



Assumption Catholic Church

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025



STRIVE TO ENTER
THROUGH THE
NARROW GATE

LUKE 13:24

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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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus warns us that we can be excluded from God's Kingdom if we do not strive to enter by the narrow door (Luke 13:23). What did Jesus mean by this expression? The door which Jesus had in mind was himself. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved (John 10:9). God sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to open the way for us to have full access to the throne of God's grace and mercy. Through Jesus' victory on the cross he has freed us from slavery to sin and hurtful desires and addictions, and he has made us sons and daughters of God and citizens of his heavenly kingdom. We are free now to choose which kingdom we will serve - the kingdom of truth and light ruled by God's wisdom, or the kingdom of falsehood and darkness ruled by Satan and the world system.

If we want to enter God's kingdom and receive our full inheritance which is stored up for us in heaven, then we must follow the Lord Jesus in his way of the cross through a willing renunciation of our own will for his will - our own life for his life - our own way for his way. To enter the kingdom of God we must struggle against every force or power of opposition - even the temptation to remain indifferent, apathetic, or compromising in our faith and personal trust in Jesus, our hope in holding firm to the promises of Jesus, and our uncompromising love for God above all else. The Lord reminds us that when we face difficulties, trials, temptations, and even failures, we do not struggle alone. He knows our weaknesses even better than we know them, and he is always ready to help us in our struggle to overcome sin and wrong-doing. God's grace is sufficient!

Readings for Next Sunday,

August 31, 2025

Sirach 3:17-29

Hebrews 12:18-24

Luke 14:1-14

Saint of the Week... St. Monica

The circumstances of Saint Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius. He had some redeeming qualities, but had a violent temper. Monica also had a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity.

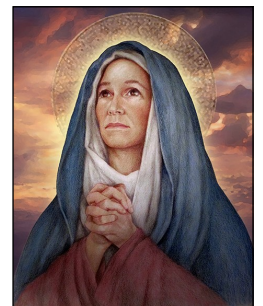
Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him.

At age 29, Augustine traveled to Rome to teach rhetoric; Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, Saint Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan. She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction, and in 387 St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Monica became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

St. Monica is the patron saint of wives, mothers, alcoholics and conversion.

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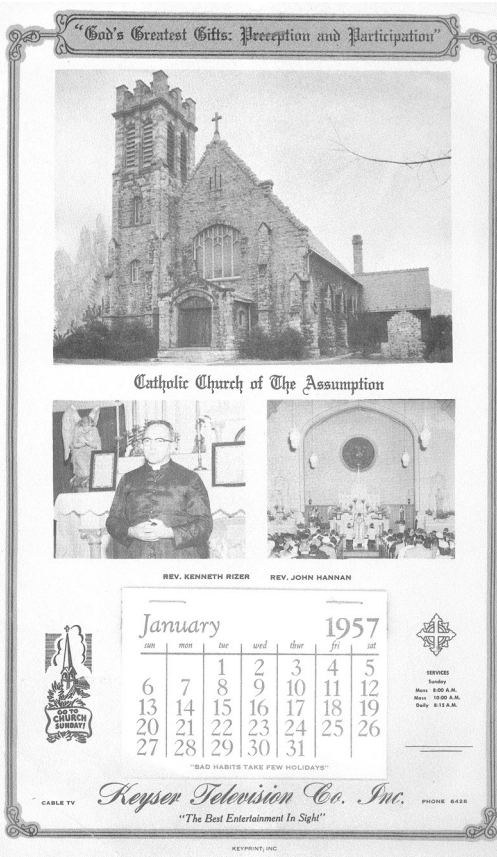


Feast Day: August 27



Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Jean Harber, Sue Harber, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk*, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Barbara Willis.

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Enjoy this piece of our parish history from 1957!

The calendar, sponsored by the Keyser Television Company and printed by Keyprint (remember them!?!), features photos of the interior and exterior of our church, along with Fr. Rizer who was Pastor at the time. Notice the ceiling lights, the main and

side altars prior to Vatican II, and the full pews! And our phone number was simply 6426!

