

## Celebrating at St. Anthony & St. Joseph Churches

**A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS WHERE THERE'S ALWAYS A PLACE FOR YOU**

### MASS SCHEDULES

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday - St. Joseph Church  
4:00pm Mass  
Reconciliation: 3:30pm

Sunday - St. Anthony Church  
10:30am Mass  
5:00pm Praise Mass  
Reconciliation: 10:00am

#### Weekday Masses

St. Anthony Chapel  
Tuesday and Thursday  
7:00am

SA—Hearing assistance is available.  
Ask any member of the Parish Team.



Community  
**PRODUCE**  
Giveaway

at St. Anthony Catholic Church Campus  
704 N. 1st Ave. • Evansville, IN 47710

### 2022 Community Produce Giveaway

**FREE** produce to our Neighbors  
the following Sundays are all at  
St. Anthony Church Campus  
Starting at 3:00pm

**August 21 \* September 25  
October 23**

#### How Can You Help?

Bring your extra produce to our  
Community Produce Giveaways  
and we will share the vegetables  
with the community.

### OFFICE INFORMATION

#### All Saints Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:00am - 4:30pm

Friday  
9:00am - 1:30pm  
704 N First Ave  
Evansville IN 47710-1632  
Phone: (812)423-5209

All Saints Website  
[www.allsaintsevansville.org](http://www.allsaintsevansville.org)

All Saints Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/saintanthonyevansville/](https://www.facebook.com/saintanthonyevansville/)

### PARISH COUNCIL

#### Officers

Don Kuhr- Chairperson  
Laura Ackerman-Vice-Chairperson  
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#### Members-At-Large

Justin Collins, Melissa Engler,  
Charles Muller, LeeAnn Rasche,  
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Bartell Berg / Faith Formation  
Laura Ackerman / Liturgy  
Kathy Reitz- Justice & Charity  
Landon Wagner- Youth

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### Saturday, Aug. 13

SJ 3:30pm Confessions  
SJ 4:00pm Mass

#### Sunday, Aug. 14

SA 9-10:00am Light Breakfast  
SA 10:00am Confessions  
SA 10:30am Mass  
SA 3:30pm Praise Music Practice  
SA 5:00pm Praise Mass

#### Monday, Aug 15

SA 5:30pm Mass The Assumption of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Tuesday, Aug 16

SA 7:00am Chapel Mass

#### Wednesday, Aug 17

SA 10:30am Soup Kitchen  
SA 10:30am Clothes Closet

#### Thursday, Aug 18

SA 7:00am Chapel Mass

#### Saturday, Aug 20

SJ 3:30pm Confessions  
SJ 4:00pm Mass

#### Sunday, Aug 21

SA 9-10:00am Light Breakfast  
SA 10:00am Confessions  
SA 10:30am Mass  
SA 3:00pm Produce Giveaway  
SA 3:30pm Praise Music Practice  
SA 5:00pm Praise Mass



The Automated External Defibrillators  
are located in the back of  
St. Anthony Church near the  
restroom and the front west  
wall in St. Joseph Church.



### Pastoral Staff

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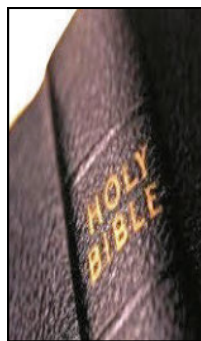
<b>Aug MASS INTENTIONS For All Saints Parish</b>			
Saturday	13	<i>Recorded</i>	John Gerard
	13	4:00pm	Ed Greulich
Sunday	14	10:30am	Jerome Kuhr
	14	5:00pm	Parishioners
Tuesday	16	7:00am	Dawnell Neighbors
Thursday	18	7:00am	Bill Becker
Saturday	20	<i>Recorded</i>	Parishioners
	20	4:00pm	Alvin Teipe
Sunday	21	10:30am	Roy Hawes
	21	5:00pm	Joe & Debbie Blake

<b>Stewardship at All Saints Parish</b>	
Online Contributions	\$5,259.00
Weekend Collection August 7	\$5,244.00
Total	\$10,503.00
Weekly Amount Budgeted	\$14,000.00
Weekly Difference	<b>\$3,497.00</b>
Collection to Date	\$68,860.47
Budgeted to Date	\$98,000.00
Fiscal YTD Difference	<b>\$29,139.53</b>
St. Vincent de Paul	\$452.00
Restoration	\$241.00
Other	\$40.00
Holy Day	5.00

For the Year to Date Financial Report, visit our website at [allsaintsevansville.org](http://allsaintsevansville.org). From the Homepage, click on the All Saints Parish tab; then choose "YTD Financial Report".

