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Parish Mission Statement

We seek to promote the reign of God within and beyond our faith community as living testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We joyfully celebrate the liturgy, faithfully foster spiritual and intellectual formation, actively encourage stewardship, and passionately promote social justice.

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*"From this day ALL generations will
call me BLESSED:
the Almighty has done GREAT things
for me
and HOLY is his Name.
He has cast down the MIGHTY from
their thrones,
and has lifted up the LOWLY."*

LUKE 1:48B-49, 52

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AUGUST 15, 2010 • THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Fr. Mike's Meditations

I was once told by Fr. Frank Quinn, O.P., one of my Dominican brothers and professor of Sacred Liturgy, that you can tell a lot about a particular group of people by the things they choose to celebrate and remember. When we start to think about what it is we are celebrating this Sunday in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we can see something very important for us as Catholic Christians, something worth a brief reminder. It points to the importance we place on the subtle ways we are called to live out our faith. In this aspect of our faith, Mary was the Queen of quiet, selfless service to our Lord.

It is true we celebrate many great events in Mary's life. For instance, we celebrate the Annunciation, a monumental moment in the history of salvation. After all, Mary's grand and resounding "Fiat" ushered in the birth of our Lord and Savior. However, even in grand moments like that, Mary was very humble. This was the case throughout her blessed and holy life. For most of us, this is how our faith lives will be lived: quietly in the background, as the grand moments in history unfold.

Not everyone is called to witness the presence of Christ in our lives in grand and public ways. Not everyone is meant to be Martyr. Doctors of the faith like our parish patron, St. Thomas Aquinas, are few and far between. It is because of this, that Mary's life truly guides us and inspires us and shows us what it means to be a follower of Christ.

In her life, she never sought anything but to do the will of God and to be there to serve her Son. She never sought the spotlight, nor did her presence ever overshadow what was happening in sacred scripture. She was there, unassumingly serving in the background. She shows us that just because we are not the makers of significant historical events, our lives are no less important in the eyes of Christ. What matters most is being there for others and supporting them and loving them as Christ loves us.

Great things are still happening in the world around us today; great saints are being born and teaching the Word of God and dying for their faith. But most of us will be like Mary: witnesses to these events, living quiet lives of service devoted to others and to Christ. We may not be the center of attention as history unfolds. However, as we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, we celebrate and acknowledge the power of living a quiet and subtle life in Christ. We take comfort in knowing our eternal reward and our salvation do not lie in grand acts on our part; our salvation has been won for us by Christ and Christ alone. Our part is to live simply and quietly following His example. We see in our belief in Mary's Assumption, in her reward and the honor both God and we show her, a glimpse of what the road to salvation looks like for most of us, and celebrate the hope it inspires. Mary's Assumption into heaven happened much the same way as most of her service to Christ, quietly and without much fanfare. The same will be true for most of us.

Fr. Michail P. Ford, O.P.

Mary, mother of the Word Incarnate, be mother of the Word within us!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

SUNDAY, August 15

Readings: Rev 11:19;12:1-6,10/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56

9:00 am Fern Breiner†
11:00 am Basil Mathew†

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

Readings: Ezek 24:15-23/ Mt 19:16-22
11:30 am Emelia & Herman Droege

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

Readings: Ezek 28:1-10/ Mt 19:23-30
11:30 am Mr. William Rice

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

Readings: Ezek 34:1-11/ Mt 20:1-16
11:30 am Benjamin Aiken†

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

Readings: Ezek 36:23-28/ Mt 22:1-14
11:30 am St. Francis Xavier in Baudin, Haiti

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Readings: Ezek 37:1-14/ Mt 22:34-40
11:30 am Volunteers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Readings: Ezek 43:1-7ab/ Mt 23:1-12
5:30 pm Repose of Souls

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Readings: Is 66:18-21/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/ Lk 13:22-30

9:00 am Louis Steiner†
11:00 am Resident Parishioners
7:00 pm Student Parishioners
9:00 pm Student Parishioners

Liturgy of the Hours

Held in the Baptistery. All are welcome!

SUNDAY-FRIDAY

5:05 pm Evening Prayer

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:30 am Morning Prayer

Reconciliation

MONDAY

7:00 pm Individual Reconciliation
**Also available by appointment.*

The confessional is in the back corner of the church, near the Marian niche.

