

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

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Aug. 15, 2021 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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## MASSES FOR AUG. 15 – AUG. 22

### Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Ron Calentine  
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Mary Lenore Droska  
Thursday 8:30 a.m. Justice & Peace  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. St. Agnes Parish Family

### St. Mary's

Mon. 8:15 a.m. Rosary Service  
Wed. 8:15 a.m. Mass  
Fri. 8:15 a.m. Mass  
Sat. 4:00 p.m. Mass  
Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass

### EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Aug. 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Aug. 20 Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbott and Dr. of the Church  
Aug. 21 Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

### UPCOMING EVENT:

Aug. 24 Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle  
Aug. 27 Memorial of Saint Monica  
Aug. 28 Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Your Gift to the Church: \$ \$615.00**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### READERS

**August 1** Kathy Eck  
8 Cheryl (K) Elbert  
15 Sandy Thorn  
22 Doug Pickering  
29 Cheryl (R) Elbert

#### MONEY COUNTERS

Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage  
Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt  
Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz  
James Campbell & Doug Pickering  
Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Sharon Wolfe, Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Zayre Hedge and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES:** Grayson Campbell, James Campbell, Karson Campbell, Gary Eck, Loretta Graskemper, Haylee Heidlage, James Perrin, Veda Perrin, Jean Wagner & Billy Workes

### ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS & MASSES

The Office of Family Life is excited to announce the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebrations! In the words of Pope Francis, "Marriage is the most beautiful thing that God has created." The event includes a Mass with Bishop Edward M. Rice, followed by a reception. All married couples are cordially invited to attend with their family and friends. These occasions enable all of us to celebrate and affirm the great gift of married love within our families and communities. Please make plans to attend!

**\*Sun., Oct. 3, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., in St. Mary Cathedral, Cape Girardeau**

**\*Sun., Oct. 17, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., in St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield**

All married couples celebrating a wedding anniversary, please pre-register for one of these two events and receive a Marriage Certificate from Bishop Rice. Those celebrating their 25th or 50th, will also receive an Episcopal Blessing and a special gift. For us to properly prepare, we ask that couples **RSVP by Sept. 24, 2021**. You may register by filling out the form in the back of church and mailing it to Kin Brayman, in the Office of Family Life, 801 S. Jefferson, Springfield, MO 65806-3143, or email the information to [kbrayman@dioscgo.org](mailto:kbrayman@dioscgo.org)

## Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 11:19a;  
12:1-6a,10ab  
Ps 45:10-12,16  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27  
Luke 1:39-56

### Monday August 16

Judges 2:11-19  
Ps 106:34-37,39-40,43ab,44  
Matthew 19:16-22

### Tuesday August 17

Judges 6:11-24a  
Ps 85:9,11-14  
Matthew 19:23-30

### Wednesday August 18

Judges 9:6-15  
Ps 21:2-7  
Matthew 20:1-16

### Thursday August 19

Judges 11:29-39a  
Ps 40:5,7-10  
Matthew 22:1-14

### Friday August 20

**St. Bernard**  
Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22  
Ps 146:5-10  
Matthew 22:34-40

### Saturday August 22

**St. Pius X**  
Ruth 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17  
Ps 128:1b-5  
Matthew 23:1-12

The scriptures for this solemnity can help us understand Mary's holiness and how it affected her physically. They answer the question: How could she pass directly from earth to heaven without experiencing the corruption of death in her body?

Mary was the only human after Adam and Eve who was conceived without inheriting their Original Sin. God the Father arranged this so that Jesus the Son – who was completely holy and fully God – could reside within her human body during pregnancy and then live in a very holy family.

This gave Mary an advantage of grace that you and I do not have. Adam and Eve had it, but when faced with temptation, they chose to sin. As a new Eve, Mary faced temptation but chose to remain close to God.



saying no to temptation. Since we fail at this, Jesus died on our behalf so that we can get to heaven anyway, as long as we don't completely turn away from God's grace. He gave us the Sacrament of Baptism to free us from the inher-

itance of Adam and Eve's Original Sin. But we don't have to be satisfied with the minimum. God wants to give us much more grace!

We have the Holy Spirit so that we can resist temptation and be holy.

God gave Mary a ministry that did not end when she was transferred from earth to heaven. Her calling was – and still is – an eternal vocation of sharing the gift of grace that she received from God. Thus, she is able to care for us like a real mother and help us to grow in our love for Jesus and in our desire to resist temptations.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. How similar to Mary are you?
2. What do you need from Mary so you can become more like her?
3. Share the story of a time when you prayed the Rosary or consecrated yourself to Mary and a miracle happened.

Thus remaining full of God's grace, she was able to live in complete holiness and never experience the corruption of sin and death. When she reached the end of her time on earth, God's divine life raised her from the earth and immediately resurrected her earthly body into her glorified body.

To live in God's grace, we have to cooperate with it by