

**Saturday, August 9:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 10:

9:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, August 11: Clare, virginEz 1: 2-5, 24-28, Mt 17: 22-27
No Mass today**Tuesday, August 12: Weekday**

Ez 2: 8-3:4

1:30 pm Mass @ Medical Care

Wednesday, August 13: WeekdayPontian, pope, martyr and Hippolytus,
priest, martyr

Ez 9: 1-7, 1: 18-22, Mt 18: 15-20

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, August 14: Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr

Ez 12: 1-2, Mt 18: 21-19 1

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Holy Day

Rv 11: 19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15: 20-27, Lk 1: 3-56

12:00 p.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Mass

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 56: 1, 6-7, Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32, Mt 15: 21-28

Saturday, August 16:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 17:

9:30 a.m. Mass

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Next weekend the baskets will once again be at the entrances of the Church to receive your donations of non-perishable food for the less fortunate. Many persons in our community are struggling through difficult economic times, and your donations are greatly appreciated.

K OF C SENIORS

The K of C Seniors plan to have a Mass said at St. Bonaventure in Detroit, the Capuchin Monastery made known by the works of Fr. Solanus Casey who the Church has declared Venerable and is considering for sainthood. The Mass would be for three K of C seniors who were instrumental in founding our senior group: Patrick Boylan, Mariellen Albin, and Walter Albin, who recently passed away.

Our next meeting will be August 18 at noon at the K of C Hall. The menu (prepared by Dick & Janet Bertrand, and Colin and Barbara Robaczewski), will include roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, along with our usual potluck luncheon. As always, all K of C members, wives and widows, and members of Sacred Heart over 55 are welcome to join us.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 & 17**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Eleanor Razmus

9:30 a.m. MariAnn Saenen

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Paul Langlois*

Karen Cody, Mary Knoll

Lilia Kolanowski, Art Rollend

9:30 a.m. Jerry Lasceski*

Sue Lasceski, Joanne Richardson

Rich & Donna Hartman

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Kelsey Merz, Ashley Merz

9:30 a.m. Daniella Babcock, Kim Oakie

GREETERS:5:00 p.m. Onna Lee LaPratt, Lynn, Mark Petiprin,
Margaret Cockerill, Mandy Knox9:30 a.m. Maggie, Floyd Echols, Tracy LaPratt,
girls, Ken, Sally McIntosh, Vic, Maria
Guzman**USHERS FOR AUGUST:**

5:00 p.m. John Merz*, Logan Kausch

Dave Luebbert, Dale Hasenleder

9:30 a.m. Jack Generous*, Jason Kappen

Bill Blaylock, Floyd Echols

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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY-HOLY DAY**LECTOR:**

12:00 p.m. Richard Emery

7:00 p.m. Alma Moreno

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST:

12:00 p.m. Volunteers

7:00 p.m. Carolyn Graff*

Art Graff, Mary Ann Szpunar

Art Rollend, Mary Knoll

ALTAR SERVERS:

12:00 p.m. Daniella Babcock, Jerzy Kolanowski

7:00 p.m. Alex Rollend, Andrew Rollend

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BARING OUR SOULS

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. (Luke 1:46-47)

At a recent funeral, the priest referred to the deceased as "a wonderful soul with a gentle spirit." He was certainly right, but his words got me thinking: we would never know about the wonders of someone's spirit and soul—these seemingly invisible and spiritual elements of our lives—if the person did not, like Mary, allow their soul to proclaim and their spirit to rejoice. In other words, if they did not live their faith "out loud."

If we believe we make our souls and spirits visible to those around us by what we say and do, then we must continually ask ourselves how we are, in fact, doing those things. For at the end of our lives, it will be this part of us that our friends and family remember: Not how much we earned or how much we left them, but rather how much they saw the greatness of the Lord and God's saving goodness in us. It is our own living "Magnificat," and there is no greater measure of a person's soul.

Our Prayer: *God, may others always see your greatness in my rejoicing soul. (From Living Faith)*

PARISH SUPPORT

Our weekly need.....	\$5800.00
Last Weekend.....	\$6309.00
476 Envelope Holders	226 Envelopes Used Last Weekend

TODAY'S GOSPEL (Luke 12: 32-48)

In Jesus' day there were no government insured banks where people could deposit their money for safekeeping, so there was always the possibility thieves would steal a person's entire life savings. Rather than take this risk, many rich people used their wealth to purchase the finest robes money could buy making expensive clothing an indication of how much a person was worth.