## Support Our Sponsors!

Thank you **Pierre Funeral Home** for sponsoring All Saints Parish Bulletin. Let them know you saw their ad in our Sunday Bulletin.



### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 pg. 731  
Hebrews 12:1-4 pg. 1367  
Luke 12:49-53 pg. 1220

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21 pg. 687  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 pg. 1368  
Luke 13:22-30 pg. 1221

## August Lectors Schedule

August 14- 10:30am Dorothy Wilderman, Dan Engler  
5:00pm Gina Tucker

August 21- 10:30am Nick Seib, Hans Bauer  
5:00pm Susan Volz

August 28- 10:30am Leanne Hudson, Tegan Rush  
5:00pm Chris Hamman



### Mission Appeal Mary Mother of God Mission Society

This weekend, **August 13/14**, Marilyn Wassmer, from Mary Mother of God Mission Society will visit our parish to speak about the Roman Catholic Mission Churches in Eastern Russia.

**An offering will be taken for the missions.**

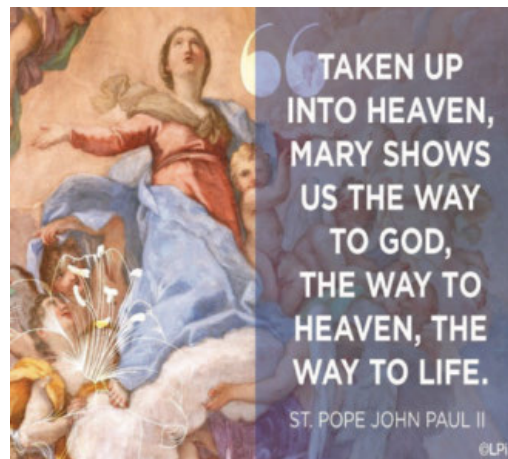
For the latest news on activities of the mission and the Catholic Church in Russia please visit the website at [www.vladmission.org](http://www.vladmission.org)



### Monday, August 15,

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
August 15 is **NOT** a holy day of obligation this year since it falls on a Monday. We **WILL** have a Mass for the Solemnity on **Monday, August 15**

at 5:30 pm at St. Anthony Church. Join us as we celebrate Mary's being taken into heaven.



## Justice Challenge 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. It is a moving and amazing event. Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul. She offers hope of the Resurrection and life after death to all believers. Hope is very important in our lives. It helps us through times that are tough, it helps us grow and change and to accept challenges, changes, and the unknown.

**Your challenge this week** is to take some time to pray about how you can offer hope to someone who really needs it. It may be a family member, a friend, someone with a serious illness or depression, or even a stranger, but find a way!

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## Congregations Acting for Justice & Empowerment

### CAJE Process Calendar



**September 13, 2022**–Listening Process Kick Off:  
(House Meeting Training) 6pm Sign in. Location TBD

**November 15, 2022**–Community Problems Assembly:  
6pm Sign in. Location TBD

**December 13, 2022**– Research to Action Kick Off:  
6pm Sign in. Location TBD

### Covenant Choir Reminder

Covenant Choir resumes practice  
Wednesday, Aug. 31 6:30-7:30pm.



## Check out our Ministries in Action!

### A-Men's Club:

3rd Tuesday each month, at 6:00pm SA

### All Saints Women's Group:

Will resume August 22 at 6:30pm

### Bible Study:

Wednesday Morning 8:00am SA

### Children's Choir:

Summer Break Will resume September 4

### Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sundays at 10:30am SA

### Covenant Choir:

Practice every Wednesday at 6:30pm SA

### Family Faith:

Every other Sunday will begin Sunday,  
August 28, 8:30-9am Pitch In Breakfast  
Session 9-10:15am SA

### Praise Mass Groups:

Practice every Sunday at 3:30pm SA

### RCIA Inquiry:

Call the Parish Office (812)423-5209 SA



## Special Points of Interest

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the Parish Office. It is best to arrange the anointing while the person who is ill can participate.

