



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 15, 2021

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B)

Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27

Lk 1:39–56

And Mary said...

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

LUKE 1:46, 49



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## "All Generations Will Call Me Blessed"

**T**oday's readings help us see why Mary should be called blessed. The first reading depicts a woman as gloriously "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet" (Revelation 12:1). This image is captured in well-known Marian statues. However, this woman is wailing "aloud in pain as she labored to give birth" (12:2). In fact, here and in the Gospel, women are depicted as pregnant.

When a woman is in labor, she is both at her most vulnerable and her strongest. When giving birth she faces the real possibility of death. Yet, she places herself in such jeopardy to bring another to life. Her steely inner resolve is matched with remarkable physical strength when she is called upon to "Push!" The labor pains that precede birth became a striking metaphor, in both ancient Israel and the early Church, for the struggle experienced in bringing forth the reign of God (see Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, and Romans 8:22). Such suffering came to be known as "the birth pangs of the Messiah."

Certainly, Mary is blessed because of her physical birthing of the Messiah. However, the Magnificat, her revolutionary prayer in the Gospel, describes the birthing of the reign of God when the powerful are brought down and the lowly uplifted, the hungry filled and the rich "sent away empty" (Luke 1:53). This is not a feast of a plastic statue but of a woman willing to give her life for the reign of God. She certainly deserves to be "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet."

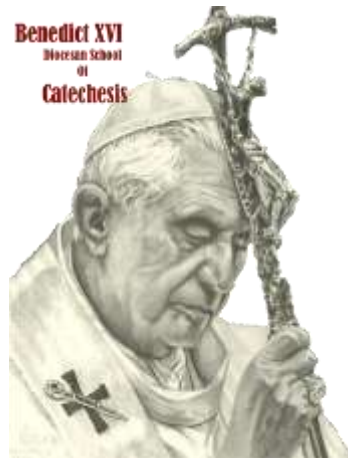
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### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Where does the Magnificat throw light on issues in our own society?
- ★ Pray for the courage you need to be faithful to your calling in life.



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A great way to grow deeper in your knowledge of the Catholic Faith!  
Requires the commitment of **one Saturday a month** from September-April for two years.  
Cost is \$100 a semester (a bargain!), and there is 25% off for those who teach religious ed; work with Catholic youth; or work at a Catholic school. For more information and to register, go to:  
[lincolndiocese.org/bxvi](http://lincolndiocese.org/bxvi)  
or call: 402-473-0631

#### Office Hours this week:

Wed: 1:00-5:00 pm; Thur: 1:00-5:00 pm  
Bulletin deadline is Noon on Thursday.



Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. **The Silver Rose** honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and reaffirming our commitment to the sanctity of human life, is carried by Knights from Canada, through the United States, and into Mexico to arrive at the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year the Knights of Columbus in North Platte are honored to receive the Silver Rose on **August 20** and will display the Silver Rose at **Holy Spirt Church** from **9:00 AM till 7:00 PM**.

#### Schedule of Masses: August 16-22

**Mon: 8:00 AM**  
Elizabeth (Liz) Haag  
**Tues: 8:00 AM**  
Special Intention (jls)  
**Wed: 5:30 PM**  
Estrada/Ortega Families  
(living & deceased)  
**Thur: 8:00 AM**  
Irma Kreifels ✕  
**Fri: 8:00 AM**  
Martha Burback ✕  
**Sat: 5:00 PM**  
For the Parishioners  
**Sun: 10:00 AM**  
Angel, Rowan, & Dalton  
Hammond ✕



#### ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL BBQ AUGUST 29 NOON-3:00 PM

All parishioners of St. Elizabeth's are warmly invited to attend. There will be great food (pulled-pork sandwiches, etc.); games; raffle; bake sale; Snowball Express; Trinkets & Treasures; & Fun Jumpz! Hope to see you there!

#### A People of Life and for Life: The Next 25 Years of Evangelium Vitae.



At the Embassy Suites in Lincoln. Free childcare will be provided.

Stewardship Report for last weekend will be in next week's bulletin.  
If you would like envelopes or know how to sign-up for online giving, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

#### Give The Knights

**Your Cans ...** Profit from recycling the cans used for Knights of Columbus charitable works. Place cans in the barrels in front of the storage shed (southwest corner of parking lot).

Please pray for all our seminarians as they begin a new year of education & formation.

