

Assumption Catholic Church

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023



ARE YOU WHEAT OR WEED?

MATTHEW 13:24-30

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

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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What can mustard seeds and leaven teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Leaven is another powerful agent of change. A lump of dough left to itself remains just what it is, a lump of dough. But when the leaven is added to it a transformation takes place which produces rich and wholesome bread when heated - the staple of life for humans. The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers.

Good and evil are sown in our hearts like tiny seeds which germinate, and in due time yield a harvest of good or bad fruit. In the day of judgment each will reap what he or she has sown in this life. Those who sow good will shine in the kingdom of their Father. They will radiate with the beauty, joy, and fullness of God's love. Do you allow the love of Christ to rule in your heart and in your actions? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, let your word take root in my heart and may your all-consuming love transform my life that I may sow what is good, worthy, and pleasing to you.

Readings for Next Sunday,

July 30, 2023

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

Saint of the Week... Saints Joachim and Anne

In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names "Joachim" and "Anne" come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died.

The heroism and holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, steeped in the religious traditions of her people.

The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past.

Joachim and Anne - whether these are their real names or not - represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure.

Saints Joachim and Anne are the patron saints of grandparents.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: July 26



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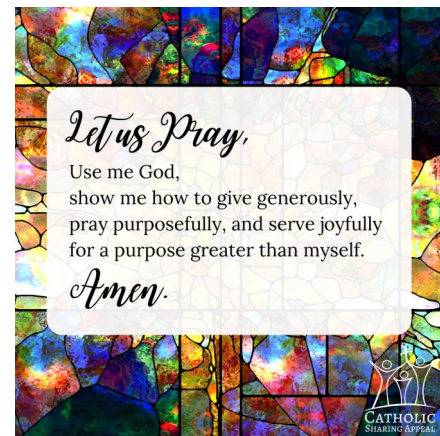


The 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) continues, with our parish currently at 44% of its goal of \$18,280. Once we pass 50 percent, all dollars donated will come back to our parish!

So what happens to the first 50 percent? Those dollars remain at the Diocese to support Catholic education, evangelization, and outreach efforts at parishes and schools around the state, including ours.

For 2023, the parish portion of our Catholic Sharing Appeal donations will be used to help support our Sesquicentennial Jubilee celebration which will begin this fall and continue through next year.

Our sincere thanks to all of you who have already supported this year's campaign. If you haven't yet made your pledge, please complete the pledge card you received in the mail or visit the CSA website at dwc.org/csa. Your support today can help us reach our goal!



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, July 22	4:00 p.m.	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber.....	Margaret McGee
Sunday, July 23	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Sue Ann Spotts	Mary Frances & Carlos Hickman
Monday, July 24	No Mass		
Tuesday, July 25	No Mass		
Wednesday, July 26	5:00 p.m.	Souls of George & Jennie Ebner.....	Assumption Parish
		Soul of Joy Roderick.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, July 27	12 noon	The Wise & Calemine Families.....	Jean Harber
		Intentions of Jean Harber.....	Linda Marsh
Friday, July 28	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Jerry Marsh.....	Linda Marsh
		Intentions of Art DeMasi	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, July 29	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Donald Wagoner.....	Mary Wagoner
Sunday, July 30	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Susann & Larry Martin	Mike & Rosie Landis

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, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Jean Harber, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Anita Martel, 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)*

**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.



Knights of Columbus NEWS

Assumption Council has announced their honorees for June:

Fr. Thomas Sebastian has been named Knight of the Month. Fr. Thomas is a very strong supporter of the Knights of Columbus and all of our projects. Many of the goals attained by our Council have been successful because of his support. Assumption Council has worked with many priests over the years and Fr. Thomas is one of the best. Thank you Fr. Thomas for all you do for our council!

Bob and Karen Yowler have been named the Knight Family of the Month. Bob and Karen are two of the kindest members of our parish. They are involved in many Church and Knights activities. Both Bob and Karen serve as Extraordinary Ministers, Karen serves as a Lector, and both help with the Knight's spaghetti dinners. Karen is also very active in the Ladies Guild. Bob and Karen are stellar members of church and represent our parish very well.

Congratulations Fr. Thomas and Bob and Karen!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 29

Lector: Kenny Brant
Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor
EM: Cathy Pardee, Alan Taylor (c), Sue Harber (c)
Greeters: Nancy Starcher & Frank Fitzwater
Cantor: Nancy Starcher

Sunday, July 30

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
EM: Tina Stephen, Nancy Starcher (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk
Cantor: Julie Alt

Saturday, August 5

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
EM: Cathy Pardee, Sue Harber (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, August 6

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole
EM: Kelley Kuhn, Dave Minnich (c), TBD (c)
Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant
Cantor: Nancy Starcher

Stonerise EM

July 27 Stacey Rhodes
August 3 Dave Dunn

“Take; this is my body”

—Mark 14:22

The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true, and substantial.

“Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love.” (St. John Paul II, *Dominicae cenae*, no. 3)



“It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God.” (CCC, no. 1328)

Eucharist “makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior.” (CCC, no. 1330)