**Baptism of children** should be arranged in advance by contacting Fr. Davidson at the Parish Office.

**Catholic Schools:** Grades K-12, open to children of our parishioners. Contact Sharon Vogler at the Parish Office to ask about our policy of sponsoring students in Catholic Schools.

**Family Faith Formation:** Religious Education for families and children is available. Please call Sharon Vogler at the Parish Office.

**Homebound, Nursing Home or Hospital Visitation:**  
Call the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Couples planning to be married should contact Fr. Davidson at least six months before the wedding date. This ensures time for adequate preparation.

**New Parishioners:** Call Tom Bogenschutz at the Parish Office to receive our Welcome Packet and Parish Directory.

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Machalle Walker at our Parish Office if you would like to join the phone or email prayer chain.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):** Those wishing to become Catholic or learn more about the Catholic faith may call the Parish Office.



### A-Men's Club of All Saints Parish

Monthly meeting Tuesday, Aug. 16

Come and join us at 6:00 pm !

St. Anthony Campus

Questions?

Contact Roger Rogge 812-430-4550





## From the homilies recently...

### From Fr. Steve... Faith.

We really have more faith than we think we do.

We are called to live the life of adventure, of discipleship, of commitment...

We never know when life will be demanded of us. We once were young and didn't know where life was going. We walked by faith.

We are to live our life and be prepared for whatever God has in store for us. Always looking for God's will and God's ways...not our will.

### Fr. Jay

The Lord reminds us today that we are all on a journey from our birth to the kingdom. Journeys with God take a lot of faith and hope. When we look at our journeys in life we have all sorts of journeys that we are surviving with hope and faith that God will get us through.

Do not be afraid because it is God's will to give you the kingdom. Mother Theresa once said, let God use you without consulting you first.

We have faith and hope enough for the ups and downs and complications of our journeys. Notice how God is working in your journey. Have hope God will continue to do good and work in your lives even though it may not come out like we'd like it to. Ask God to help us out and continue to work in our lives to have hope and faith.

## All Saints Women's Group



Our next meeting will be on **Monday, August 22** beginning at 6:30pm in the Fr. Niehaus Room.



Our mission is to encourage and unite the women of All Saints Parish to join in prayer, service, and fellowship to build a closer relationship with Christ

Hope to see you there!

## It is Ordinary Time in our Church Seasons!

Check out the new resources we will be putting on our **GIFT webpage**



<http://allsaintsevansville.org/growing/>  
click on "Seasonal Resources"  
then click on Ordinary Time. Enjoy!!

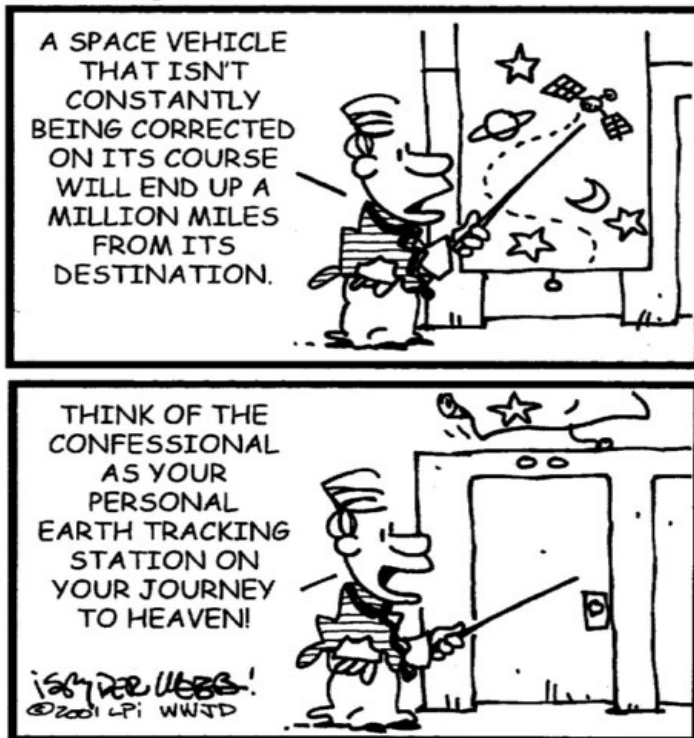
## Family Faith Formation

"I am with you always...Believe...Worship...Live...Share"  
People reaching for God and God reaching for people.  
We can't get there on our own.

