

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*June 18, 2023*



The harvest is abundant  
but the laborers are few.

MATTHEW 9:37

***May You Find Christ Here, May You Bring 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: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The core of the Gospel message is quite simple: the kingdom (or reign) of God is very near! What is the kingdom of God? It is that society of men and women who know God's love and mercy, and who willingly obey and honor God as their Lord and King. In the prayer which Jesus gave to his disciples (the Lord's Prayer or Our Father), he taught them to pray for God to reign in their daily lives and in the world around them: May your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. When Jesus proclaimed the good news of God's kingdom, he also demonstrated the power of the Gospel with supernatural signs and wonders. Jesus healed people who suffered physical, emotional, and mental illnesses. He freed people from spiritual bondage to sin and demonic powers. Jesus gave his disciples the same authority he had to heal and set people free from spiritual bondage.

The Gospel (which literally means "good news") which Jesus proclaimed is just as relevant and real today, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. If we believe in the Lord Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, and in the power of the Gospel, we will know and experience the freedom, joy, and power he gives us that enables us to live and witness as his disciples. No one can buy heaven; but if we know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, then we already possess heaven in our hearts! Do we believe that Jesus can change and transform our lives and share with us the power and authority of God's kingdom?

Readings for Next Sunday,  
June 25, 2023  
Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Romans 5:12-15  
Matthew 10:26-33

## Saint of the Week ... St. Aloysius Gonzaga

As a son of a princely family, Aloysius Gonzaga grew up in royal courts and army camps. His father wanted him to be a military hero. At age 7 Aloysius experienced a profound spiritual quickening. At age 9 he left his hometown for Florence to be educated, and by age 11 was teaching catechism to poor children, fasting three days a week, and practicing great austerities. When he was 13, he traveled with his parents and the Empress of Austria to Spain, and acted as a page in the court of Philip II. The more Aloysius saw of court life, the more disillusioned he became, seeking relief in learning about the lives of saints.

A book about the experience of Jesuit missionaries in India suggested to him the idea of entering the Society of Jesus, and in Spain his decision became final. He then began a four-year contest with his father. Eminent churchmen and laypeople were pressed into service to persuade Aloysius to remain in his "normal" vocation. Finally he prevailed, was allowed to renounce his right to succession, and was received into the Jesuit novitiate.

Like other seminarians, Aloysius was faced with a new kind of penance—that of accepting different ideas about the exact nature of penance. He was obliged to eat more, and to take recreation with the other students. He was forbidden to pray except at stated times. He spent four years in the study of philosophy and had Saint Robert Bellarmine as his spiritual adviser.

In 1591, a plague struck Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital of their own. The superior general himself and many other Jesuits rendered personal service. Because he nursed patients, washing them and making their beds, Aloysius caught the disease. A fever persisted after his recovery and he was so weak he could scarcely rise from bed. Yet he maintained his great discipline of prayer, and died three months later at the age of 23. Aloysius is the patron saint of Catholic youth, teenagers and seminarians.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



Feast Day: June 21



### How to Receive Communion Well

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Fr. Daniel Moloney, visiting professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss how to receive Communion well. Dr. Akers and Fr. Moloney walk through some sure guidelines for receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist fruitfully. This video is under 20 minutes long.

There is a plethora of programs on FORMED that focus on Holy Communion. Simply enter "Eucharist" in the search bar!

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and start watching  
for free today!





We began the second year of the National Eucharistic Revival last weekend with a Eucharistic Procession following the Saturday Vigil Mass. Thank you to Sue Harber, Mike & Rosie Landis, Joe, James & Tess Maybury, and Alan Taylor for leading the procession!



### Parish Council Vote Next Weekend

We will vote for new Parish Council members at the Masses next weekend (June 24-25). All adult parishioners are eligible to cast a vote for three (3) persons. The nominees are listed below for your prayerful consideration:

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| Charlotte Delilo     | Jean Harber  |
| Christine Droppleman | Geoff Newlin |
| Lauren Ellifritz     | Rene Trezise |

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, June 17	4:00 p.m.	The Marsh, Roach & Cessna Families .....	Linda Marsh
		Soul of Mary Ellen Shockley Hall .....	Alt & Stickley Families
Sunday, June 18	8:30 a.m.	All Fathers, Living & Deceased .....	Assumption Parish
Monday, June 19	No Mass		
Tuesday, June 20	No Mass		
Wednesday, June 21	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Dorothy Barrick .....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Thursday, June 22	12 noon	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		The Fazzalore Family .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		The Wise & Calemine Families .....	Jean Harber
Friday, June 23	9:00 a.m.		
Saturday, June 24	4:00 p.m.	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families .....	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Soul of Sue Ann Spotts.....	Mary Lambert
Sunday, June 25	8:30 a.m.	The Myers & Raschella Families.....	Kelli & Harry Wittman

Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer\*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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



### It's Donut Sunday!

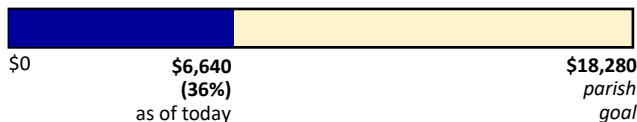
Start your Father's Day celebration by joining us after Mass this Sunday (June 18) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Finance Committee for hosting this month!

### Sesquicentennial Jubilee Celebrating Our History

The Jubilee Commemorative Book committee will be working to present our church history, both in word and in pictures. We are especially interested in photos which show the interior of the church prior to 1960. If you or a family member have these photos, please submit them to the Parish Office. All items will be returned.



### Assumption Parish



Our 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal campaign continues. Remember, all donations after 50% come back to our parish! This year we will use our parish CSA funding to support the many activities planned for our 150th jubilee year which will begin this fall and continue into 2024. To make a donation, complete the pledge card you received in the mail, visit the CSA website below.

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



Reminder! Our athletic shoe drive fundraiser continues all summer to support activities planned for our Sesquicentennial Jubilee celebration. To participate, simply donate any gently worn or new sneakers...any size, any condition! Take a look in your closets, collect any athletic shoes you or your children no longer wear, and donate them! Invite your friends and neighbors to participate too! Shoes can be dropped in the tote in the vestibule or at the Parish Office. Remember, the only shoes that we can accept are athletic shoes.

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### Saturday, June 24

Lector: Sue Harber  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EM: Jean Harber, Meredythe Barrick (c), Sue Harber (c)  
Greeters: Tammy & Larry Dale  
Cantor: TBD

#### Sunday, June 25

Lector: Pam Williams  
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole  
EM: Kelley Kuhn, Tina Stephen (c), Mike Landis (c)  
Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk  
Cantor: TBD

#### Saturday, July 1

Lector: Anita Tetreault  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
EM: TBD  
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber  
Cantor: TBD

#### Sunday, July 2

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Abby & Libby Del Signore  
EM: TBD  
Greeters: Tony & Marie Del Signore  
Cantor: TBD

#### Stonerise EM

June 22 Dave Dunn  
June 29 Pam Williams

### Collections & Attendance

June 10-11, 2023

#### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes ..... \$2,159  
Loose Donations..... \$683  
**Total..... \$2,842**

#### Diocesan Collection

Peter's Pence..... \$458

#### Attendance

Saturday, 6/10 ..... 60  
Sunday, 6/11 ..... 105  
**Total..... 165**



The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent and believe in the Gospel.



MARK 1:15