highly exalted by every generation. She is the one for whom God has done great things and the one whom God has covered in holiness.

The Solemnity we celebrate today, that of her Assumption into Heaven, points to God's acknowledgement of her greatness. God did not allow her to taste death or any consequences of sin. She was Immaculate, perfect in every way, from the moment of her conception to the moment she was taken body and soul into Heaven to reign as Queen for all eternity.

The Immaculate nature of our Blessed Mother may be hard for some to comprehend. That's because her life is one of the greatest mysteries of our faith. Very little was said of her in the Scriptures, but much will be said of her for all eternity as her humility is unmasked and her greatness shines forth for all to see.

Our Blessed Mother was Immaculate, meaning without sin, for two reasons. First, God preserved her from original sin at the moment of her conception by a special grace. We call this a "preservative grace." Like Adam and Eve, she was conceived without sin. But unlike Adam and Eve, she was conceived in the order of grace. She was conceived as one who was already saved by grace, by her Son whom she would one day bring into the world. The grace that her Son would one day pour on the world transcended time and covered her at the moment of her conception.

The second reason our Blessed Mother is Immaculate is because, unlike Adam and Eve, she never chose to sin throughout her life. Therefore, she became the new Eve, the new Mother of all the Living, the new Mother of all who live in the grace of her Son. As a result of this Immaculate nature and her continuous free choice to live in grace, God brought her body and soul into Heaven upon the completion of her earthly life. It is this glorious and solemn fact that we celebrate today.

Reflect, today, upon your understanding of our Blessed Mother. Do you know her, understand her role in your life and continually seek her motherly care? She is your mother if you choose to live in the grace of her Son. Embrace that fact more deeply today and choose to make her an even more important part of your life. Jesus will be grateful you do!

Lord, help me to love Your mother with the same love You have for her. As You were entrusted to her care, so I desire to be entrusted to her care. Mary, my Mother and Queen, pray for me as I have recourse to you. Jesus, I trust in You.