**The reconciliation schedule when Purdue is in session will resume the week of August 22.*

Upcoming Activities

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

5:30 pm Meditation & Centering Prayer, Rm. 3
7:00 pm Family Promise Leadership Team, Rm. 5

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

6:00 pm Baptism Preparation, Rm. 3
7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm. 5

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00 pm Social Concerns, Rm. 23

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

6:30 pm Legion of Mary, Lg. Conf. Rm.
7:00 pm Haiti Committee, Rm. 23
7:00 pm Music Group Rehearsal, Church, Rms. 1-4

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

3:00 pm Wedding, Church, Lg. Conf. Rm., Rm. 2

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

1:00 pm Boiler Awakening Retreat Team Meeting, Church

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

5:30 pm Meditation & Centering Prayer, Rm. 3
7:00 pm Set-up for 4th Day, Church
8:00 pm 4th Day, Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

6:00 pm Baptism Preparation, Rm. 3
7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm. 5
9:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

7:30 pm Community of Grace, Rm. 4
8:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Rm. 3

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

6:00 pm CROSS Bible Study, Rm. 24
6:30 pm Legion of Mary, Lg. Conf. Rm.
7:00 pm Music Group Rehearsal, Church, Rms. 1-4

Check out our online calendar:
www.boilercatholics.org/calendar

Offerings Automatically Transferred (fill out form and drop into offering basket)

- I would like to donate: \$ _____ every month for the next _____ months.
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- I would like my donation withdrawn every Friday.

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Signature _____ Amount: _____

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Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone: () _____

BLOCKBUSTER WEEKEND & MASS ON THE GRASS!

Mass on the Grass, our annual student welcome and kickoff to a new academic year, will be held on Sunday, August 29th at 7:00pm on the John Purdue Memorial Mall. Mass on the Grass will be the culmination of a fabulous BlockBuster Weekend designed to start the new year off with LOTS of enthusiasm! To make this exciting event successful, we need many volunteers for set up, tear down, the ice cream social, and other areas. To volunteer to help out with Mass on the Grass, please sign up at our website, www.boilercatholics.org, or e-mail Eileen Strater at eileen@boilercatholics.org



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you a resident or student parishioner looking for information about Confirmation? St. Tom's has adult Confirmation preparation, which is included in the Ministry to the Baptized portion of the RCIA process. We recognize that while you may not require full participation in our Catechumenate process, some instruction about Catholic doctrine and opportunities to share your faith are essential preparations for completing initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation. These sessions consist of meeting weekly for 14 weeks. We are now scheduling individuals for the fall semester's sessions. For information, or to register, please contact Eileen Strater at eileen@boilercatholics.org

July 1 - July 31, 2010

Total Cash Received	\$80,165
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$26,804
<i>Haiti Earthquake Relief</i>	\$1,000
<i>Fruitful Harvest</i>	\$26,663
<i>Development</i>	\$3,193
<i>Haiti Tithe</i>	\$1,219
Total Cash Paid Out	\$219,429
YTD Cash Received	\$782,925
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$239,413
<i>Haiti Earthquake Relief</i>	\$116,399
<i>Fruitful Harvest</i>	\$159,824
<i>Development</i>	\$50,377
YTD Cash Paid Out	\$988,809

* Numbers are not final until reviewed by the Finance Committee *

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Are you an expectant parent or godparent? St. Tom's baptismal preparation program is for first time parents and godparents and consists of two sessions. The next set of classes will be held on Tuesday, August 17 and Tuesday, August 24 (both are required) from 6:00 – 7:00 pm in Room 3. Call Eileen Strater at 743-4652 or e-mail eileen@boilercatholics.org for more information.

Intercessors of the Lamb Companion Prayer Group Start-Up Meeting

Please join us on Sunday, August 15th, 6 pm at St. Lawrence Social Hall, 1916 Meharry Street, Lafayette. For more information, please call Suzanne Gardiner at 765-564-2942 or Barb Wolf at 765-464-0538.

