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Pope Francis' prayer intention for August: That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: August 12, 5:00 PM: Mary Leslie, RIP, August 13, 8:00 AM: D'Souza Family, SI, 10:30 AM: For the people of the Parish, August 15, 9:00 AM: Steven White, RIP, 12:00 PM: Mother Mary Gabriel, RIP, 6:30 PM: Earl Bean, RIP, August 16, 9:00 AM: Sally Freind, RIP, August 17, 9:00 AM: Ani DiFranco, SI, August 18, 9:00 AM: Eric Webb, RIP

Building Fund Pledge Renewal – Many who have paid off their initial pledge have asked about how to continue contributing to help pay off the Diocesan loan. There is no need to sign another pledge card! Simply indicate "Building Fund" on your check and envelope and drop it into the collection basket. Your donations will be added to your pledge total. For anyone who has not yet made a donation to the Parish Life Center building fund, use the same procedure. May God Bless You for your generosity!
Diocesan Loan Beginning Total: \$762,771.00, Amount Paid to Date: \$114,381.28
Amount Still Owed: \$641,199.08

Memorial Brick Campaign – We have received many compliments on how beautiful the memorial bricks look at the entrance of the Parish Life Center. We are now re-opening the brick campaign for anyone who would like to purchase memorial bricks. This part of the campaign will be for the GREY color bricks that surround the existing red brick cross design. This will be the LAST CHANCE to purchase memorial bricks for the entrance as we will be PERMANENTLY SECURING ALL THE BRICKS when this campaign closes. Order forms for the bricks are available in the front and side foyers.

Fr Bean's lecture series on "Christian Mysticism" will continue this Wednesday, August 16 at 10:00 AM (Parish Life Center Hall). The topic will be "St. Bonaventure".

The K of C 7th ANNUAL YARD SALE will be held on September 15-16 from 7:30 am-2:00 pm. Please save your donations this year for drop off on September 11-14. Clothing donations denim only please. Thank you!

RCIA/Adult Formation...NEW START DATE: We know there is someone in your family who may be curious about the Church. You may sit next to a co-worker who is feeling "incomplete" "unfulfilled" "searching" and "afraid" to take the next step. Or perhaps you are a Catholic who wants a refresher course. This new class is open to all adults. **The first meeting will be on Sunday, September 3 at 9:00 AM in the Parish Life Center Library.** The text for this year's class is "Catholicism for Dummies" by Rev. John Trigilio. You may purchase a copy at Amazon, Books-a-Million or Barnes and Noble. Copies will available for purchase at the first meeting for \$15.00. Fr. Bean will be the instructor. Everyone is welcome!

PARISH FEAST DAY!

Saturday, September 30: The Saint Theresa Festival! Food, Games, Live Music! This will be held outside on 3rd Avenue and inside at the Parish Life Center. Sunday, October 1: Feast Day of St. Theresa! Masses and an outdoor processional. **There will be a second meeting this Tuesday, August 22 for anyone and everyone who wants to help with this event. 7:00PM in the Parish Life Center Library.**

The Marian Year of Grace of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama...the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima....upcoming events in our Parish:

- **SOLEMNITY & HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** Tuesday, August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary...Masses will be at 9:00AM, 12:00 PM and 6:30 PM.
- **Beginning Sunday, September 10** the Parish will begin the **“33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat”**. The great thing about this retreat is that it is done from the comfort of your own home! The book for this retreat will be on sale soon for \$4.00. If you would like to participate, please send an email to 33daysST@gmail.com. Each participant will need a copy of the book and access to the internet (computer, phone or tablet). A brief description: “from Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, author of the bestselling book *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, comes an extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian consecration. Featuring the teachings of four giants of Marian spirituality—St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and Pope St. John Paul II—Fr. Gaitley shows how simple it is to put Marian devotion into practice.” (formed.org) **THE BOOKS WILL BE FOR SALE THIS WEEKEND FOR \$4.00.**
- **October 7th, First Saturday and the Feast of the Holy Rosary.** After confessions (11:30), Rosary (12:00) and Mass (12:30) in the church, we will gather in the Parish Life Center Hall for a simple lunch and Diane Penney’s presentation entitled **“Coincidence? I Don't Think So!”** This presentation will highlight the connections (since 1517) among world events, appearances of Our Lord, Marian apparitions, Catholic Feast Days, and signs in the heavens. Please join us as we discern how our Lord is a God of order and harmony, even in private revelation.

PSR begins August 27 @ 9 AM. Parents must bring their children to the meeting and then will be directed to the Sunday School room to meet their teacher. PreK/K will not start until September 10. Registration can be found here: <https://goo.gl/FdHpSU>

All youth of the parish are invited to join us for the Youth Eucharistic Congress on September 23. We will be taking a charter bus to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament. Please let Mrs. Wadsworth (205-863-9920) know if you would like to go. Confirmation and Theology of the Body Students should plan to attend. This is going to be a wonderful event!

ALTAR SERVER MEETING: This Wednesday, August 16 at 6:00 PM. Meet with Fr. Bean in the church. We will serve pizza after the meeting.

THE DOGMA OF THE ASSUMPTION: *The Assumption of Mary into Heaven according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodoxy, Oriental Orthodoxy, and parts of Anglicanism, refers to the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. The Catholic Church teaches as dogma that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". This doctrine was dogmatically defined by Pope Pius XII on 1 November 1950, in the apostolic constitution Munificentissimus Deus by exercising papal infallibility. While the Catholic Church and Eastern Orthodox Church believe in the Dormition of the Theotokos (the “falling asleep of the God-bearer”), which is the same as the Assumption, whether Mary had a physical death has not been dogmatically defined. Although the Assumption (Latin: *assumptio*, "a taking") was only relatively recently defined as infallible dogma, and in spite of a statement by Saint Epiphanius of Salamis in AD 377 that no one knew whether Mary had died or not, apocryphal accounts of the assumption of Mary into heaven have circulated since at least the 4th century. The Catholic Church itself interprets chapter 12 of the Book of Revelation as referring to it.*