



ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Office Hours: Weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

(Office closed for lunch from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM)

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday: 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM & 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

PASTOR: REV. CHARLES C. DILLINGHAM

Associate Pastor: Rev. David F. Murphy

Weekend Assistant: Rev. James B. Smith

Deacons: John Giacci, Larry Brecht

Joseph W. Jackson, Larry R. Morris

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Janet Aluise, Receptionist	ext. 10
Daniel M. DiGiacobbe, Business Manager	ext. 11
Annette Fad, Parish Secretary	ext. 33
Sandy Fiscella, PREP Coordinator	ext. 18
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Deacon John Giacci, Director of Liturgy	ext. 32
Pablo Gonzalez, Facility Manager	ext. 41
Matthew Jewell, Director of Music	ext. 16
Cindy Krebs, Director of Religious Ed.	ext. 17
Elizabeth Perry, Communications Coordinator	
Karen Rombach, Director of Preschool	ext. 34
Denise Troise, Bookkeeper	ext. 14

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

PREP: Grades 1 through 8

Confirmation: Grade 9

Mrs. Cindy Krebs, DRE (302) 239-7100, ext. 17.

ST. MARY'S PRESCHOOL

Ages 2 through Pre-K.

Mrs. Karen Rombach, Director (302) 239-7100, ext. 34.



RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 PM or by appointment.

BAPTISM

During a Mass or Sunday afternoon
at 1:00 PM.

Baptisms are scheduled the second
and fourth Sundays of the month.
Baptism classes are every other month.

Please call Parish Secretary for details
(302) 239-7100 ext. 33.

MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Secretary before a wedding date is finalized.
The diocese requires one year of preparation.

ANointing OF THE SICK

In an emergency, contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Each weekend, Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion to the Sick bring Communion
to those unable to attend Mass on a regular basis.
Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange for this ministry.

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY

For information, contact Parish Office (302) 239-7100.



God gave
his only
Son
that all
who believe
might have
eternal life



The Most Holy Trinity

June 7, 2020

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

— John 3:16a

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday June 8, 2020

6:30 am No Intention

8:30 am Francis Luca (living intention)

Tuesday June 9, 2020

6:30 am No Intention

8:30 am The family of Steven & Carol Gadola (living intention)

Wednesday June 10, 2020

6:30 am No Intention

8:30 am Ignazio, Rosalia & Gino Torres

Thursday June 11, 2020

6:30 am No Intention

8:30 am Ethel Konyha

Friday June 12, 2020

6:30 am No Intention

8:30 am Dick, Naomi & Dave Hart

Saturday June 13, 2020

8:30 am Lisa Kirk

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday June 14, 2020

7:30 am Suzanne Wright

9:30 am Healing for those who have experienced an abortion

11:30 am Lucille F. Duszak

6:00 pm Norman & Mary Barilla

The Rosary is said Monday-Saturday
in the Chapel, before the 8:30 am Mass



St. Mary of the Assumption

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Smith, Fr. Murphy, the Deacons and I really miss seeing you at daily and Sunday Masses. Please be assured that you and your families are constantly in our prayers and are with us at the altar when we celebrate our private Masses.

I am reluctant to mention parish finances at this very challenging time, yet I feel that I must address this issue. The parish is facing a financial challenge due to your inability to make a weekly/monthly contribution through the envelopes collected at Sunday Masses. Your weekly contributions are still essential for the good of the parish. While we are cutting back on our expenses including the reduction of staff hours, we are still responsible for fixed costs such as utilities, insurance and other essential operating expenses.

Please know that I am very much aware that some of you are experiencing a loss or a reduction in your income at this moment.

Bearing all of this in mind, I would respectfully request your help at this difficult time. I would be extremely grateful if you would continue your offertory contributions to the best of your ability. Your contribution can either be mailed to the parish using the enclosed envelope or dropped off at the office.

