



August 15, 2010
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Today is the day - Please join us for

MaryFest

August 15

12:00 p.m.

Church parking lot



Mass



Food

Music

Fellowship



Reflections From the Pastor

*“Fear not, Mary,
for with God all things are possible!”*

Today the Church celebrates a feast that goes all the way back to the first centuries of the Church. Many refer to the feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven as the *Feast of the Dormition*. Pope Pius XII in 1950, after consulting with bishops throughout the world, proclaimed as *de fide* the doctrine of Mary’s bodily assumption into heaven. What he did was not to declare a new doctrine but rather to affirm in union with the bishops the longstanding tradition of Catholic and Orthodox Christians.

I find it interesting that some, including Catholics, have difficulty accepting this doctrine of the Church. Indeed, at times this and other Marian doctrines, e. g. the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, sometimes seem to complicate ecumenical dialogue within the Christian family of churches. To me this is unfortunate.

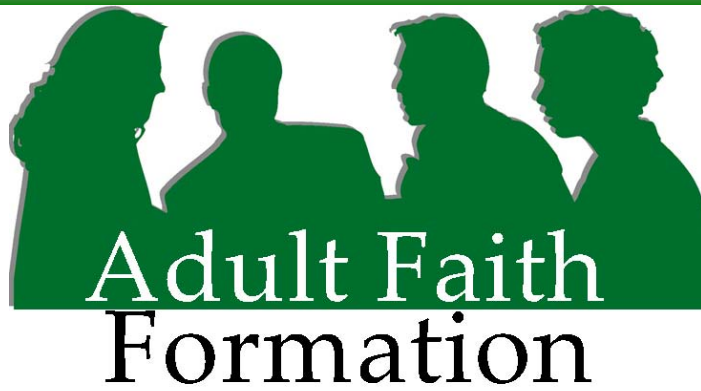
First, it is important to point out that the focus of most Marian doctrines is not Mary herself, but rather her Son. There is an age old saying – “*ad Jesum per Mariam (to Jesus through Mary)*”. If one considers doctrines such as the doctrine of the *Theotokos* (Mother of God), one finds that the doctrine helps to define better the Church’s understanding of Jesus. The doctrine of *Mary, the Theotokos*, came about as a response to those in the early Church who denied the humanity of Jesus, and thus denied the mystery of the Incarnation. The Church believed that Jesus, the Word Incarnate, born of Mary was truly both divine and human.

Coming to the question of Mary’s assumption, one needs to focus once again on how this belief speaks to her Son. The Church teaches that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. St. Paul tells us had Christ not been raised from the dead, our faith would be in vain. The event of the resurrection, a mystery of faith, is in the language of Paul the *cornerstone* of Christianity. While we believe it to be a historical, there are no witnesses to the actual event, thus making it a matter of faith.

If then I accept the resurrection of Jesus, I find no difficulty with the belief that Mary, His mother, participates in His resurrection. Indeed, it is our belief that all of us will one day participate in Christ’s resurrection – “*I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting*” (Profession of Faith). One could say that the doctrine of the Assumption not only recalls a past event (Easter – the Resurrection of Jesus) but also a future event at the end of time (the bodily resurrection of the dead – *eskaton*).

For me the feast of the Assumption is special. It is a feast in which I found consolation and comfort. Thirty nine years ago on this day my mother after suffering nearly two years with bone cancer went home to the Lord. Her name was Mary. Seeing her at peace after a rather painful death made me aware of the peace to be found in death because as the preface to the Eucharistic prayer of funerals states “*in death life is not ended, it is simply changed*”. Indeed, one day all of us will fall asleep with the Lord (*dormition*) only to rise with Christ in the fullness of our being to life eternal.

- Fr. Bill Conway



THIRD SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Meetings of our Parish book discussion group will resume next month! As our new name implies, we will meet on the third Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church conference room. Our book for September is *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. This title is readily available both at area bookstores and online. (The Parish will not be ordering copies).

To join the discussion of *Three Cups of Tea* on September 19th, please register with Tracy O'Brien at Divine Savior, 630-969-1532 ext. 21. We look forward to a lively discussion of this story of one determined man and what he was able to achieve for the children in impoverished mountain villages of Pakistan.

Our title for October is *Invictus: Nelson Mandela and the Game That Made a Nation*, by John Carlin. (This book was first published as *Playing the Enemy*.) In November we will discuss *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World*, by Henri Nouwen.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday:	Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Stephen of Hungary
Thursday:	St. John Eudes
Friday:	St. Bernard
Saturday:	St. Pius X

Prayer Blanket Ministry

**DIVINE SAVIOR PARISH'S PRAYER
BLANKET/SHAWL MINISTRY
TURNS ONE YEAR OLD**

**EACH BLANKET/SHAWL IS A
GIFT OF COMFORT AND LOVE**

Thirty-seven talented women have answered God's call to this ministry and have given their time in making the 160 blankets and shawls that have been given to our brothers and sisters in need of healing.

