

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024



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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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's gospel passage Jesus explains a very important idea about eternal life. He says that He is the "living bread" that came down from heaven. This means He is like the bread we eat, but much more special. If anyone eats this bread, they will live forever. The bread Jesus is talking about is His own body, which He will give for the life of the world. The people listening to Jesus were confused and asked how He could give them His flesh to eat. Jesus told them that they must eat His flesh and drink His blood to have eternal life. He said that His flesh is true food and His blood is true drink. By eating His flesh and drinking His blood, people will live in Him, and He will live in them. This way, they will have eternal life.

Jesus compares this to how He lives because of the Father, and how anyone who feeds on Him will live because of Him. He also reminds them that the bread He gives is different from the bread their ancestors ate in the desert. Those people ate manna and still died, but the bread Jesus gives is different. It gives eternal life. In simple terms, Jesus is saying that by believing in Him and accepting His sacrifice, we receive spiritual nourishment and eternal life. This passage emphasizes the importance of faith in Jesus and the spiritual life He offers.

Readings for Next Sunday,

August 25, 2024

Joshua 24:1-18b

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

Saint of the Week... St. Pius X

Pope Pius X was born Giuseppe Sarto in 1835 to a poor Italian family, the second of 10 children. In 1903 at the age of 68, he became Pope Pius X—the 257th pope of the Catholic Church and one of the 20th century's greatest popes. Pius was particularly devoted to Mary; he believed that there is no surer or more direct road than by the Virgin Mary to achieve this goal.

Pius rejected modernist interpretations of Catholic doctrine, promoting traditional devotional practices and orthodox theology. His most important reform was to publish the first Code of Canon Law, which collected the laws of the Church into one volume for the first time. He was a pastoral pope, encouraging personal piety and a lifestyle reflecting Christian values. Saint Pius also placed renewed liturgical emphasis on the Eucharist, saying, "Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven." To this end, he encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion. Pius X's devotion to the Eucharist would eventually earn him the honor of being known as the "Pope of the Blessed Sacrament."

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954. He is the patron saint of First Communicants and pilgrims.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org and stpiousparish.net



Feast Day: Sept. 21

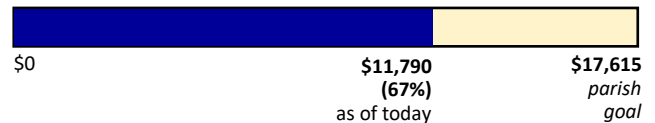


Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Steve Brill, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Palma Devic, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, 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.

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Assumption Parish



Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Catholic Sharing Appeal before our Jubilee weekend! Even though we didn't reach 100%, we are well on our way! Our specific church anniversary date is September 20; please help us reach our goal before we officially turn 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



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What an incredibly blessed weekend we had celebrating our parish's Sesquicentennial Jubilee! From the opening Mass honoring our deceased parishioners, to the Fun Fair enjoyed by those of all ages, to the Jubilee Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. Mark Brennan, and ending with the spectacular dinner and program that followed, it was a most appropriate way to honor our past and celebrate our Catholic faith and fellowship!

Look for more photos in next week's bulletin.

Message from Fr. Paul Mundumoozhikkara, CST

With immense joy and gratitude, I join with you spiritually in the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Assumption Church.

This significant milestone is a testament to the unending faith, deeply rooted Catholic heritage and untold blessings from God that have shaped Assumption Church through 150 years of missionary zeal.

As we reflect on this journey, we must remember the countless individuals who, inspired by their unwavering commitment to Christ, have played pivotal roles in the growth and development of the church.

At this moment of celebration, let us come together as one family, giving thanks to the past, celebrating the present and entrusting our future to guidance of our Lord.

Message from Fr. Bill Matheny

I am very happy to see Assumption Parish celebrate its 150th anniversary!

Madonna High School (my parish school) opened on Monday, which prevented me from attending your celebration. I am teaching WV studies this year at the school.

I offered the Mass I celebrated on August 12 for the people of your parish. May God continue to bless all of you!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, August 17	4:00 pm	The Calemine & Wise Families	Jean Harber
		Intentions of Jeremy Taylor	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, August 18	8:30 am	Soul of Rita Blamer	The Martin Alt Family
		Intentions of Mike & Rosie Landis.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Monday, August 19	No Mass		
Tuesday, August 20	No Mass		
Wednesday, August 21	5:00 pm	Souls of James & Inez Dorsey	Marion Dorsey
Thursday, August 22	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk	Cathy Pardee
		The Harber Family	Jean Harber
Friday, August 23	9:00 am	Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers	Virginia Collins
		Living & Deceased Members of the DeMasi & Turner families.....	Sue & Jean Harber
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

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 next weekend.

Your Faithful Stewardship

August 10-11, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,072
Loose Donations	\$829
Total	\$3,901

Attendance

Saturday, August 10.....	95
Sunday, August 11.....	93
Total	188

Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is taking place this weekend for the Education of Seminarians in our diocese. A separate basket will be available to this most important appeal.

Photos for Parish Directory

If you haven't had the chance yet to get your photo taken, there are other ways to have your photo included in the directory!

- Stop by the Parish Office during normal hours (M-Th, 9-2) to have a photo taken. Call ahead to be sure Kelli will be there!
- Submit your own photo by email (acckwv@gmail.com) or text (304-813-1065).



Celebrate Five with 5

for Bishop Brennan's Fifth Anniversary

Commemorate Bishop Mark's milestone year with five gifts of prayer and works of mercy.

Add yours at:

dwc.org/celebrate-five



Parade Participants Needed

As you know, the City of Keyser is also turning 150 this year! A parade is planned for this Sunday, August 18. Any CCD students — or parishioners! — who would like to walk in the parade representing our parish are asked to meet in the parking lot of the old Keyser High School by 3:30 pm. The parade will end at the Mineral County Technical Center.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 24

Lector: Doug Minnich
 Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
 EMs: Mary Wagoner, Bill Lupis (c) & Eric Hatfield (c)
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault
 Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, August 25

Lector: Alan Taylor
 Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
 EMs: Beverley Iser, Kelley Kuhn (c), Mike Landis (c)
 Cantor: Patrick George
 Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

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: TBD
 EMs: Tina Stephen, Rosie Landis (c), Julie Alt (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

August 22 Cindy Alt
 August 29 Meredythe Barrick