Today's Gospel begins with "Jesus said to his disciples:  
"I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already blazing!"

With what does Jesus want the world to be on fire?  
How have we helped to set the earth on fire for Jesus?  
What have we not done?

## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation begins on **Sunday, August 28**.

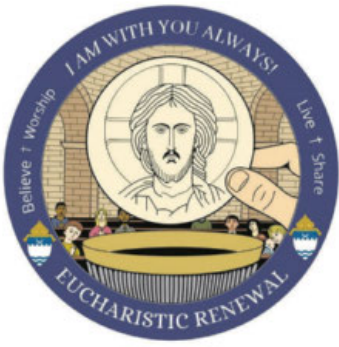
If you have children in pre-K through high school, you are welcome to join us! We gather for a pitch in breakfast beginning at 8:30am in the cafeteria.

Anything from casseroles to donuts to fruit is brought by our families. Our session will last from 9-10:15am.

Questions?

Contact Sharon at [svogler@evdio.org](mailto:svogler@evdio.org) or (812)423-5209

Registration Forms have been mailed and are available on line at [allsaintsevansville.org](http://allsaintsevansville.org). Click on the All Saints Parish button, scroll to bottom & click on Forms then click on 2022-2023 Family Faith Formation Form. The form can be filled out there, printed and mailed in or dropped in the collection basket.



## Eucharistic Renewal

The Eucharistic Renewal in our diocese focuses on four goals:

1. **Believe:** Foster belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.
2. **Worship:** Foster attendance at Mass, as well as valuing Mass in its entirety.
3. **Live:** Encourage living in such a way so as to reflect the Eucharist in our daily lives.
4. **Share:** Encourage sharing the truth, beauty and goodness of Mass with others so that they in turn may be drawn to it.

*As part of our participation in the Renewal, I will be sharing responses from members of the parish. I hope you will enjoy reading their thoughts, be encouraged by their thoughts, and be challenged to look at how you see and live the Eucharist as part of your life.*

*From a member of the parish...*

1. **Why is it important to you to attend Mass?**

To be part of my parish family.

2. **What does it mean to you to receive the Eucharist/Body of Christ?**

To remind us that Jesus died for our sins.

3. **How does receiving the Eucharist/Body of Christ help you, change you, challenge you?**

Helps me continue to live as Jesus wants me to live.

4. **How is your receiving the Eucharist/Body of Christ reflected in your life, shared with your world?**

It helps me to be an example for others.

5. **Other thoughts you'd like to share.**

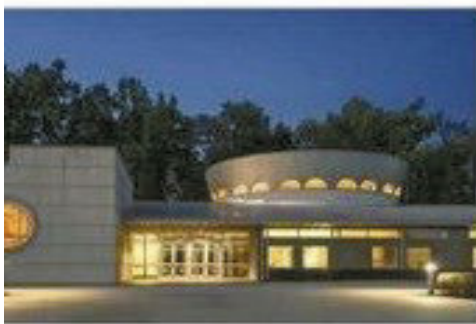
Will we go back to receiving the blood of Christ? Will we return to using servers at Mass?



SPRING/SUMMER 2022

# ONE GOD - ONE COMMUNITY

"Education eradicates ignorance and prejudice and helps to bring about a better understanding, respect, and friendship."



