

**WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE**

<b>Monday 8/16</b>	<b>St. Stephen of Hungary</b> Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39, 40, 43, 44; Mt 19:16-22 <b>12:15 pm MASS (IT): Mike Murphy &amp; Michele Bates</b>
<b>Tuesday 8/17</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b> Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
<b>Wednesday 8/18</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b> Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16 <b>5:30 pm CONFESSIONS</b> <b>6:00 pm MASS (IT): Charles Wadell</b>
<b>Thursday 8/19</b>	<b>St. John Eudes, Priest</b> Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5,7-10; Mt 22:1-14 <b>10 am – 8 pm ADORATION (IT)</b>
<b>Friday 8/20</b>	<b>St. Bernard, Abbot &amp; Dr. of the Church</b> Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40 <b>9:00 am MASS (PE): pro populo</b>
<b>Saturday 8/21</b>	<b>St. Pius X, Pope</b> Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12 <b>5:00pm CONFESSION</b> <b>6:00 pm MASS (IT): +Robert Quinlan</b>
<b>Sunday 8/22</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jos 24:1-2a, 15-18b; Ps 34:2, 3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69 <b>9:00 am MASS (PE): pro populo</b> <b>11:00 am MASS (IT): + Virginia Vojtas</b>

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

<b>Sat., August 21, 6:00 pm Mass (IT):</b>	Sarah Mikulka
<b>Sun., August 22, 9:00 am Mass (PE):</b>	Sarah Waldron
<b>Sun., August 22, 11:00 am Mass (IT):</b>	Jean Raducha LeeAnn Bellinger

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<b>Sat., August 21, 6:00 pm Mass (IT):</b>	Mares Vanderploeg Ann Franich
<b>Sun., August 22, 9:00 am Mass (PE):</b>	Cliff Thelen
<b>Sun., August 22, 11:00 am Mass (IT):</b>	Chuck Wieferrich Al Ramereiz

**READ TODAY'S DAILY READING HERE**

Dear Parish Family,

In ordinary circumstances we would be celebrating the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, however, happens to fall on a Sunday this year. Feast Days of Our Lord, or Our Lady trump Sundays in ordinary time in terms of the colors, readings, and prayers of the Mass are concerned. Next Sunday is the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary, but not a major feast day. Thus, we will be using green, and the Sunday reading.

Nevertheless, it is still a day to celebrate that queenship, and we will keep the statue of the Blessed Mother in place.

What do we mean by the Assumption of Mary? Well, it is rooted in our belief about the special grace Our Lady received when she was conceived without original sin. This meant she lived her entire life without committing a single sin; she was and is full of grace.

The Catholic belief is that our bodies decay, break, and get ill because of original sin. Then our souls leave our bodies at death, and if we are holy, enter heaven. At the end of time, when God restores all things to himself, we will be reunited with our biological bodies which will be fully redeemed & free from the corruption of sin. Since Mary, however, was without sin she was assumed body and soul into heaven just like her sinless son was. This is a required belief of being a Catholic.

Did Mary die before she was assumed, or was she alive when it happened? That's not a defined part of this dogma, and Catholics of good faith, and reason may hold differing opinions on the matter. Most Catholic theologians today, and nearly all the ones of the Eastern Churches, hold that Mary's body and soul fell asleep into death, and then she was assumed. The argument goes that since Jesus died, it is fitting for Mary to have died as well.

For us it is a reminder that we were created to be a harmony of body and soul, and in the final glory of heaven we will be. We should avoid thoughts of being "set free" from our bodies at death as that implies our bodies are grotesque & that we are supposed to be pure spirits. This is also why sprinkling or scattering of ashes is forbidden after death as it smacks of these errant beliefs. Rather our bodies, even if cremated, are to be buried, or interned whole as a sign of our belief that body, and soul are redeemed. It is most important that the faithful make this clear, and legally binding for their own funerals, so lapsed family members do not "do their own thing" when it is time for the funeral.

May the Blessed Mother assist you always by her intercessions.

Prayers, Rev. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL.

