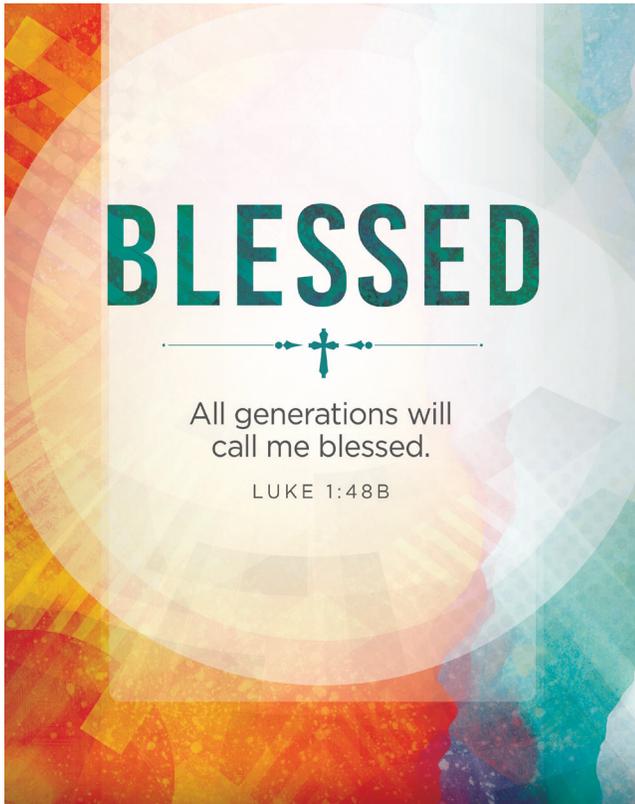


Newman Announcements for August 15, 2021

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Upcoming Events

5:00 p.m. Sunday Liturgy resumes
August 22

UW Classes begin
Monday, August 23

Student/Faculty/Staff Welcome BBQ
Thursday, August 26

Labor Day
Monday September 6
Parish Offices Closed

Catholic Home Missions

**STRENGTHENING
THE CHURCH AT HOME**



Thank you for your generous support of Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, \$670.00 was collected from individual donations to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States.

Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures. ©LPi

Sunday Gift Offering August 1

\$5,335.00 including our charity tithe of \$534.00 for our brothers and sisters in need.

August 8

\$6,645.00 including our charity tithe of \$665.00

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" 2 Corinthians 9:6

August Faith-in-Action Food Drive



Thanks for your participation during the August food drive for Laramie Interfaith. A total of 600 pounds of food was donated in addition to \$240.00 cash.

Welcome BBQ for Students, Faculty & Staff

We are looking forward to another incredible year of Campus Ministry! On Thursday, August 26, we welcome students, faculty, and staff for a cookout. Let us pray together during the 5:00 p.m. daily Liturgy then spill out on the front lawn for a hamburger cookout. This is a perfect opportunity for students, faculty and staff to interact and get to know each other as we begin a new semester.



Please make plans to join us!

Mass Intentions August 15-22

Sun.	10:00 am	Vincent Shickora
Mon.	5:00 pm	William Doll
Tue.	5:00 pm	Silvia Coggin
Wed.	5:00 pm	Edin Vaske
Sat.	5:00 pm	Intention of Jose Manuel
Sun	8:30 am	Kermit Brown
	11:00 am	St. Paul's Newman Center

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Monday-Thursday	5:00 p.m.
Friday Evening Prayer	5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays	4:00 p.m.
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The 5:00 p.m. Sunday Liturgy returns on August 22, 2021

Resident Help Needed for Beginning of Semester Activities

We will be hosting a Cookout for students, faculty and staff the first week of school.

We need help setting up and cleaning up, as well as volunteers to donate food. Click [here](#) for more information on what is needed and to sign up.



"Home Away from Home" Program

This program pairs students with residents or resident families to provide a home away from home for individual students at UW. The goal is to provide a caring and supportive relationship for students. If you'd like to participate, email Devon at devon@newmancenter.org.

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Bringing Home the Word

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B)
August 15, 2021

Mary's Astonishing "Yes"

By Dan Finucane

Imagine someone who knew nothing of Christianity, who had never seen the New Testament, who had never heard the Gospel. Suppose this person hears just one song—the Magnificat, Mary's hymn from the Gospel of Luke. What will that person think?