**TOPIC: Discrimination**

**TEMPLE ADATH B'NAI ISRAEL**  
8440 Newburgh Road, Evansville

**AUGUST 14 @ 6:30pm**

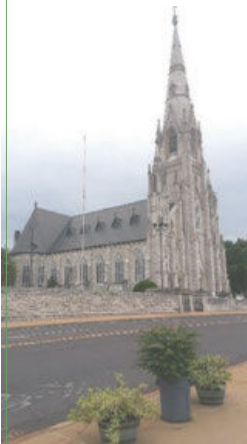
**One God One Community is a partnership between First Presbyterian Church, Temple Adath B'nai Israel, the Islamic Society of Evansville and St. Benedict Cathedral**

**Please contact your place of worship for more information.**



## Faith and Justice Pilgrimage

- All Saints Parish & Mt. Olive Baptist Church invite you to join them on their trip to St. Louis Sunday, **September 11, 2022.**
- The bus will leave St. Anthony campus at 6:00am and return at 7:00pm.
- The cost is \$130. Registration due August 28.
- For more information contact Brenda Meyer [bmeyer@evdio.org](mailto:bmeyer@evdio.org) or (812)423-5209.



We will visit St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church with a full morning of activities. The church is a beautiful Gothic revival style with 54 stained glass windows installed for the 1904 World's Fair by Mayer and Co. of Munich, Germany. Mass following at 10:00.

Lunch/ Discussion with the Peace and Justice committee.

Lunch includes: Beef Brisket, Pulled pork, Turkey, Fried chicken, Mac & cheese, Creamy Cole slaw, Southern greens, Green salad, Baked beans.

After lunch, a presentation about Critical & Civil Liberty at The Old Court House at the Gateway Arch National Park where Dred & Harriet Scott sued for their freedom in 1846 but lost.



## All Saints Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 18, 2022

After the 10:30 Mass

At St. Anthony Campus



## All Saints Parish Fall Festival Booth #98

The Fall Festival is October 3rd-8th

Check out the new menu item, Taco al Pastor. It's a pork & pineapple taco.

*Thank You!*

Again this year José Ramirez is providing the food. If you see José, please thank him for his generous Donation!

## Canned Drink & Bottled Water

### Donations Needed!

Canned Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite or Ski (only these four products please) and bottled water. These drinks will be sold at the Fall Festival Booth. Drinks can be dropped off at Mass or the Parish Office.



## All Saints Family Faith Formation 2022-2023 Registration Form

**FAMILY NAME:**

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street City Zip

HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL
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MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Date \_\_/\_\_/\_\_  
Birthdate        /        /        Birthdate        /        /

**and Other ADULTS attending Family Faith Formation with children:**

GRANDMOTHER                      GRANDFATHER                      Anniversary Date   /   /  
Birthdate   /   /                      Birthdate   /   /

AUNT \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ / /  
 \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ / /

**GUARDIANS (if not mother & father listed above)**

CHILD	Birthdate	GRADE	SCHOOL
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BAPTIZED	YES	NO	CHURCH	DATE
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FIRST COMMUNION	YES	NO	CHURCH		DATE
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FIRST RECONCILIATION	YES	NO	CHURCH	DATE

CHILD	Birthdate	GRADE	SCHOOL
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FIRST COMMUNION	YES	NO	CHURCH	DATE
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FIRST RECONCILIATION	YES	NO	CHURCH	DATE

CHILD	Birthdate	GRADE	SCHOOL
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FIRST COMMUNION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHURCH		DATE
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FIRST RECONCILIATION	YES	NO	CHURCH	DATE

**DIOCESAN EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE (REV. 6/12)**

Youth's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Youth's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/School/Program: All Saints Parish

City: Evansville, IN

Event: Family Faith Formation/RE Events

Date(s): August 18, 2022 – August 18, 2023

I/We, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above named youth, hereby give my/our approval for his/her participation in the above event. I/We assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities and transportation to and from the event. I/We do further hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and hold harmless the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, All Saints Parish, Fr. John Davidson, Pastor, and any of their respective affiliates, successors, agents, employees, members, and representatives, adult sponsors, and other volunteers involved in the activities and transportation associated with the event from any and all claims, including claims of personal injury to my/our youth or property damage, under any theory of law (including negligence, but not reckless or intentional conduct) in any way resulting from or arising in connection with the activities and/or transportation to and from the event.

It is understood and agreed that neither the Parish, the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, any respective affiliate, successor, agent, employee, member, representative, adult sponsor, nor other volunteer is the insurer of my child's health and safety while he/she is at youth functions, engaged in supervised activities, including sports, or being transported in association with the event. I/We understand it to be my/our obligation to provide such insurance as I/we may desire to purchase to protect myself/ourselves and my/our child against the costs of sickness or injury.

