

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sun., Aug 10:** Adult Catechism, 4:00 pm,  
church basement

**Wed., Aug 13:** Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

**Fri., Aug 15:** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, Mass at 5:30 pm

**Mass Intentions**

**Sun., Aug 10: For the People**

**Mon., Aug 11: No Mass**

**Tues., Aug 12:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wed., Aug 13:** †For Connie Medhus  
by Lowell Medhus

**Thurs., Aug 14:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fri., Aug 15:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sat., Aug 16:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Offertory Collections:**

**St. Joseph's** **Month of June 2025**

**Sun., Aug 2: \$ 1,555.00** **Income: \$ 7,215.50**

**Sun., Aug 3: \$ 1,836.00** **Expenses: \$ 13,729.85**

**St. Mary's** **\$ (6,514.35)**

**Sun., Aug 3: \$ 353.00**

**Pastoral Staff Volunteers**

**Parish Bookkeeper:** Colleen Schaak

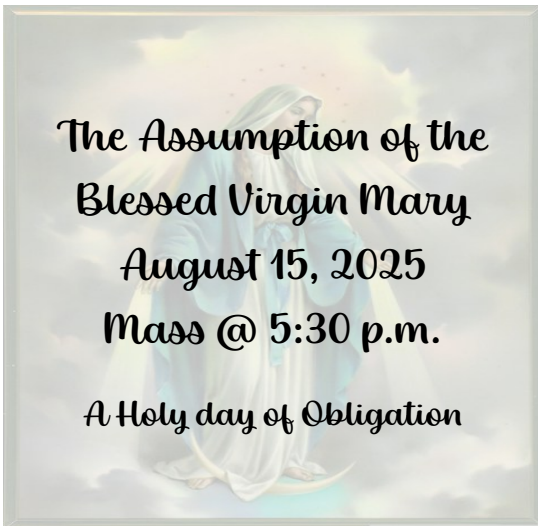
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Sat., Aug 9	Patty Kepp	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Aug 10	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Aug 16	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Aug 17	Angela Ramirez	Liezel Ferido	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Aug 23	Julie O'Dell	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Aug 24	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez



**The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**August 15, 2025**

**Mass @ 5:30 p.m.**

*A Holy day of Obligation*

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**Fiscal Year ending 6.30.25**

**Income: \$ 96,494.29**

**Expenses \$ 110,434.86**

**Net Loss \$ (13,940.57)**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Lect 117-Year C)**

"In God we trust." What do you think of when you hear that phrase? Probably money, since that sentence appears on all U.S. currency. Appropriate, seemingly, for it is money in which we often place the most trust. It can provide for our material needs and give us peace of mind for the future, much as the rich man in last Sunday's Gospel or Jesus' disciples in today's believed it would. But Jesus tells them no, their true treasure is in heaven, inexhaustible and imperishable. They only need trust in God. The authors of both Wisdom and Hebrews recall the trust their forebears had in God, to deliver them out of slavery, to provide descendants as numerous as the stars. Their powerful faith, which led Abraham to believe that God must even have the power to raise the dead when he was asked to sacrifice Isaac, was now needed by Luke's audience, for they had begun to doubt that Jesus would return as he had promised. Even now, after two thousand years, the master in Jesus' parable has yet to return. So we are challenged to keep the faith as well, to seek our treasure in the kingdom of heaven and not the kingdom of wealth, and to acclaim truly, "In God we trust."

*How do you show your trust in God?*

**God is good all the time:  
all the time God is good!**



**Dear Padre**

August 10, 2025

**Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?**

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven "to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb" (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary's Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was "where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven." More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary's House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary's body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

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Mass Schedule  
St. Joseph’s Church—Hardin

Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass - 5:45 p.m.

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday—Friday

Exceptions: Wednesday Mass  
and Adoration—5:30 p.m.

First Friday Healing Mass—5:30 p.m.

St. Mary’s Mission—Custer

Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Good News!

August 10, 2025  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wisdom 18:6-9 / Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 / Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf. A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke’s Gospel) or when you find yourself in an “alien land,” a place in life you’ve never been before. ●

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