

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**— August 15th The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples.

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived. On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried.

For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbled with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events; they do not look only to the past. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

The prayer for the feast reads: "All-powerful and ever-living God: You raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul, to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory."

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution <Munificentissimus Deus>, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven." With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

## NEWS FOR OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

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### AUGUST 13, 2017— 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### This Week—August 13-20th

#### **8/12-8/13 Sunday- 19th Sunday Ordinary Time**

- Msgr. Thomas J. Dempsey from Food for the Poor will be the presider for all Masses
- ETWN: The Message of Fatima: Episode Five- 12:30pm & 8:00pm
- OSV Webcast- Marian Apparitions 6:00pm

#### **8/15 Tuesday— Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- Mass— Roseau 11:15am
- Mass— Roseau 5:30pm
- Mass— Badger 7pm

#### **8/16-8/18 Fr. John will be out of the Office**

**8/17**— Eucharistic Adoration ONLY Roseau 7-8pm

#### **8/19 Saturday**

- Fatima Prayer— Badger 7pm
- ETWN: The Message of Fatima: Episode Five— 2pm & 9pm
- OSV Webcast— The Unity Christ Willed: 9:30a

#### **8/20 Sunday 20th Sunday Ordinary Time**

- Capital Campaign Committee Meeting— Roseau 7pm

#### **In Case of A Spiritual Emergency while Fr.**

John is gone ----

Please call: **Fr. George Noel** at Greenbush 782-2467 or 218-289-1735

**Fr. Todd Arends** at Warroad 386-1178 or 218-280-7880



#### **End of Life Issues from a Catholic Perspective/Financial Planning**

Attend an Adult Education seminar about End of Life Planning from a Catholic Perspective. Questions about end of life issues: Must medical treatment always be continued? Are Catholics allowed to have Living Wills? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? Father John will address these questions and others during this seminar on Sept. 6th at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart in Roseau. Speaker John Tetzloff, Advanced Case Specialist for Catholic United Financial, will also be on hand to speak about final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving and more. Refreshments and a desert will be provided. Contact Representative Brad Arel to RSVP: [barrel@catholicunited.org](mailto:barrel@catholicunited.org) or call/text at 218-556-1739.

#### **Religious Education Update:**

We will have our RE kickoff **Sept. 10th** in the **Church basement following 10:30 am Mass**. Church will provide meal. Everyone welcome! We are still looking for volunteer teachers for grades k-6 (from 3:30-5 pm) and 7-11 (6:45-8:15 pm). Please call the office if God is calling you. Thank you!

**ALL Parish Safe Environment** materials for this year are now available on the diocese website, [www.crookston.org](http://www.crookston.org). All employees and RE Volunteers are required to have this completed.

**MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS for August 15-August 20**

Tuesday, August 15	Roseau	11:15am	Bob, Viv, Richard, Steve Kondrat/ Pat Mund
	Roseau	5:30pm	For the Parishioners
	Badger	7:00pm	For the Poor
Saturday, August 19	Roseau	5:00pm	+Mary Jo Kvien/ Alroy & Phliamay Monsrud
Sunday, August 20	Falun	7:15am	+Shelly Kructon/ Judy & Darield Moser
	Badger	9:00am	For the Parishioners
	Roseau	10:30am	+Maurice Foley Family/ Pat Mund

**Food for the Poor– Monsignor Thomas J. Dempsey**

Please join us next weekend to hear Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Dempsey speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Monsignor Dempsey will share personal witness about **Food for the Poor's mission** to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Msgr. Dempsey was ordained in 1961 for the Diocese of Rockford. Before preaching on behalf of Food for the Poor, Msgr. Tom was taught in Diocesan High Schools and served in many parishes as Pastor.

Please join us in welcoming **Monsignor Dempsey**.

**2017 Walk to Remember**

*"Forget not those who cannot remember."*

**Saturday, September 9th  
Warroad Senior Living Center**

**Walk to Remember, Inc.** goal is to improve the quality of life for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and the related dementias in their families.

Please consider joining us and supporting Walk to Remember on **Saturday, September 9th at the Warroad Senior Living Center** or you can send a donation to Paula Peterson, 303B 9th Ave. SE, Roseau, MN 56751.

**Contact:**  
Jill Wulff- #218-425-7401  
Paula Peterson- #218-463-2833

**On EWTN: The Message of Fatima: Episode Five**

You can watch live on EWTN or stream it through the website: [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)

TV-PG Date	Time
Sunday, August 13	12:30 pm
Sunday, August 13	8:00 pm
Saturday, August 19th	2:00 pm
Saturday, August 19th	9:00 pm

**DAA Summer Appeal**– The Summer Appeal Collection will take place next weekend, the 19th and 20th of August. In pew envelopes are available from your ushers or the parish office. If you have made a gift to the Summer Appeal in the past, you will receive an envelop in the mail. Thank you and God bless you!

Aug 6, 2017	Sacred Hrt	St. Mary's	St. Philips
<b>Adults</b>	(38)1701.00	(23)746.00	470.00
<b>Youth</b>	6.50	0.00	0.00
<b>Loose Plate</b>	412.00	72.81	61.00
<b>Stole Fee</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	2269.50	818.81	531.00

**ST. PHILIP'S PARISH, FALUN**

**Lunch List:**

- August 27 Eunice & Irene
- September 3 Toni & Jennifer

Ladies Guild meeting—Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 6:30pm church basement.

**Fall Fest-** September 23, 2017 9 AM - 1 PM.

**The Immaculate Heart of Mary:** *"O Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart."*

**NEED A RETREAT?** What a great time of year to take care of your spiritual health! Many in our parish have attended **Cursillo** weekends over the years and give great testimony to the power of such weekends. **Cursillo** is pronounced KER-SEE-O meaning - short course in Christianity. Weekends are being offered this fall and next spring at Sand Hill Bible Camp, just south of Fosston. The weekends include quiet time, inspirational talks, and most importantly, time to be with Jesus without the many distractions of daily life. Grow closer to Jesus by taking the time to join us. HE will bless your sacrifice of time for HIM. The weekend starts Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. The Men's will be held September 28 - October 1. The Women's will be October 26-29. If these dates do not work into your schedule there will also be weekends available next spring. The Men's will be held February 22-25, 2018 and the Women's will be March 15-18, 2018. Contact Carol Olsonawski (218-689-9081) or Bobbi Mercil (701-866-5706) for more information. Applications can be printed at [crookstoncursillo.weebly.com](http://crookstoncursillo.weebly.com) or picked up at your



**OSV is offering Free Webcasts this week:**

**8/13 6pm Marian Apparitions**– the apparitions of Fatima were among many other Marian apparitions in the history of the Church. This webcast will introduce listeners to some of the other major Marian apparitions and the main themes of Fatima.

**8/19 9:30am The Unity Christ Willed: An Introduction to Ecumenism**– Have you ever wondered why Christians are divided? What do Catholics share in common with Orthodox, Lutherans, Methodists, Anglicans, and others? How are they all unique? Learn more about what is being done to unite Christian churches– to bring about the unity Christ willed among his followers on the night before he died.

**Prayer for Farm Families in Crisis** O God, our costs are up and prices for our produce down. The loan is due and there's no money to pay other bills. We feel alone, embarrassed in our need, like failures in our efforts to farm. The harder we work, the worse it seems to get. There's no laughter or joy anymore, just a constant struggle to believe, to hope and to keep trying. Strengthen us, God. Keep us gentle and yet firm, generous yet open to receive. Let us see your face in those who want to help us and don't know how. Grant us perseverance and openness to your will. Hold our family close as we do our best to know and act according to your will in the days ahead. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