**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT  
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART**

**ST PAUL PARISH: 8/1/2021: \$ 6,341.00**

**LET US PRAY FOR ... THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

**... THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

Mary Zamarron | Rob Quinlan

**... THE MILITARY:**

Major Matthew Cary | Tony Bellinger | Lt. Col. Tom Sager

*Remember those who have no one to pray for them.*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>Mon 8/16</b>	<b>Ladies Summer Outing</b> Details on signup sheets in the vestibules of both churches
<b>Tues 8/17</b>	
<b>Wed 8/18</b>	
<b>Thurs 8/19</b>	
<b>Fri 8/20</b>	
<b>Sat 8/21</b>	<b>K of C Golf Outing</b> North Star Golf Course – 9 am
<b>Sun 8/22</b>	
<b>Mon 8/23</b>	<b>Papyri Manuscript presentation</b> Center for Ministry, Saginaw
<b>Tues 8/24</b>	
<b>Wed 8/25</b>	
<b>Thurs 8/26</b>	
<b>Fri 8/27</b>	
<b>Sat 8/28</b>	<b>K of C Rosary before Mass (IT)</b>
<b>Sun 8/29</b>	<b>K of C Rosary before Mass (IT &amp; PE)</b>
<b>Mon 8/30</b>	
<b>Tues 8/31</b>	<b>Bible Study Begins – Times – TBA</b> <b>CCW Meeting 2:00 pm</b> Ithaca classroom 3

**PIANO LESSONS AT ST. PAUL'S**

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play an instrument? Now is your chance to learn piano at St. Paul's. Our Music Coordinator, Austin, is looking to offer lessons to those interested of all ages and skill levels. Contact at: [austinchandlermusic@gmail.com](mailto:austinchandlermusic@gmail.com) and let him know if you or anyone you know is interested!

**NEW TESTAMENT POPYRI: EXPLORING THE OLDEST MANUSCRIPTS YET DISCOVERED**

Join Fr. José Cabrera at the Center for Ministry on August 23, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for a fascinating glimpse into the early history of the New Testament! Fr. Jose will explore the oldest New Testament papyri fragments yet discovered, using many visuals and even replicas of these manuscripts that are part of his private collection. He is pastor of All Saints Parish. Cost is \$10. To register, visit [Saginaw.org/events](http://Saginaw.org/events) or call Pat Preston at 989-797-6654 or e-mail [ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org).

**K of C GOLF OUTING**

The Ithaca Knights of Columbus Council 8785 is hosting its 23rd annual golf outing Saturday, Aug. 21, at North Star Golf Course at 9 am. Cost per four-person team is \$200 for golf/with cart, light lunch, dinner, and prizes. Individuals, families, businesses, and corporations can donate \$50 towards a hole sponsorship (tax deductible) by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Paul Hornak at [p1hornak@gmail.com](mailto:p1hornak@gmail.com) or John Pohl 989-640-6081.

**AREA CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES**

St. Cyril, Bannister – 11:30 a.m. on Sundays  
Nativity of the Lord, Alma – 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays  
St. Vincent, Shepherd – before all Masses  
Most Holy Trinity, Fowler – 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays  
St. Joseph, St. Johns – 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays

**INCENSE 8/22/2021**

For the Ithaca Mass on 8/22/2021, incense will be used at 11:00 a.m..

**CALL TO MINISTRY??**

If you would like to help in any capacity at our parish, please let us know by contacting the office, or Fr. Dwyer directly. This can be in areas where we already have volunteers, or to begin new endeavors to reach new people.

**FALL BIBLE STUDY**

Our Fall Bible Study will begin Tuesday, August 31. The 12 disciples who followed Jesus offer us wonderful lessons on what it means to be modern-day disciples of Jesus, but we also gain great insight into the cost of discipleship by looking at Jesus' mother, Mary, and Mary Magdalene. In this Bible study, **Being Disciples of Jesus**, we follow the 12 disciples and the two Mary's through the Gospels so that we can make their way of discipleship our own way of discipleship. Aug. 21/22 and 28/29, Bible Committee members will be available preceding and following Masses to answer your questions, assist you with registration, and help you purchase the booklets.

**PUMPKIN RUN FUN**

Uncle John's Cider Mill is hosting a Gourdy's Pumpkin 5K (3.1 miles) on September 11, 2021. If we get enough interested, the Parish will purchase t-shirts that will have our name and a religious logo on it. It would be a fun way to evangelize. Walking is permitted, running is not a requirement. Please contact the office to express interest or to ask questions. Website to sign up for the 5K itself is: <https://www.gourdypumpkinrun.com/event/lansing-2021/>