Over 150 chemo caps have also been created and given, not only to our parishioners, but also to Hinsdale, Good Samaritan, and Loyola hospitals for distribution to chemotherapy patients.

This ministry will also be creating white ribbon crosses with Miraculous Medals on them as gifts to all the newly baptized children of our parish.

The Prayer Blanket/Shawl Ministry welcomes new members of our parish who sew, knit, crochet, or quilt. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 7PM in the pastoral center. (There will be no meeting in September; our next meeting is scheduled for October 4th.) Please join us if you feel called to this ministry!

Our ministry is, of course, a non-profit project. The members incur all costs in making the items we provide. However, monetary donations are always welcome to help pay for supplies. If you have any questions about this ministry, please call Jackie Griffith at 630-737-0755.

Since our inception a year ago, a scrapbook of all that has transpired is available for viewing in the Parish Office.



EL DESTINO DE TODA CARNE MORTAL

La celebración de la fiesta de hoy en domingo es inusual en nuestro calendario católico. Nuestra observancia del Día del Señor es de tan alta estima que pocas otras fiestas la reemplazan. Ocasionalmente hay una fiesta –usualmente de uno de los santos– en que el poder salvador de Dios en Cristo está tan singularmente manifiesto que el rito romano la considera digna de celebrarse en el Día del Señor. Hoy es tal fiesta. Sin embargo, algunos se sorprenden por la brevedad del dogma en su totalidad: Pronunciamos, declaramos y definimos ser dogma de revelación divina que la inmaculada madre de Dios, siempre Virgen María, cumplido el curso de su vida fue asunta en cuerpo y alma a la gloria celeste”. La Iglesia Católica nunca definió nada específico ni los particulares sobre el hecho. No existen relatos verificables de testigos. En su esencia, el dogma revela en María el destino de toda carne mortal, y refuerza nuestro credo y fe en la resurrección del cuerpo. Esta fiesta fortalece nuestra fe, definida la semana pasada en la carta a los hebreos como la realización de aquello que esperamos. Encontramos en María la realización de lo que todos esperamos, y que Pablo afirma hoy: “en Cristo todos volverán a la vida” (1 Corintios 15:22).

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*Mi alma
glorifica al
Señor*



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SAN ESTEBAN DE HUNGRÍA (969-1038)

16 de agosto

Vyke nació en un país dividido por la violencia entre las tribus que lo habitaban. Su padre, el Conde Geza, fue quien logró estabilizar la situación y su hijo, luego de haberse educado se hizo bautizar asumiendo el nombre de Esteban. Aunque fue el sucesor de su padre, su meta era consolidar la unión de las tribus en Hungría y para ello, la fe cristiana fue elemental. Siendo rey pidió al papa que enviara monjes benedictinos de Alemania e Italia para predicar el evangelio, mientras que él promovió la fe cristiana con su testimonio de vida, su cuidado por los pobres, la renuncia al poder por el poder y mediante la construcción de templos y mosaicos que, mediante el arte, presentaban las verdades de la fe cristiana. Su amor por los pobres evitó que hubiera abusos contra ellos, o bien, que los miembros de su corte aspiraran a cargos de poder. Por su testimonio cristiano y cuidado por los pobres, el Papa Silvestre II lo coronó rey de Hungría y es venerado, hasta la fecha, como su patrono.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Una gran señal apareció en el cielo; una mujer vestida como el sol (Apocalipsis 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

Salmo — De pie, a tu derecha, está la reina (Salmo 45 [44]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo es el primogénito de los que duermen; y cuando él regrese, serán los de Cristo (1 Corintios 15:20-27).

Evangelio — María se apresura a visitar a su prima Isabel que estaba embarazada, y proclama la grandeza de Dios (Lucas 1:39-56).

DAR DE VUELTA

La Virgen recibió la salvación para poder darla de vuelta a los siglos.

—Pedro Crisólogo

AUNT MARY'S STORYBOOK PROJECT



Young Professionals Needed for Volunteer Projects

To Everyone and Divine Savior Parish:

Thank you so much for your donation of 31 beautiful books and 60 stamps for our Aunt Mary's Storybook Project. This project is very important to the parents who participate and the children who receive the gifts of books and their parents' voices. This is how some participants expressed their gratitude:

- *"I was able to record a story for my 2-year-old son this morning. I am grateful for this opportunity. It is a wonderful thing you are doing, and it made me feel very good. I miss my baby so much. Thank you, thank you." - Angela*
- *"My name is Ruby. I would sincerely like to thank everyone who has donated books for us as well as our children. It is truly a blessing to have such wonderful and caring people as you all. I believe that having gracious people like you shows me a new outlook on life."*

We have the opportunity to serve more parents through this project so your donation is especially helpful right now. Last week we served men at DuPage County Jail for the first time. Many thanked us repeatedly.

