

**THE ASSUMPTION OF  
THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
AUGUST 16, 2020**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Aug. 9**

Aug. 2: \$727

Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.  
Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

<i>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>		
Sat. Aug. 15	5:00 PM	Spec. Int. for the health of Madeline Ledford
Sun. Aug. 16	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon Aug 17		No Mass
Tue Aug 18	8:30 AM	For Mike Skeen
Wed Aug 19	6:30 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Thur Aug 20	8:30 AM	For Estel Ray Munson
Fri Aug 21		No Mass
<i>THE 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Aug. 22	5:00 PM	For Larry Hoffman
Sun. Aug. 23	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

**PRAYER LIST**

Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Yandell Schneider, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, David Roland, Steve Elmlinger, Richard Bacon, Albert Proctor, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Ken Steffen, Cotton Teegarden, and everyone touched by the Corona virus.

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

August 4-Brandy Kiser, August 16-Mitchell Ryan, August 17-Isaac Ryan, August 22-Cheyenne Kiser



**ST. MATTHEW CHURCH**

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 Parish Website: [stmatthewskenton.org](http://stmatthewskenton.org)

Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM                      Sundays – 9:00 AM  
 Weekdays – please check each week's schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM              Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572  
 Bulletin/Prayer List – Linda Fryman (859) 240-2377  
 Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DPAA –If you missed giving, there are envelopes in the back of church for your convenience.** You should have received a letter in the mail from the diocese on behalf of the DPAA. This important collection to support the work of the diocese will be conducted through the mail. Please be generous in helping us reach our goal. Please prayerfully consider pledging and contributing to this cause.

Parish Goal: \$10,700      Total Commitments (as of July 31): \$5,530

**MASS VIEWINGS** – There is a link to our videotaped Mass through our website ([www.stmatthewskenton.org](http://www.stmatthewskenton.org)) if you are unable to get to Mass or know anyone who cannot attend. You can also watch Mass on your TV – the Cathedral Mass is broadcast on MeTV channel 5.2 Sundays at 5:00PM, or on the following websites: *WatchTheMass.com*, *EWTN.com*, *TheSundayMass.org*

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** – You can still bring these in. Care Net needs your help.

**FESTIVAL NEWS** – Due to the virus, we are forced to cancel our festival in September. We have grand raffle tickets on order and plan to draw the winner on October 17 or 18. We plan to have something on that weekend to help us make up for the lost income of the festival, but nothing is in writing yet. We welcome ideas if anyone has thoughts on it.

**CCD NEWS** – You can find a separate sheet containing the upcoming CCD class schedule and how our at home classes will take place. If you have a child in CCD or one whom you wish to enroll, please take one of these sheets. You may call Rosanne Rawe with questions at 859-635-1572.

**TRIDUUM FOR CORONAVIRUS** – Bishop Foys has called upon all the faithful of our diocese to offer up prayers and fasting and penances to alleviate the coronavirus on the days of August 20-22. We are all urged to pray and offer fastings and penances for an end to the coronavirus during these days.



## FROM THE PASTOR – THE MARIAN DOGMAS

We celebrate today one of the greatest days in the liturgical year: the annual commemoration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary body and soul into Heaven. While the actual feast is August 15, it seems inappropriate to let this day not be celebrated by our parish which began with St. Mary of the Assumption Church. This gives us an opportunity to consider the place of Mary in the beliefs and doctrine of our faith.

In the hierarchy of doctrine in the Catholic Church, the highest ranking is called a dogma. A dogma is a truth appertaining to faith or morals, revealed by God, transmitted from the Apostles in the Scriptures or by tradition, and proposed by the Church for the acceptance of the faithful. There are four major dogmas concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- I) Immaculate Conception – Bl. Pope Pius IX defined in 1854 the belief that Mary, by a singular privilege of God, was conceived in the womb of her mother St. Anne without the stain of original sin. This is not to be confused with the conception and birth of Jesus.
- II) Mother of God – The Council of Ephesus in 431 definitively proclaimed that Mary is the mother of God Incarnate in Jesus Christ. This affirms that Jesus is both God and man even while He is in the womb of Mary.
- III) Perpetual Virginity – This belief states that Mary both before, during, and after her pregnancy with Jesus remained a virgin inviolate.
- IV) Assumption – Pope Pius XII in 1950 defined this belief that Mary at the end of her earthly life was assumed both body and soul by God into eternal life.

Why are all these doctrines and dogmas so important? They are important because they all reflect upon the child of Mary – Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. To speak of Mary is to speak of Jesus. Anything deficient in our understanding of who Mary is, what she has done, and what God does through her become deficiencies in understanding who Jesus is, what He does, and what God does through Him.

The Catholic Church affirms that Mary is a human being and is not someone to worship like or as a god. However, her unique role in the history of salvation makes her the most praiseworthy human being to ever exist after Jesus. If Mary does not exist, Jesus cannot exist as a human being. If Mary does not say yes to God, Jesus would not be born to save us and open the way of salvation and eternal life.

Let us praise and venerate the Queen assumed into Heaven today, that she who was humble enough to become the Mother of God may be our own spiritual mother watching and caring for us even now in Heaven, so that we may be made worthy to join her in loving and praising the Holy Trinity for all eternity.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*