#### Prayer Intentions:

##### ✕=repose of soul

Pat Daigger (snake bite)  
Jon Castillo (illness)  
Daniel Nisley (illness)  
Spencer Bale (illness)  
Kim Prenosil (illness)  
Kerry Heskett (cancer)  
Cathy Lethers (illness)  
J.D. Troyer (cancer)  
Cindy Ryan (illness)  
Dean Large (illness)  
Jennifer Schmid (illness)  
Peggy Lawler (illness)  
Tim Garth (illness)  
Renate Nordquist (illness)  
Kim Paul (illness)  
Bill Coulter ✕  
Bill Keck, Jr. ✕  
Fr. Ramon Decaen ✕  
Janice Large ✕  
Rick Ryan ✕  
Teresa-McCarthy Garth ✕  
Jim Beckius ✕  
Vinette Tenopir ✕  
Ginger Daigger Smith ✕  
Troy Tickle ✕  
Carolyn Cohen ✕  
Steve Haman ✕  
Mike Paul ✕  
Sammy Medinger ✕  
Mary Lou Robles ✕  
Leo Walz ✕  
Ardis "Jo" Ginapp ✕  
Verna Kellogg ✕  
Bonnie Greco ✕  
Shirley Lindekugel ✕  
Beatrice Estrada ✕  
Eloise Kramer ✕  
Nellie Rodriguez ✕  
Reyes Robles ✕  
Margaret Ruskamp ✕  
Dolores Kosmicki ✕  
Patricia Zamora ✕  
Teresa Clouatre ✕  
Gordon Swanson ✕  
Florena Schneweis ✕  
Carlos Fleury ✕  
Ruby Ramirez ✕  
JoAnn Bode Waters ✕  
Eileen Boltz ✕  
Leona Clouatre ✕  
Bernadine Torres ✕  
Martha Burback ✕

#### Healing Hearts Support Sessions

for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning **Sept. 14, 2021, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

For a current list of retreats at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly, go to: [goodcounselretreat.com](http://goodcounselretreat.com)

#### PUMPKIN FESTIVAL MEETING

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 22  
11:30 AM IN THE PARISH HALL

**Booth chairpersons and food booth people** are asked to please attend; also anyone, including younger families, are invited as well. Greatly appreciate it. (Alice)

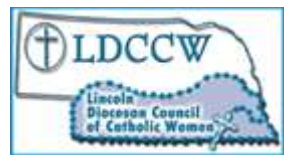
#### Prayer Intentions for the Sisters:

Sr. Maria Bernadette Phuong Nguyen;  
Xuan Sang of Vietnam, Candidate.  
(The Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy)

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

**August 21 – 22, 2021 (21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
<b>Server</b>	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Liam Pieper
<b>Music</b>	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Greg Vandenberg
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve & Janet Fear	Duane & Heather Johnsen
<b>Rosary</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer



#### Fall Meeting

St. Ann's Church (Doniphan)  
**Saturday, August 21**  
Registration @ 8:30 am  
Meeting begins @ 9:00 am  
\$15 cost includes lunch.  
For more information (and for lunch count), please contact Donna Bode.

**POSTPONED!!** Due to a family emergency, the presentation by Matt Innis has been postponed to a later date. Please spread the word. Thank you.

#### Sacraments:

##### Baptism:

Celebrated after the weekend Mass; one hour class required.

##### Confession:

After Daily Mass or by appt.

**Sat 3:30-4:30 pm**

**Sun 8:45-9:30 am**

##### Matrimony (Marriage)

Contact priest first before date is set and at least 6 months prior. Classes and retreat are required.

##### Anointing of the Sick

Contact priest or parish office.



#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THIS  
WEDNESDAY  
FROM  
**6:30 PM**  
TO  
**10:00 PM**



# Dear Padre,

## Why do Catholics believe in Mary's assumption into heaven?

**M**ary's assumption to heaven is a belief shared by Eastern Christians and Roman Catholics, although the explanations of this dogma have different emphases in the two traditions. While there is no biblical or historical record of this event, the first explanation of this doctrine is found in a document from the late 300s.

Mary's assumption was considered a pious opinion until 1950, when Pius XII defined it as dogma (an official Church teaching). The Pope made the declaration after bishops and he found overwhelming consensus throughout the Church.

The definition of Mary's assumption—body and soul—to heaven reaffirmed that God had not only created humans, but also redeemed and claimed them. Mary's assumption reminded the world of the goodness of God's creation and that Christ redeems us from the evil around us (and in us) and made us a new creation.

Perhaps the best explanation can be found in St. John Paul II's 2004 homily at Lourdes. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be," he said, quoting John 14:3. He explained that Mary's assumption is the pledge that Christ's promise will be fulfilled. The Pope's words echo the teaching of bishops at the Second Vatican Council, which described this dogma as "a sign of sure hope and solace" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 68).

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY, PAVIA CATHEDRAL  
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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

## Calendar

**Monday**  
AUGUST 16  
Weekday  
Jgs 2:11–19  
Mt 19:16–22

**Tuesday**  
AUGUST 17  
Weekday  
Jgs 6:11–24a  
Mt 19:23–30

**Wednesday**  
AUGUST 18  
Weekday  
Jgs 9:6–15  
Mt 20:1–16

**Thursday**  
AUGUST 19  
Weekday  
Jgs 11:29–39a  
Mt 22:1–14

**Friday**  
AUGUST 20  
St. Bernard, Abbot and  
Doctor of the Church  
Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22  
Mt 22:34–40

**Saturday**  
AUGUST 21  
St. Pius X, Pope  
Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17  
Mt 23:1–12

**Sunday**  
AUGUST 22  
Twenty-first Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b  
Eph 5:21–32 or  
Eph 5:2a, 25–32  
Jn 6:60–69

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a question  
for the Padre?**

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