Your clergy are profoundly saddened that we are not able to celebrate Masses and Sacraments with you as a parish community. Please continue to be aware that Christ and his Blessed Mother are with us at all times, most especially at times of worry and anxiety such as these. We pray for all of you, most especially for those who are suffering and have died from the virus, medical personnel, military, first responders and for all who are risking their health for our sake.

With prayers, blessings and much concern,

Father Dillingham

Pastor



**In your charity, please pray for all who have gone
before us and all the deceased of
St. Mary of the Assumption.**

+William Morris, brother-in-law of Rosemarie Morris

+Barbara Medvid, parishioner and mother of parishioner Elaine Rutz

+John Shellenberger, husband of parishioner Maggie Shellenberger

Mass Schedule**Daily**

Monday thru Friday—8:30am
Doors open at 8:00am

Weekend

Saturday—5:00pm
Doors open at 4:30pm
Sunday—9:30am, also Live Streamed
Doors open at 9:00am

GRACE AND ETERNAL LIFE

Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven't we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven't we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger. How lucky for Moses—how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don't even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly. Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God's forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God's favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ's grace on us along with God's love and the Holy Spirit's. "Rejoice," he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus.



Father Day Novena Cards requested cards can be sent to you by calling: 302-239-7100, ext. 33

~Thank you



SEEING CHRIST

IN THE FACES OF OTHERS

June 7, 2020 – Trinity Sunday 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal – *Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others*

There is still time to support the Annual Catholic Appeal.

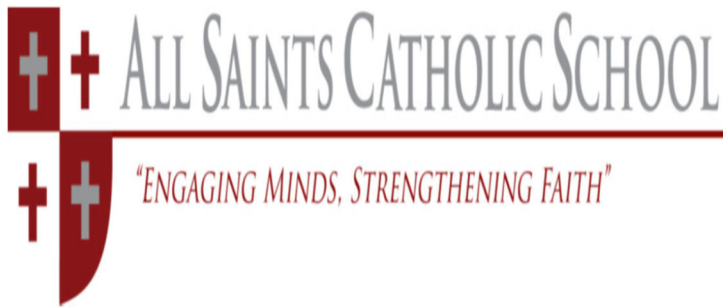
The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, *Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others* invites each of us to open our eyes and recognize Him in those who seek our help.

For most of us, seeing Christ in some of the people we meet during our life is challenging. However, this is exactly what we are called to do, what Jesus told us to do when He said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Through the charitable, pastoral and educational ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal, we see the face of Christ in those served – the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the distressed, the unchurched, our children and our elderly.

Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others isn't always easy, but it is essential if, as Disciples of Christ, we are to live in service to others and understand in a very practical way the words of Jesus: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me." (Mt. 25:40).

For those of you who have given to this year's Appeal, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not, please prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal by visiting www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. Please view the brief video offering inspiring testimony from recipients of featured Appeal supported ministries. A direct link to video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80qz5V5VaH8&t=2s>.



Dear All Saints Catholic School Benefactors and Friends,

It is with a broken heart, gut-wrenching sadness, and prayer that we let you know that All Saints Catholic School will be closing at the end of the current school year. This decision was forced by our inability to create a viable financial plan for the upcoming school year (and beyond) in the current crisis.

As donors who have supported ASCS, we express our profound gratitude to you for your partnership and your belief in our mission. Your support sustained and enhanced our beloved school over the past several years.

We are in awe of our students and their families, who have shown grace and resilience in the face of this news. We are assisting families with identifying the best option for next year to ensure that children can continue their Catholic school education. We applaud the outstanding team of faculty and staff of All Saints, whose dedication to ensuring the best future for every child within our school has been exemplary. We are grateful to include you as a member of our very special All Saints family, and we continue to hold you in prayer with gratitude for your support.

Gratefully,

Mary Elizabeth

Mary Elizabeth Muir, Ed.D. Principal

Did you Know?

St. John Bosco's Dream Highlights the power of the Rosary over the Devil

St. John Bosco was a holy priest whose deep spiritual life led to frequent visions or "dreams," as he would call them. He wrote about one of them in a letter to his students.

The dream occurred on the eve of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and in it a stranger came up to him and asked him to look at something on the ground.