In today's Gospel, Jesus surprises his followers by telling them they are even richer than those who are parading around in costly robes. Their wealth, however, is not like the money thieves steal or like the luxurious clothing moths destroy but is a spiritual treasure their heavenly Father freely gives them. This treasure is nothing less than a place in God's kingdom.

Jesus warns his followers they should always be prepared because they do not know when the kingdom of God (and the final judgment it includes) will come. Therefore, they must always have their belts tightened and their lamps burning.

A person usually fastened a belt around the waist to keep the robe close to the body so it wouldn't flap in the wind. Because the robe extended to the ground and made it difficult to work or move quickly, a person in a hurry tightened the belt and then gathered the robe and tucked it under the belt so it no longer hindered movement. Jesus used this image to teach us that we need to prepare ourselves for the coming of God's kingdom by eliminating anything in our lives that hinders us from moving into a closer relationship with our heavenly father.

The lamp Jesus spoke about resembled a small ashtray filled with olive oil. A wick floated in the oil and those who depended on the lamp's light had to trim the wick frequently so the flame would not go out, a task that took a great deal of time and effort. In the same way, preparing ourselves for the coming of God's kingdom takes much time and effort because it involves continually striving to love God and love our neighbor more than we already do.

FOR REFLECTION

How prepared are you for the coming of God's kingdom? If God should call you to his kingdom today, would he find you with your belt tightened and your lamp burning?



BULLETIN PUBLISHER

A representative from Diocesan Publications (Our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish this week. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU, and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

**†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†
THUMBS UP FOR CHRIST**

An invitation is extended from St. John's Parish, Ugly, to all 7 through 12th grade youth in the parish to join other youths on August 23 from 2:15-9:15 pm for the 16th Annual Youth Rally. The day will include Mass, volleyball tournament, flag football, open gym, old-fashioned games, food, D.J. Karaoke, Right to Life speaker. All religions welcome! Registration, medical release, and \$7.00 must be turned into the parish center by August 20. Contact the Parish Center for more info (673-2276).

WALK IT TALK IT

An Education Conference sponsored by the Offices of Education and Christian Service will be held Thursday, August 28 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. The day begins with Eucharistic Liturgy with Bishop Carlson, then Dr. Sandra Kennedy will present a general session *Heralds of the Good News: Becoming the Best You Can Be* followed by lunch and over 30 breakfast sessions. Cost for the day is \$20 and includes lunch. The conference is for all Catholic school principals, teachers, staff, catechetical leaders, catechists, youth ministers, Catholic teachers in public schools, home school parents and any interested adults. Call Pat Preston in the Office of Education @ 989-797-6651 for a detailed brochure and registration forms.



CSA 2008

We are still in need of \$6885.00 to meet our 2008/2009 goal for C.S.A. We are grateful to those who have already pledged. We ask those who have not pledged to please do so as soon as possible.

ST. ROCH'S CHICKEN BBQ

St. Roch's in Caseville invites you to their famous chicken BBQ that will be held next Sunday, August 17 from 12:00 pm to? Menu includes ½ BBQ chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, beverage, homemade strawberry shortcake. Adults \$8.50, children 12 and under, \$5.00. Air-conditioned parish center.

JUSTICE?

Recently, body parts of 25 different infants were found in a dumpster behind an abortionist's clinic in Michigan. The media called these findings "medical waste." Take a penny and imagine the end of an infant's longest finger (all the fingers are formed) positioned at the center of the penny, and the infant's elbow just slightly past the edge of the penny. As Catholics, how can we not be outraged that 1) these babies (God's gift to mankind) were not given a decent burial—even aborted, 2) the clinic was only given a heavy fine for their horrific crime. The American Life League is working hard to hold the abortionist accountable to the fullest extent of the current law, to improve our laws, and to educate the people. Please consider giving a monetary donation to them as soon as possible. The address is American Life League, P.O. Box 1350, Stafford, VA 22555; web www.all.org. Attention: Judie Brown.

DVD TO BE SHOWN

We have invited the public to a viewing of the DVD "The Mass Explained" on Wednesday, August 20 @ 7:00 pm. If you have not seen this DVD we encourage you to attend. And if you have already seen it, we welcome you to view it again. Bring a friend, or anyone you know who might be interested in understanding the Catholic Mass.