



# Assumption Catholic Church

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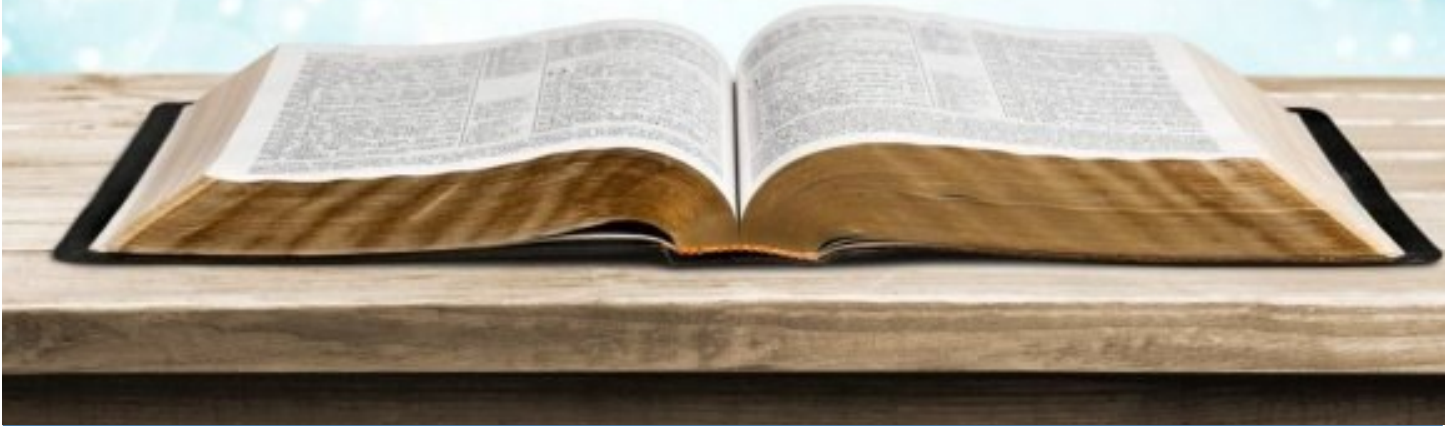
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**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 25, 2024**

## the **WORDS** of **ETERNAL** *life*

JOHN 6:68



*May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!*

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education**

**Linda Davis-Kyle, Music Director & Organist**

**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' discourse on "eating his flesh and drinking his blood" (John 6:51-59) which pointed to the Last Supper, caused offence to many of his followers. Jesus claimed to be the bread of heaven, the very life of God given to us as spiritual food to sustain us on our journey to our promised homeland with the Father in heaven. Jesus did not leave any middle ground for his hearers. They must either accept his word as divine or reject it as the claim of an imposter. Jesus pressed the issue with his beloved disciples because he wanted to test their faith and loyalty to him as the Holy One sent from the Father in heaven. Jesus assures his disciples that it is his heavenly Father who gives the invitation and the grace to *believe* and follow even in the "hard sayings."

How does God help us grow in faith and trust in his word, even the "hard sayings" which are difficult to understand? Faith is a gift which God freely gives to those who listen to his word and who put their trust in him. Faith is a personal response to God's revelation of himself. Faith is neither blind nor ignorant. It is based on the truth and reliability of God's word. True faith seeks understanding. Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) said, "I believe in order to understand, and I understand the better to believe." The Lord Jesus offers all of his followers his life-giving word and Spirit to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of God. Do we believe, as Peter did, that Jesus has the *words of everlasting life* and the power to change and transform our lives? Ask the Lord Jesus to increase our faith that we may grow in knowing, loving, and serving him as our Lord and Redeemer, Teacher and Healer, Master and Savior.

**Readings for Next Sunday,  
September 1, 2024**  
Deuteronomy 4:1-8  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-23

## Saint of the Week... St. Augustine of Hippo

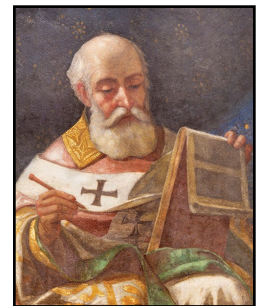
St. Augustine is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living. His turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and false beliefs. His sins of impurity and pride darkened his mind, but through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion.

Full of sorrow for how he had been living his life, Augustine cried out to God, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Just then he heard a child singing, "Take up and read!" Thinking that God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the book of the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage his gaze fell on. It was just what Augustine needed, for in it St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. From then on, Augustine began a new life.