Finally we invite you to visit our website at cjtinc.org where you can view the Good Morning America piece and to read the stories and reflections I am sharing on a blog: Janasjourneywithprisoners.blogspot.com. Also we have started a Facebook group under Companions, Journeying Together.

Sincerely,

Jana Minor, Founding Director
Rev. Karen Hutt, Ex. Director

Are you a young professional looking for spiritual and emotional growth? Are you looking for a networking opportunity that will also help those in need? Catholic Charities is hosting a meeting for young professionals and college students who are willing to volunteer some time and talent to help with service ministry projects throughout the year. Examples of service projects include:

- Cleaning and sorting through toys used by children in foster care
- Clean-up housing and community areas in Pembroke Township, one of the country's poorest communities and right in our own backyard
- Prepare Transitional Housing Units for homeless families

Join us to learn more—Wednesday, September 15 at Daybreak Center, 611 East Cass Street in Joliet. Enter in rear of building through Shepherd's Table at 7:00 p.m. followed by a tour of Daybreak Shelter and Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen. For more information contact Lorri at lnagle@cc-doj.org or call 815-724-1102.

August is Catholic Charities Month!

Did you know that over 30% of the 60,000 people served each year at Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Joliet are children? Catholic Charities provides help and creates hope for children in foster care, many of whom needed long-term specialized therapy to heal from the abuse and neglect they have suffered. Catholic Charities also provides adoption services and helps women facing unplanned pregnancies through the Maternity Services Program. Please visit www.cc-doj.org <<http://www.cc-doj.org/>



Please keep Father Robert Sum in your prayers. He was recently diagnosed with colon and rectal cancer. He is currently undergoing treatment and we pray for his speedy recovery. If you would like to send him a get well card, his address is:

St. Procopius Abbey
5601 College Road
Lisle, IL 60532-4463



FOR THOSE WHO WAIT:

***A SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR
PARENTS, SPOUSES, AND ADULT SIBLINGS
AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF
DEPLOYED MILITARY***

Mayslake Ministries, in conjunction with Sts. Peter and Paul in Naperville, is beginning a spiritual support group for families of our military stationed overseas. All branches of service are included. This group is a companion ministry to our Veteran's Ministry, "Coming Home to Christ," which provides free retreats to help with Post Traumatic Spiritual Stress. **There is no fee for this program but pre-registration is desired.** Please contact Dr. Mary Amore at 630-268-9000 to register for a session or to get more information. A kickoff meeting is being held:

Tuesday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m.
Sts. Peter and Paul Church
36 North Ellsworth Street
Naperville, IL
Facilitated by Joe Verdico



Total Weekly Contributions 8/8/10	\$10,038.87
Blue Envelopes (Development Fund)	117.00

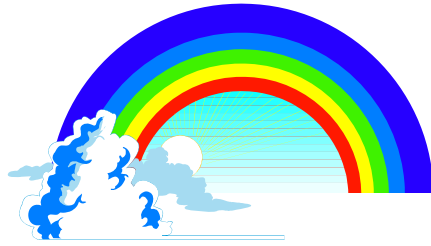
Please remember the good works of our Parish in your will. Contact Fr. Conway for information on how you can accomplish this.



Many thanks to those of you who have signed up for e-giving. This is an easy and convenient way to have your weekly offering automatically deducted from your checking account or charged to your credit card (you can get points).

Right now 43 families are participating in the program.

If you would like to be a part of the e-giving program, visit the parish website at www.divinesavior.net and complete instructions are available or if you do not have access to the internet, you can stop in the parish office during regular business hours and fill out a form. Thank you again to all who have participated.



THE GOAL OF RAINBOWS IS "HEALING"

St. Mary of Gostyn Parish will offer a Rainbows Support Group beginning Monday, September 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The **Rainbows** Program is for all children who have experienced some loss – either through divorce, the death of a parent, a grandparent, or even the loss of a friend who moved away.

When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death, divorce or loss appears to be only grown-up problems, they have a profound effect on the children touched by these experiences. Children can find it extremely difficult to verbalize their feelings.

Participants are involved in weekly meetings structured in such a way the participant's story can be shared in a loving and accepting environment. The obvious goal is healthy resolution and healing of the loss experience. Since each person's healing is unique to them, they may participate year after year, for as long as they choose. Let someone you care about know about Rainbows.

This past year more than 30 families benefited from the Rainbows Program at St. Mary's. If you know of a family who is hurting, please consider passing along this information.