He took me to a meadow alongside the playground and pointed to a huge, ugly snake, over twenty feet long, coiled in the grass. Frightened, I wanted to run off, but the stranger held me back. "Get closer and take a good look," he said.

"What?" I gasped. "Don't you realize that monster could spring on me and gobble me up in no time?"

"Don't be afraid! Nothing of the sort will happen. Just come with me. The stranger went to get a rope and asked St. John Bosco to slap the snake with the rope.

He stretched the rope and then snapped it across the snake's back. The monster immediately sprang up and struck at the rope, but, as it did so, it ensnared itself as in a noose. The snake began to struggle and quickly died. Then the stranger picked up the rope and put it in a box. What happened next was astonishing, and then the stranger explained the spiritual symbolism behind what happened.

Within a few moments he opened the box. We looked in and were astounded to see the rope shaped into the words Ave Maria. "How did that happen?" I asked. "The snake," the man replied, "is a symbol of the devil, whereas the rope stands for Ave Maria or, rather, the Rosary, a succession of Hail Mary's with which we can strike, conquer, and destroy all of hell's demons."

St. John Bosco took the lesson to heart and wrote to his students, "Let us devoutly say a Hail Mary whenever we are tempted, and we'll be sure to win." The experience confirms what many exorcists have said about the power of the Virgin Mary over the devil. Satan is greatly humiliated by the purity and simplicity of the Blessed Mother and flies as fast as he can whenever he hears her name. It's a powerful reminder, one that urges us to pray the Rosary devoutly whenever we feel threatened by the Evil One.

Aleteia

Submitted by the Legion of Mary

Listen to The Legion of Mary Immaculate Conception Praesidium weekly broadcast of their Internet radio programs every Friday at 3 p.m., in cooperation with Oremus Communications (OC). Simply visit www.oremuscomms.com and click on "Listen Live".

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is the main focus of the broadcast but every week various topics and prayers are included in the hour broadcast. Also if you missed any broadcast, you can still access them in the archives file using www.oremuscomms.com/archives-lom



Most Holy Trinity

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

I was Hungry...I was Thirsty...I was a Stranger...And you cared.



Looking to grow in your faith and help others at the same time?

Become a Vincentian

	Why Join? <i>Help people in a very tangible way</i> – providing assistance for life's basic necessities like rent, utilities, food, etc. through personal contact <i>Grow in faith</i> – inspired by Christian values, work for the good of humanity <i>Make new friends</i> – work with other Vincentians in your parish friendship
	Who are we? <i>Catholic lay organization</i> - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) was founded in Paris in 1833 and is now a global effort dedicated to serving those in need. <i>Our parish Conference is a group of 15 – 20 people of varying ages and backgrounds.</i> We meet once a month all together and work in pairs throughout the month, as available, to speak with our neighbors in need and visit them in-person.
	The impact (this past year)? <i>Helped > 300 people: >100 in-person visits and >250 phone calls</i> <i>Provided >\$70,000 in financial assistance</i> (the funding is possible thanks to the generosity of St. Mary's parishioner's donations.)
	Who to contact to become a Vincentian: <i>Call Mercedes Diaz, St. Mary's SVdP Conference President, 302-239-7100 ext.15.</i>



Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. The conviction that human life is sacred and that each person has inherent dignity that must be respected in society lies at the heart of Catholic social teaching.

Calls to advance human rights are illusions if the right to life itself is subject to attack. We believe that every human life is sacred from conception to natural death; that people are more important than things; and that the measure of every institution is whether or not it enhances the life and dignity of the human person. (*US Bishops: Faithful Citizenship - Civic Responsibility for a New Millennium*, 1999).

Priests for Life

SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS (1844-1879)

With Immaculate Mary's "Ave Maria" for its refrain, Andy Williams' "Village of Saint Bernadette" peaked at #7 on *Billboard's Top 40* at Christmas 1959, airing on radio stations all over America. Imagine! April 16 marks the feast of Bernadette Soubirous, the teenager who, combing a refuse heap for firewood, saw a "beautiful lady" who identified herself in words Bernadette faithfully reported to the bishop, though she did not understand their meaning: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Relentlessly interrogated, she never wavered in her story or sweetness. Chronically ill all her life and dead at thirty-five, Bernadette left behind the shrine at Lourdes where healing waters still flow from the spring that her "beautiful lady" pointed out to her.