He was baptized at age 33, became a priest at 36, and a bishop at 41. He was a famous Catholic writer, founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. On the wall of his room he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone."

St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death.



Feast Day: August 28

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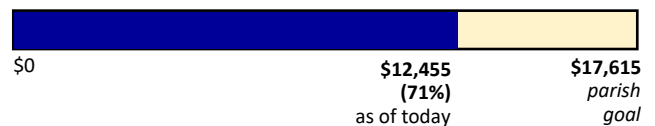
Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Steve Brill, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Palma Devic, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco,

Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Jim Lambert, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggleman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Jeremy Taylor, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

\*Resident of Keyser Healthcare Center (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)



### Assumption Parish



Please help us reach our goal before September 20 when our parish officially turns 150! You can return the pledge card you received in the mail or visit the CSA website listed below. Checks can also be accepted at the Parish Office.

[www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate](http://www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate)



## Ordination Anniversary Party for Fr. Giles

Our Lady of Grace Parish is hosting a 40th Ordination Anniversary party for Fr. Giles on Sunday, October 6 at 12:30 the South Branch Inn in Romney. They have graciously invited parishioners from Assumption Parish to help celebrate this special occasion. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Vestibule between now and September 15.

### Jubilee Flags Available



These flags with our Jubilee logo added a splash of celebration to James Street and to the roadway through St. Thomas Cemetery during our finale festivities.

Please take a couple with you when you leave the church today as a keepsake or to decorate a loved one's grave. Our

thanks to the St. Thomas Cemetery Committee for sponsoring the flags and to Rosie and Whitney Landis for placing them for us.

## Everyone Loves a Parade!

The City of Keyser also turns 150 this year, and Assumption parish proudly participated in the "Keyser Turns 150" parade last weekend!



CCD students and parents walked the parade route with our Jubilee banner, signs and flags, and shared candy with the parade watchers. Thank you Celia Cole; Abby and Libby Del Signore; Alisha, Liam and Lucas Dupuis; Remy Kuhn; Neva Pritts; Stephanie, Mia and Kennedy Stephen; and Kelli and Kerri Wittman for representing our parish!



And our very own Marion Dorsey was honored as one of the Grand Marshals of the parade! And look what flag he was waving! Congratulations Marion!



### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, August 24	4:00 pm	Soul of Joseph Harber .....	Margaret McGee
		Deceased Members of the James B. Herbert family.....	Mary Lambert
		Intentions of Sue Harber .....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, August 25	8:30 am	Soul of Chris Anastasia.....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Intentions of President Donald J. Trump .....	Margaret McGee
Monday, August 26	No Mass		
Tuesday, August 27	No Mass		
Wednesday, August 28	5:00 pm	Soul of Joseph Metz .....	Roxie & friends
Thursday, August 29	12:00 pm	Soul of Jordan Placka.....	Jane & Doug Placka
Friday, August 30	9:00 am	Volunteers of Assumption Parish.....	Assumption Parish
Saturday, August 31	4:00 pm	Souls of Gwen & Gina DeMasi.....	Their Loving Family
		Intentions of Jeremy Taylor .....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, September 1	8:30 am	Souls of Ginny & Tim Newlin.....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Intentions of Martin & Julie Alt .....	Mike & Joanne Stickley

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.



Fr. Thomas will give the Anointing of the Sick to those dealing with chronic illness or impending surgery following both Masses this weekend.

## Your Faithful Stewardship

August 17-18, 2024

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,095
Loose Donations.....	\$300
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$5
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>

### Diocesan Collection

Education of DWC Seminarians.....	\$319
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### Attendance

Saturday, August 17 .....	65
Sunday, August 18 .....	98
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>163</b>

## Upcoming Faith Formation Opportunity

The following five-week course is being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). Underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, the course is composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials.

### Study of *The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium*

Pope Francis has a dream of a Church walking without hesitation on a path of pastoral and missionary conversion with a joyful attitude that is personal and communal. This joy will transform habits, language, and facilities, directing them towards evangelization rather than self-preservation (EG#27, 192).

The course will discuss the role and responsibility of the laity in the Church under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and look at what it means to be "Spirit-filled evangelizers" today. The course materials are online and there is a two-hour weekly class discussion on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm beginning September 2. To register or for further information please contact Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu at [rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com](mailto:rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com).