There is no fee for the Rainbows Program. Please call for further information.

St. Mary of Gostyn
Religious Education Office
445 Prairie Avenue
Downers Grove
630-960-3565, x219




**PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY**

If you have family members currently serving in any branch of the Armed Forces overseas, we would like to include their names in our weekly bulletin so that parishioners could include them in their prayers. Please submit their names with branch of service to bulletin@divinesavior.net. Please notify us when the service person returns home.

WE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- Mark Lara—Marines, Iraq
- Nicholas Leamy—Navy, Okinawa
- Greg Jablonski—Army, Iraq
- Jeremiah Curtis—Taji, Iraq
- Nicholas Zefeldt—Army, Afghanistan
- Joe Giltug—Army, Afghanistan
- Claven Ourrum—Air Force, Afghanistan
- Kristopher Bosi—Marines, Afghanistan
- David Leamy—Army, Kuwait

Today we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast and solemnities of Mary honor her while pointing us to the saving grace of Jesus; the creative power of the Father; and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Indeed Mary's Assumption reminds us that we, too, can one day dwell in that divine communion of love.

				
Saturday, August 21 5:00 PM	Father Conway	Olivia Porcaro Leo Januszewski Grace Januszewski	David Brockmann Maureen Chmel Chris John Marilyn John Bev Goste	Mike Januszewski
Saturday, August 21 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)	Father Conway			
Sunday, August 22 8:00 AM	Father Conway	Hayley Stankiewicz Brad Brost	Art Leamy Dave Gallagher James Guzzaldo Helen Bienik Barbara Fidanza Roberta Muehlhaus Rosanne Widrechner	Jan Walters
Sunday, August 22 10:00 AM	Father Tapper	Charlene DeGuzman Jamaica DeGuzman Danny Campagna	Christine Campagna Debbie Campagna Katie Campagna Patti Rose Fe Asuncion Jim Socha Margaret Panatera	Chuck Elly
Sunday, August 22 11:30 AM	Father Conway	Michelle Cervantes Marissa Cervantes	Eric Dizon Bridget O'Sullivan Mary O'Sullivan Susan Williams Mercedes Selvarajan	Joann Halpin

Some days we'd like to be assumed into heaven with Mary. However, our vocation is still on this earth, saying, as she said often: "Be it done unto me according to thy will."

Holy

Bible

August 15, 2010

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Mass Intentions



Monday, August 16-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Frances Wrobel

Tuesday, August 17-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Stella Gunther
 † Mary Bergera

Wednesday, August 18-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Dora Wrobel
 † Mimi Renella

Thursday, August 19-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Patricia Filipowicz

Friday, August 20-Saint Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church

8:30 AM— † Edith and Geno Dinelli

Saturday, August 21-Saint Pius X, pope

5:00 PM— † Pam Kolozsy
 6:30 PM— For the People of God

Sunday, August 22-Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM— † Terry Ozga
 10:00 AM— † Fred Imperl
 11:30 AM— † Alfio and Betty Como

Monday, August 16, 2010

Legion of Mary 7:30 PM CR

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Baby Boomer Meeting 7:00 PM PC

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

RCIA Team Meeting 7:00 PM CR
 10:00 Choir 7:30 PM C

Thursday, August 19, 2010

Staff Meeting 10:00 AM CR

Friday, August 20, 2010

Saturday, August 21, 2010

AA Meeting 7:00 AM PC
 Spanish Baptism Class 10:00 AM CR

Sunday, August 22, 2010

Baptism Mass 11:30 AM C
 Spanish Baptisms 1:30 PM C



Key: C=Church; N=Narthex; M=Mass; A=Away;
 PC=Pastoral Center; MSR=Mother Seton Room;
 CR=Conference Room; G=Grounds



Contacting the Parish

The Parish Office is open Monday-Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM, Thursday from 9:00 AM -1:15 PM. Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

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The Religious Education office is open Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and during class times on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

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<http://www.divinesavior.net>

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY:	8:30 AM
SATURDAY:	5:00 PM
	6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)
SUNDAY:	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM
	11:30 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Mass of anticipation the	
Evening before	7:00 PM
Holy day	7:30 AM
	12:00 Noon

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30-4:40 PM and by appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION

Stop in the Parish Office during regular business hours to register as a Divine Savior Parishioner.

BAPTISMS

Once a month at special Baptism Service. Arrangements must be made two months in advance. Parental preparation requires registration in the Parish, active Saturday or Sunday participation in Parish Worship and attendance at Baptismal Preparation meetings. Please call the office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for celebration of marriage must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call Parish Office.

RCIA

Anyone seeking information about becoming a fully participating member of the Catholic Faith should contact the Parish Office. Classes begin in September.