Health Cabinet Tip

These hot August days are typically great opportunities to soak up the last few weeks of summer sun. Keep in mind though, when it comes to avoiding consequences like premature skin aging and skin cancer, adequate protection from too many of the sun's UVA and UVB rays becomes especially important! Here are some tips for which your skin will later thank you:

Avoid peak hours of sunlight (11am-3pm) and stay in the shade as much as possible.

Keep your skin type in mind when selecting minimum SPF sunscreen requirements:

SPF 20-30: fair-skinned individuals who always burn easily but rarely tan

SPF 12-20: individuals who burn moderately but tan gradually

SPF 8-12: individuals who burn minimally and tan well

SPF 4-8: dark-skinned individuals who rarely, if ever, burn

Apply sunscreen 30 minutes prior to exposure and reapply every 4-6 hours ESPECIALLY after swimming or excessive sweating. Remember, there's no such thing as a waterproof sunscreen.

Don't use sunscreen on infants younger than 6 months of age. Instead, limit the infant's exposure. Children less than 3 years of age who will be in the sun should use SPF 30 or greater.

Wear sunglasses with 100% UV protection and clothing made with light, tightly woven fabrics.

Now throw on that summer gear, slather on that sunscreen, and enjoy these last few easy-going weeks of summer!

NEW Pictorial Family Album



We need all of you to help make our new Parish Directory complete! All parishioners will receive a portrait session, an 8 X 10 portrait and a Directory at no cost. You will also have the option to purchase additional portraits. All you have to do is

sign up and show up for your portrait session. The dates are: September 1-4, September 7-11, September 22-25 and September 30-October 2. You can sign up at www.boilercatholics.org and click on the link. If you do not have Internet access, contact Margie Bakeis at the parish office for help in registering for a photo session.

Would you be willing to help greet families on the days the photos will be taken? Please contact Margie Bakeis at margie@boilercatholics.org.

Church of the Blessed Sacrament Annual Parish Fish Fry!

Thursday, August 26th from 4:30 – 7pm. Come and join us for our Annual Parish Fish Fry where the food is great, the fellowship is awesome and the desserts are delectable! It's an all-you-can-eat extravaganza! If you are pressed for time, a Carry-Out Tent will be available in the south parking lot to grab and go!

Ticket prices:

Adults: \$8.00

Children: \$3.00 (age 5 and under are free!)

We also have an Immediate Family Pass for \$22.00. Proceeds from this event will be used to offset costs for World Youth Day 2011. We hope you will join us for dinner!

St. Tom's Community Garden

Help is needed planting, weeding, picking and taking fresh produce to the St. John's Food Pantry. We meet at the garden every Saturday morning at 8am and Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. The Purdue Village gardens are located between the airport and the apartment buildings. All produce goes to the food pantry. Come and get your hands dirty! Contact Jim Altepeter at j.altepeter@comcast.net or Eileen Arthur at emmra3@msn.com.

Ladies ~ Come Join Us!

To all ladies 18 years of age or older, who love and support the church and wish to participate in social and charitable activities: you are invited to join Catholic Daughters of the Americas. For more information, call (765) 269-7414.

"...God loves a cheerful (and not-so-cheerful, even a grumpy) giver." (adapted from 2 Cor. 9:7)

As the work on the renovation of the basement nears completion, the need to pay the bills continues. Whether you are a cheerful or not-so-cheerful giver, your support of this project is very much appreciated. If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, it would be very helpful if you could do so at your earliest convenience. If you were not able to make a pledge, a gift at this time would be very welcome. Thanks for giving!

Let us celebrate together

Do you have an anniversary coming up? Getting married sometime soon? Is your birthday in the next few weeks? If so, we'd like to know!

Please e-mail publicity@boilercatholics.org about your upcoming anniversary, birthday, or other happy occasion so we can all celebrate together as God's family.

Chicken Dinner & Salad Smorgasbord "Featuring homemade pies & salads"

Join St. Mary's Church in Dunnington, Indiana at their Chicken Dinner & Salad Smorgasbord on Sunday, August 22. Dining will take place from 11am - 2:00pm. Cost per meal is \$8 per adult, \$4 for ages 7-12, and \$2 for ages 6 & under. Carry-out meals are also available. The dining room is air-conditioned. The church is located at 2961 South State Road 71. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Butz at (765) 884-1429.

Volunteers Needed!