In case of emergency or serious illness, should the above-named child require medical treatment, and neither a parent nor the designated family physician can be contacted, consent is hereby granted for such medical treatment as may be considered necessary in the opinion of the attending physician.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY SIGNATURE RELIEVES DIOCESAN AND/OR PARISH PERSONNEL OF ANY AND ALL LIABILITY RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANY PRESCRIBED MEDICATION LISTED ON THE DIOCESAN MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM (INCLUDING OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS).

Further, I/we acknowledge having read, or been made aware of the Diocesan Youth and/or Adult Codes of Conduct, the Diocesan Release for Media Recording, and the Diocesan Off-site Transportation Policy, and I/we agree to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth in those documents (copies available via [www.evansville-diocese.org/youth/forms](http://www.evansville-diocese.org/youth/forms)). I acknowledge and understand that any action on behalf of my/our child/dependent that is inconsistent with the Diocesan Code of Conduct may result in appropriate disciplinary action as outlined in those documents.

I represent that I am at least 18 years of age, have read and understand the foregoing statement, and am competent to execute this agreement.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

August 2022

All Saints Parish

## One Minute Meditations

### Get involved

Catholics have a long history of action – feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the poor, praying for souls. Are you doing all you can to help? If not, find out if there is a parish ministry that could use your time, talent, or treasure. Catholics are meant to make a difference.



### Run, don't walk

If you think you don't sin and don't need the Sacrament of Reconciliation, run – don't walk – to the nearest confessional. *"If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves"* (1 John 1:8). Unconfessed sin, especially when it goes unnoticed, forms a barrier between us and God. Penance, absolution, and life amendment helps to break it down.

### A Novena

Do you have a particular concern or an upcoming challenge? A novena – a prayer offered over nine consecutive days in preparation for a feast day or a special need – is a great way to ask for God's particular help.



## Jesus, I trust in you!

We fully trust in someone when we have a firm belief in his or her reliability, truth, ability, and strength. Do you trust God? He really is *"faithful and true"* (Revelation 19:11). You can trust Him ...

**When you are overwhelmed:** Can you imagine being responsible for every soul in the world? One night, Pope St. John XXIII, feeling overwhelmed by the problems in the Church, prayed, "Lord, it's Your Church; You take care of it. I'm going to bed." That's the perfect model for us. Surrender concerns to God, trust Him to handle them, and relax.

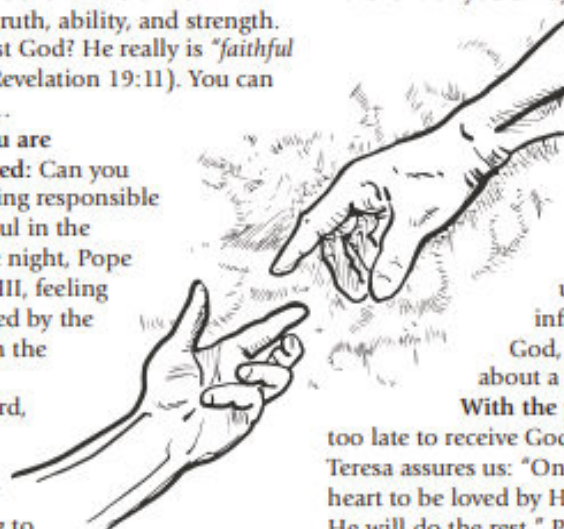
**With the future:** St. Padre Pio said, "You say you are anxious about the

future, but don't you know that the Lord is with you always and that our

enemy has no power over one who has resolved to belong entirely to Jesus?"

When we understand the infinite love of God, we won't worry about a thing.

**With the past:** It's never too late to receive God's mercy. Mother Teresa assures us: "Only open your heart to be loved by Him as you are. He will do the rest." Pope Francis has said that God is never tired of dispensing His mercy. We are the ones who tire of asking. Never tire of asking. Absolution is as close as your nearest Catholic church.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics bury loved ones' remains?

Everything the Church teaches about care for the dying, funeral rites, and burial is out of respect for the body. For Catholics, the body has the added dignity of participating in the Sacraments during life: *"your body is a temple of*



*the Holy Spirit"* (1 Corinthians 6:19). In the Creed, we profess belief in the resurrection of the body. Therefore, the Church permits cremation as long as the cremains are buried in sanctified ground. Scattering ashes is prohibited.

