



Dear Friends, Dear Parishioners, August and September are months in which we have some special feast days of our Blessed Mother. Last weekend we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven on August 15 and the feast of the Queenship of Mary is celebrated each year on August 22, though this year, since it falls on Sunday it will not be observed. On September 8 the feast of Mary's birth is celebrated and on September 15 is celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Further, the month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The devotion of praying the Rosary is the preeminent prayer whereby we ask our Lady to intercede for all of our needs, especially for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and for respect for all human life, born and unborn (the month of October also being Respect Life Month). Of course there are many other wonderful devotions in which we ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us, of which there are two that I want to offer here at St. Joseph's and in which I encourage participation. First, beginning on September 4, and on each first Saturday of the month thereafter, I will celebrate Mass at 9:00 A.M., which will be followed by the praying of the Rosary during a period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Exposition. I will also offer the Sacrament of Penance at 8:30 A.M. on the first Saturday of the month. This will provide for the possibility of participating in the First Saturday devotions that are Lady asked for during her apparitions at Fatima. Second, on September 7, and each Tuesday thereafter, following the 8:00 A.M. Mass, I will offer Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena devotions.

As I have been doing, I continue to provide you each week with a FAQ on the new English translation of the *Roman Missal*:

What will the new *Missal* mean in my parish?

In the months before the revised translation is implemented, parishes will have to do many things. The parish will have to replace liturgical books and participation aids. Priests will practice proclaiming the new texts and will prepare homilies helping the faithful to understand the new translation and to deepen their appreciation for the Liturgy. The music ministers and the people will learn new musical settings of the parts of Mass (such as the *Gloria* and the *Sanctus*). Catechists and teachers will help parishioners learn the new prayers. Parishes may also use this opportunity to undertake a thorough

re-examination of their liturgical practices. Thanks, again, for your patience as the project of installing the new light fixtures in the church nears completion. If we do not make it back into church this weekend, then we should be back there for the weekend Masses next weekend. Have a wonderful week. God bless, Fr. Matt

RCIA

If you or someone whom you know is not Catholic, but is interested in becoming Catholic, whether he or she is not baptized or is already baptized in another Christian denomination, please have him or her contact Fr. Gutowski at the parish phone number or email him at mjgutowski@archomaha.org. If you are already Catholic and are interested in being a sponsor for someone considering entering the Catholic Church, please also contact Fr. Gutowski likewise. If there are enough who are interested, we can provide an RCIA program beginning this fall. Also, Fr. Gutowski is willing to provide individual instructions in our Catholic Faith as well.



MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 23 THRU AUGUST 29

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Priest's Intention
Wednesday	Priest's Intention
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Hattie Alex
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

CHECK IT OUT

Be sure to check out our new website, www.StJoSf.org. It is being created by Irina Harrington of WireBuilt. Irina is doing an incredible job and it contains so much information. Also, any news, questions, comments, etc. can be e-mailed to Secretary@stjosf.org. Remember, the web page is still in its infancy but it should prove to be an invaluable asset when you have questions or can't find your weekly bulletin. Irina also welcomes your comments about the website so don't be shy.