In some translations of Scripture, Mary says her soul "magnifies" the Lord. She rejoices in God who saves her. Someone who also believes in God will find this appealing and hopeful. But what does it mean that Mary *magnifies* the Lord?

This woman sings about what God does. God blesses those no one else sees.

Sunday Readings

Revelation 11:19a, 12:1–6a, 10ab

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet.

1 Corinthians 15:20–27

The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

Luke 1:39–56

And Mary said... "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

People who know Someone has created everything might be in awe of this God. Here is Someone with enormous power. The poor fear such power, yet God shows them mercy. Human tyrants abuse power. This God sweeps them away. But how could Mary's life magnify this God, this Lord?

She sings of Abraham. Her God created descendants from a nomad, descendants who later left slavery in Egypt. Moses asked this God, what should we call you? "Call me I AM." No normal name can say what this God is. This God is doing something *new* now, so this woman sings.

How does Mary magnify the Lord? Her life is the window through which we see the image of the eternal God taking our own form. Her heart is a lens through which our eyes focus in wonder as her response, her *yes* to God, receives God's presence. This woman was asked by God to do something extraordinary. She said *yes*. And with that *yes*, she is taken up forever in something astonishing. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home. Indeed, the people of God invoke her as the Gate of Heaven.

—Solemnity of the Assumption, August 15, 2019



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- How would you explain the importance of Mary to a non-Christian?
- What might God be asking you to do? Are you willing to say yes to his call?

A Perpetual Reminder

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

What's wrong with this picture? What if we got it all wrong? As tradition has it, we trust that Mary, as she appears in the icon of Perpetual Help, is always there, ready at any and every moment to help us. But what if, in that very same icon we know so well, Mary is not the one giving help, but is, rather, on the receiving end? What if she's the one who needs help?

Picture Mary this way: like a woman clutching her child looking out the window of a burning building waiting for fire-and-rescue; like a mother grabbing for her son on their front stoop as bullets spray past them; like a mom supporting her hyperactive boy on one arm while balancing bags of groceries from the parish food cupboard on the other; or like a mother and her son on plastic seats behind thick glass waiting for visitors at an immigration detention center.

Think of our iconic Mary in that way. It's a whole different picture—not Mary who helps, but Mary who is in need of help. Our Mother of Perpetual Help appears as a victim of awful circumstances. Mary and Jesus are alone. Joseph has died, leaving a widow and a young son. We know how widows were treated back then. Her son's death looms on the horizon. She is in trouble. With Joseph gone, she is alone in the world and has to rely on the help of others and God. She wants help.

An icon is a window into heaven; this scene can be interpreted as anything but



heavenly. What's wrong with the picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help? You might say, "Nothing." Well, I think there is something wrong, not with the picture but with how we might view it. Certainly, Mary is the instrument God used to make the Redeemer flesh among us. She is the dispenser of God's graces and blessings.

But if we're not careful, we can treat her as a kind of spiritual vending machine, making it all about us and what we can get from her. Sometimes our thinking about the icon and our devotion to the Lady in it can be one-sided. Our many needs can cause us to turn in on ourselves and forget about others and their need for assistance. Mary is saying:

"Help me!"

When we look into the icon we see Mary. Remember, she also sees us. She looks out her icon-window, waiting, wanting help. She stands as a perpetual reminder of the many women and children in the world waiting for our help. Will you be there, always and at every moment, ready to help? Mary is Perpetual Help for so many in today's world. Perpetual Help is what her icon asks us to be for others. +

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PRAYER

*Lord, you reveal the wisdom
of God in the hearts
of all people. Help me
teach others by example
the wisdom of your love,
forgiveness, and peace.*

—From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day
in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage
and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 16–21

Monday, Weekday:
Jgs 2:11–19 / Mt 19:16–22

Tuesday, Weekday:
Jgs 6:11–24a / Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday, Weekday:
Jgs 9:6–15 / Mt 20:1–16

Thursday, Weekday:
Jgs 11:29–39a / Mt 22:1–14

Friday, St. Bernard:
Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22 / Mt 22:34–40

Saturday, St. Pius X:
Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17 / Mt 23:1–12

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