Lafayette Urban Ministry is in need of VOLUNTEER AFTERNOON RECEPTIONISTS to work one afternoon each week at the LUM Office at 420 N. 4th Street, Lafayette.

Volunteers will be responsible for greeting visitors, directing a multi-line telephone system and general office tasks. Positions are available for one or more afternoon(s) per week, or a minimum of twice per month. (We are flexible!)

Applications are available on LUM's webpage at www.lafayetteurbanministry.org, by e-mailing smohler@lafayetteurbanministry.org, or by stopping by the office at 420 North 4th Street, Lafayette, between 9:00am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

For more information contact:


Office Manager

765-423-2691

smohler@lafayetteurbanministry.org

RESIDENT & STUDENT PARISHIONERS

Looking for an elective this Fall?

Then: ND +  = PU³

Notre Dame Theology courses are offered through the St. Thomas Aquinas Center for 3 Purdue credits or for 3 UND Theology credits. Enrollment is open now. Courses offered:

Religions of the West, REL 231 / PHIL 331 M,W,F 4:30-5:20 pm

The purpose of this course is to provide a systematic survey of those religions variously described, in the West, as 'Western Religions' or 'Religions of the West.'

Christian Mysticism, REL 351 / UND THEO 377 M,W,F 3:30-4:20 pm

The purpose of this course is to examine the development of Western Christian mystical thought, beginning with its earliest intimations in the Hebrew Scriptures and the thought of Plato and Aristotle and continuing through Patristic, Medieval, Renaissance, Reformation, Counter-Reformation and Modern periods to the present. This examination will be accomplished through a representative series of readings in, presentations about, and discussions of the original works of these mystics as well as secondary works about them and about the possible theoretical frames within which to view them.

Systematic Theology, REL 450 / UND THEO 430/530P Tues 7-9:50 pm

This dual-level (undergraduate and graduate) introduction to the nature, tasks and methods of Systematic Theology is designed to focus on some of its exemplary architects. Selections from the writings of Origen of Alexandria, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Thomas Aquinas, John Calvin, Francis Turretin, Karl Barth, Paul Tillich, Karl Rahner, Hans Urs Von Balthasar, et. al., will be read as examples for the conduct of systematic theological inquiry. Among the issues addressed will be: what a theological system (or the systematic conduct of theological inquiry) is, the relation between faith and reason, the role of experience as a theological datum, rhetoric and logic in theological argumentation, hermeneutical issues in the use of scriptural sources, and the idea of completeness in the relationship between the various theological sub-programs (doctrine of God, soteriology, ecclesiology, etc.). The specific theme will be the nature of sin.

Directed Readings, PHIL/REL 590 / UND THEO 497

(To be arranged by student & instructor)

This course provides the student with an opportunity to explore individually tailored research topics. The emphasis is upon initiative, independence, and creativity within limits agreed upon by instructor and student. Topics and meeting schedule are subject to instructor's approval. (Prerequisites: one course in theology, or in philosophy, or instructor's approval.)

For more information, or to enroll, e-mail Dr. Thomas Ryba at (ryba@purdue.edu) or call: (765) 743-4652.

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Construction Corner

'All Are Welcome' Renovation

Started May 2010



Construction is on schedule and nearing completion! Go to www.boilercatholics.org for more pictures and information.

Vocation Information

If you are interested in religious life,
please contact these vocation directors.

Dominicans

Fr. Andrew-Carl Wisdom, O.P.
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Diocese of Lafayette

Fr. Brian M. Doerr
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Habitat for Humanity 2010 Catholic Build

St. Tom's announces the call-out for the 2010 Catholic Habitat House. Area Catholic parishes are joining forces to build a home from August 17th thru October 2nd for a deserving family. The ceremonial groundbreaking will be Saturday, August 21st at 9:00 a.m., 1421 Grove Street in Lafayette. Rod Forbes will serve as the overall Coordinator and Chuck Anderson will serve as the Volunteer Coordinator. Please, sign up to donate time, talent and/or treasure by contacting either Rod (765-404-8088) or Chuck (765-491- 8200). We can also be reached by e-mail at:

Rod: rforbes@seegerforbes.com

Chuck: andercr.55@comcast.net

Just One

It's not what you give up, it's what you do!
Help Habitat for Humanity.