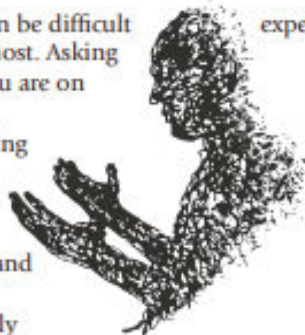


# Discerning God's will

Do you have a big decision to make? It can be difficult to hear God's voice just when you need it most. Asking the right questions and looking for signs you are on track can help you make the right choice.

"Will it help me get to Heaven?" Answering this question first will weed out extraneous options quickly. Then, when deciding between two good choices, consider which one makes best use of your strengths, gifts, and your state in life.

**Deep peace.** In heartfelt prayer, you'll likely



experience a deep peace for one of your options. Only God gives this kind of peace (John 14:27). It's a good sign when that peace lasts throughout the decision process. Lack of peace is usually God saying, "no."

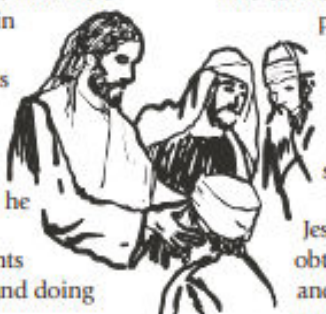
**Good fruits.** These are easiest to see after you have taken steps toward your decision. If you see spiritual fruits like generosity, joy, patience, and self-control growing in your soul, you're on the right track. Anxiety, turmoil, anger, tension are signs that you made a misstep.

## from Scripture

### Luke 14:1, 7-14, Unreciprocated kindness

Jesus was under close and careful scrutiny by the Pharisees who were watching for a misstep in order to discredit him. They were afraid that his "radical" ideas would undermine the religion and tradition they protected. Nonetheless, he never let this critical scrutiny by his opponents keep him from saying and doing the right things.

As Christians, we must never succumb to pressure to do what is politically or socially correct at the expense of our spiritual beliefs and obligations. For example, there is a cultural value to



"networking" – entertaining people who can further our personal or professional goals. There is usually an exchange of favors implied in this kind of a relationship, "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours."

In this parable, however, Jesus urged us to forget about obtaining benefit or admiration and instead serve people in need. He said that doing favors for and being kind to the disadvantaged can be very rewarding and will bring blessings to the host. The guests won't be able to reciprocate, but God will certainly repay the kindness.

## Q & A What does Mary's Assumption mean for us?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII infallibly declared that, "having completed the course of her earthly life," the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heavenly glory.



Although this doctrine was declared relatively recently, the Church's belief in it isn't new. Sacred Scripture and Tradition repeatedly emphasize Mary's

sinlessness and holiness (Luke 1:28), and her deep involvement in the mysteries of Christ's life. Given this, we believe Jesus preserved her body from decay and raised her to heavenly glory.

For us, the Assumption, is a "sneak preview" of what our ultimate destiny can be if we are faithful to Christ, as Mary was - having our glorified bodies, sinless and perfectly happy. What she is now, we hope someday to be. Moreover, the Assumption reveals the value of our bodies in God's plan. When God created us in His image, He created us body and soul and said it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31). It's so good, that He intends to raise us, bodily, into His glory.

## Feasts & Celebrations

**August 2 – St. Peter Julian Eymard (1868).** Born in France, Peter was ordained in 1834 and earned a reputation as a preacher. He was friends with St. John Vianney. He founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Blessed Sacrament to increase devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

**August 9 – St. Edith Stein (1942).** Born Jewish, she was a brilliant atheist intellectual in Germany. Edith converted to Catholicism after studying St. Teresa of Avila, and became a Carmelite nun. Although her order tried to shelter her

from the Nazis, she was arrested and executed at Auschwitz.

**August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption.** Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

**Aug. 24 – St. Bartholomew the Apostle (1st Century).** Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the apostle, Nathanael (John 1:46). After Jesus's Ascension, Nathanael spread Christianity to India and Armenia, where he was martyred.



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