Thank you to Dena Turner for donating it to our parish archives! It was given to her recently by Deacon Harold Bradley from St. Peter's Church in Westernport. Stop by the Parish Office to see the original.



Fr. Thomas will offer the Anointing of the Sick to those dealing with chronic illness or impending surgery following both Masses next weekend (August 30-31).

Assumption Parish

\$0	\$12,221 (66%) as of today	\$18,400 parish goal
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We are already past the 50% mark, so that means all future donations come back to our parish!

Please return the pledge card you received in the mail, visit the CSA website listed below, or drop a check made payable to "Catholic Sharing Appeal" in the offertory basket or at the Parish Office.

www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, August 23	4:00 pm	Soul of Ron Willis	Sharon Kelley
		The Wise & Calemine Families	Jean Harber
Sunday, August 24	8:30 am	Soul of Thomas Vazhayil	Dena DeMasi
		Soul of Chuck Biser.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Monday, August 25	No Mass		
Tuesday, August 26	No Mass		
Wednesday, August 27	5:00 pm	Intentions of Linda Marsh.....	Margaret McGee
Thursday, August 28	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk	Cathy Pardee
Friday, August 29	9:00 am	Soul of Jordan Placka	Doug & Jane Placka
Saturday, August 30	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders	Marial Perkey
		Soul of Brian Alt.....	Jim & Cindy Alt
		Intentions of Robert Ternent.....	Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner
Sunday, August 31	8:30 am	Soul of Chuck Biser.....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Intentions of Martin & Julie Alt.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley

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

SAVE THE DATE

Our parish picnic will be held Sunday, September 21 at Brookdale Farm! More details will be shared soon.

Your Faithful Stewardship

August 16-17, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,435
Loose Donations.....	\$1,889
Total	\$4,324

Diocesan Collection

Education of Seminarians.....	\$611
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Attendance

Saturday, 8/16.....	82
Sunday, 8/17	85
Total	167

Sacramental Needs

Baptism/Eucharist & Reconciliation/Confirmation

Contact the Parish Office for specific information on requirements, preparation, and dates for the sacrament you are requesting.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding date so that the appropriate preparation can be scheduled and completed.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office if you would like Fr. Thomas to give you or a loved one an anointing. This sacrament is also given quarterly after Mass (date announced in the bulletin).

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children

Are you worshipping with us on a regular basis and would like to become Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but not Confirmed? If you are an adult or have a child age 8 or older, our OCIA/OCIC programs are for you. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Annulments

Confused or intimidated by the annulment process? Contact the Parish Office to determine your needs. We will help you through the process.



Our parish's new class for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will begin Sunday, September 7 following the 8:30 Mass.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is, encourage them to attend! Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a time to meet with Fr. Thomas prior to September 7 if possible.

A video series will be utilized for this educational and reflective journey that all Catholics would enjoy. Everyone is welcome to attend the September 7 event to learn more.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 30

Lector: Celia Cole
 Servers: Alan Taylor & Paul Bogdan
 EMs: John Gustafson, Cathy Pardee (c), Katie Kuhn (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault
 Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale

Sunday, August 31

Lector: Michael Stanislawczyk
 Servers: Mike Landis & Jane Placka
 EMs: Charlotte Delilo, Nancy Starcher (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)
 Cantor: Mike Dupuis
 Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

Saturday, September 6

Lector: Bill Lupis
 Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis and Harper Newlin
 EMs: Bill Lupis, Alan Taylor (c), Mike Landis (c)
 Cantor: Julie Alt
 Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, September 7

Lector: Derek Stephen
 Servers: Jeff & Remy Kuhn
 EMs: Nancy Starcher, Jane Placka ©, Beverley Iser (c)
 Cantor: Patrick George
 Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

August 28 Pam Williams
 September 4 Meredythe Barrick