Children's Catholic Corner

The Most Holy Trinity

God became human when Jesus came into the world.

Jesus showed us God's love through the miracles and good works he did in his life.

And then he made the ultimate sacrifice: he was even willing to die for us.

Write the words below in correct number order to find out why God sent Jesus, and then say a prayer of thanks for this great gift.



1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

Psalms — Glory and praise for ever! (Daniel 3).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

Gospel — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

Providing the convenience of online giving and helping St. Mary's save money on sending envelopes.

Simple and easy just go to smachurch.com/give.

ONLINE
GIVING

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Ministry Contact list for phone numbers please call our parish office

Adult Faith Formation, **Joan Fortugno**
 Athletic Association, **Mike Pietlock**
 Bulletin, **Annette Fad**
 Church Camp, **Cindy Krebs**
 Communications, **Elizabeth Perry**
 Cornerstone, **Mike McDonnell**
 Divine Will Prayer Group, **Linda Rioski**
 Emmanuel Dining Rooms S.E., **Bunny Stike**
 Emmanuel Dining Rooms East, **Mary Ellen Long**
 Sojourners, House of Joseph, **Suzanne Barba**
 Finance Council, **Bill Foley**
 GIFT, **Eileen Gaus**
 Holy Spirit Prayer Group, **Rich Deegan**
 Knights of Columbus, **Mike Bailey**
 Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, **Judy Safranski**
 Knights of Columbus Ride Program, **Steve Haller**
 Ladies' Guild, **Janet Kook & Rosemarie Morris**
 Lazarus Ministry, **Rita Willis**
 Legion of Mary, **Jane Aniceto**
 Mary Mother of Hope, **Kate Morris**
 Meals on Wheels, **Kathy di Girolamo**
 Men's Small Group, **Jim Robinson**
 Mother's Prayer Group, **Sandra Cleary**
 Pastoral Council, **Bill Raiford**
 Prayer Line, **Parish Office**
 Pro-Life Committee, **Ann Courtney**
 RCIA, **Deacon John Giacci**
 Refresh Group, **Deacon Larry Brecht, Mike Bailey**
 St. Patrick's Cemetery, **Dan DiGiacobbe**
 Safety Committee, **Bernie McKay**
 Sages (50+ Group), **Nick Mastrocinque**
 Scouts (Boy & Cub), **Greg Weaver**
 St. Vincent de Paul Society, **Mercedes Diaz**
 Visitors for Christ, **Mary Lloyd**
 WilCYA, **Elise Maloney**
 Women's Faith Sharing, **Mary Tigani**
 Youth Athletic Dance Coordinator **Heather Green**

Weekly Scheduled Events

Please note: The parish calendar schedule is subject to change during the week, please check with your Ministry if you have any questions, or concerns of scheduled events.

Monday June 8, 2020

Tuesday June 9, 2020

Wednesday June 10, 2020

Thursday June 11, 2020

Friday June 12, 2020

Saturday June 13, 2020

Sunday June 14, 2020

(CF) = Coffee Run, (J) = St. Johns, (M) = St. Mary, (CP) = Chapel, (C) = Church, (GS) = Gathering Space, (H) = Hall

**Please submit all bulletin articles
 (2) weeks in advance to
 office@smachurch.com.**

Need a Ride???

Fellow Parishioners!!! Do you occasionally need a ride to Church for Mass or perhaps elsewhere? As one of the service organizations of our parish, The Knights of Columbus may be able to help. Contact Steve Haller, Community Director for the council. You may contact him at, 302-690-6164 or email: govmler@hotmail.com



Looking for a great way to stay connected to St. Mary's and to receive up to date information?...

Please visit our website: www.smachurch.com