## Knights of Columbus NEWS

### Knight Family of the Month

The **Kenneth Brant family** has been named Assumption Council's Knight Family of the Month for July. Kenny and Karen are very active in the council and in our parish. Kenny is a past Grand Knight, leading the council through the tough COVID pandemic. Both Kenny and Karen serve on the church cleaning team, both help with the council's spaghetti dinners, and are greeters at Mass. Kenny has been active in promoting the council's contributions to the Food Pantry, Burlington Family Service Staggers House and Keyser's Hometown Heroes program. The Brant's truly live their Catholic faith. Congratulations!

### Knight of the Quarter

**John R. Bogdan** has been honored as Knight of the Quarter. John is a mainstay in our Council and has been for a long time. He has been the Council Secretary for many years, a hard job that takes a special dedication. He contributes at every meeting, offering his ideas and experience. John helps with all of the council activities that he can and keeps us all supplied with a good cup of coffee at the spaghetti dinners, Donut Sunday and at council meetings. A special thanks to John for his many years of service!

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, August 31

Lector: Alan Taylor  
 Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor  
 EMs: Janet Corley, Cathy Pardee (c), Jean Harber (c)  
 Cantor: Julie Alt  
 Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale

### Sunday, September 1

Lector: TBD  
 Servers: Celia Cole, Jeff & Remy Kuhn  
 EMs: Tina Stephen, Rosie Landis (c), Julie Alt (c)  
 Cantor: Linda Marsh  
 Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

### Saturday, September 7 (Knight's Mass)

Lector: Alan Taylor  
 Servers: Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan  
 EMs: Bob Yowler, Karen Yowler (c) & Mere Barrick (c)  
 Cantor: TBD  
 Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

### Sunday, September 8

Lector: Derek Stephen  
 Servers: Jane Placka, Beverley Iser & Liam Dupuis  
 EMs: Mike Landis, Jane Placka (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)  
 Cantor: TBD  
 Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

August 29 Meredythe Barrick  
 September 5 Stacy Rhodes

# The Celebration!



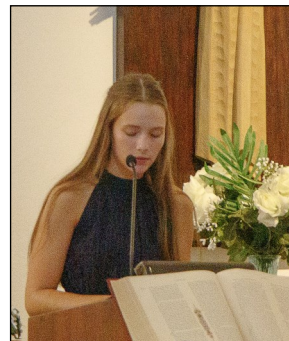
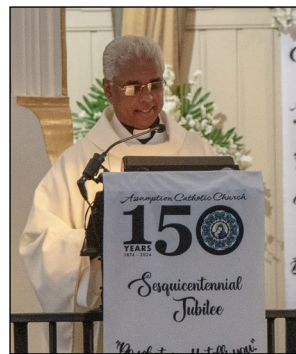
# Jubilee Finale!

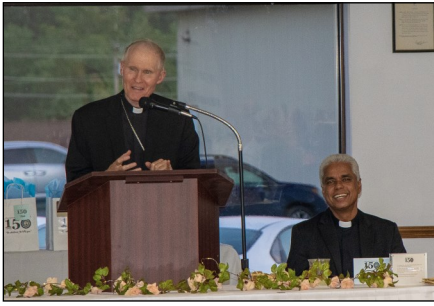
Our Sesquicentennial Jubilee year came to a triumphant close last week in a most joyous and appropriate way! The weekend of events began on Friday, August 9 with a Mass in memory of the deceased members of Assumption Parish. While originally planned to take place at St. Thomas Cemetery, the Mass was instead held at the church due to forecasted rain from Hurricane Debby. More than 60 people attended. Our Ladies Guild graciously offered to host donuts and coffee following the Mass.

On Sunday, August 11 there was a Fun Fair at St. Mary's Hall to give our younger parishioners an anniversary event to remember. There were lots of games both inside and out, face painting, a DJ playing fun tunes, and a whole lot of water balloon tossing in the parking lot! Everyone enjoyed pizza, drinks and snow cones.

And then the long-anticipated official finale date of August 12 arrived! The evening began with Holy Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. Mark Brennan and concelebrated by 11 priests, along with Deacon Larry and seminary student Travis Moger. There were 170 people who filled the pews for this jubilant event in our parish history. Following Mass nearly 200 parishioners and family members gathered at Keyser Fire Station No. 2 for a catered dinner and celebration.

Thanks to all of you for making this Jubilee journey a truly joyous one!





# The Fun Fair!



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**150**  
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1874 - 2024

