

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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August 7, 2016
**Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Worship Sites
Church (Sacred Heart)
738 Sunshine Avenue
Chapel (St. John)
162 Wheeler Street

Holy Masses:

Daily
Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00AM
Saturday Vigil
Church (Sacred Heart) 4:00PM
Sunday Morning
Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00AM
Chapel (St. John) 10:30 AM

Confessions:

Church (Sacred Heart)
Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM
Chapel (St. John)
Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM
Anytime upon Request

Mass Intentions

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| August 8 8:00 AM | <i>Saint Dominic, Priest</i> Andy Medva (Req. David & Teresa Mrozowski) - Church |
| August 9 8:00 AM | <i>St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross</i> Margaret Matey (Req. Estate of Margaret Matey) - Church |
| August 10 8:00 AM | <i>Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr</i> Cecilia Civic (Req. Margaret Prudhoe) - Church |
| August 11 8:00 AM | <i>Saint Clare, Virgin</i> Margaret Hudak (Req. Family) - Church |
| August 12 8:00 AM | <i>Saint Jane Frances DeChantal</i> Hugo Adimari (Req. John Harchick Jr.) - Church |
| August 13 4:00 PM | <i>Vigil Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Stanley Zelenski Jr. (Req. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Strongosky) – Church |
| August 14 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Stephanie Strongosky Chapple (Req. Terri and Harry Murvin) – Church For the People of Our Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – There will be a meeting in the Activity Center TOMORROW (Monday August 8th) at 7:00 PM for all CCD teachers. This is an important meeting as the new school year will be discussed as well as changes to the curriculum. If you are a CCD teacher (i.e. member of the Religious Education Committee) please make every effort to be in attendance.

MISSION APPEAL – This weekend our celebrant for all Masses will be Fr. Jean Claude Kobo. Fr. Jean Claude is here as part of our parish's participation in the annual mission cooperative appeal. Fr. Kobo is a member of the Comboni Missionaries and a native of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Please use the envelope attached to this weekend's bulletin and place it in the regular collection next weekend if you wish to help support Fr. Jean Claude and the work of the Comboni Missionaries.

FORTY HOURS – In three weeks our parish will host Forty Hours Devotions. While it has been many years since they were last celebrated in Central City, please prayerfully consider attending the devotions this year. Forty Hours will begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 10:30 AM Mass on August 21st and will conclude with closing devotions on Monday August 22nd at 7:00 PM. Forty Hours calls to mind the time that Jesus spent in the tomb and is typically marked with forty continuous hours of quiet prayer before Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament (n.b. since our parish is reintroducing the devotion this year we will have a more modest adoration schedule). Please sign up for a half hour of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (sheets are found on the back tables at each worship site).

UP COMING EVENTS – Please note the following...

August 6-7 – Missionary Co-Op, Fr. Aron away during annual visit from missionary

August 14 – Holy Name Sunday, 8:00 AM Mass, Meeting to Follow

August 16 – Finance Council Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Activity Center

August 21-22 – Parish Forty Hours Devotions (Closing Devotions, Monday 7:00 PM)

August 29 – Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Activity Center

FROM THE SOCIETY OF ANGELS – The Society of Angels is looking for assistance during Heritage Days (most specifically Saturday and Sunday). The group is looking for able bodied people (preferably 6) to assist during 3 hours shifts to transport food from the activity center to the park (and return empty roasters to the hall). Additionally, the group is in need of people to help with clean up on both Saturday and Sunday. If you can assist with this matter, please phone the rectory.

NEW COUNCILS – In light of Fr. Aron's new role as pastor new councils and committees have been appointed. Please note the following members of each group. **Parish Council** – Jenny Novak, Albert Beltz, Gigi Gromack, Mary Ann Zubek, Luke Mihelcic Ron Halkovich, Erin Spinelli, Jamie Mincek, Julie Bollman, Michael Galish, Chris Pongrac, Sandy Wojic, Erin Nelson, Stephen Knapp, Melanie Deneen, Deanna Will.

Finance – Dan Roman, Michael Knapp Jr., Dick Stern, Bill Zubek, Joe Markferding, Karen Mincek.

Maintenance – Pat Zubek, Mike Moslak, Andy Lucas, Bill Pollock, Michael Mauger, Skip Spontak, John Koleszarik, Bill Knapp, John Delasko, Ken Skone, Chris Pongrac, Albert Beltz, Bill Zubek. **Cemetery** – Gigi Gromack, Bob Mulcahy, John Topka, Ken Skone, Dan Dabbs, Nevin Mincek, Janice Stahl, Eric Kozlick (ex officio). **Religious Education** – Mary Ann Topka, Michael Galish, Kathy Mabon, Kim Mabon, Erin Spinelli, Tom O'Toole, Becky Kozlick, Katie Edwards, Corey Coleman, Michael Knapp, Jr.

ON CREMATION – Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk recently penned an article on cremation that was published in a number of diocesan newspapers throughout the country. His words are solidly Catholic and provide a good examination of the Church's teaching on this practice. Father Pacholczyk earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River in Massachusetts. His article follows – In the famous story of David and Goliath, Goliath boasts to the young David that after he kills him, he will give his flesh "to the birds of the sky and beasts of the field." He conveys his profound disdain for David by speaking this way, deprecating even his corpse. This offends our sensibility that dead bodies should not be desecrated, but should instead be respectfully buried. Proper disposition and care of another's body also manifests our Christian faith in the resurrection of that body on the Last Day. Over time, this has evolved into a deeper understanding about the handling of corpses, including regulations surrounding cremation. For Catholics, cremation is considered an acceptable form of handling the human body after death, although as noted in the Order of Christian Funerals, cremation "does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body . . . The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in its rites." Moreover, cremation can lead to problematic practices, which Cardinal Raymond Burke references in a pastoral letter to the faithful in the Diocese of La Crosse in the year 2000: "With the growing practice of cremation, there has also developed a certain lack of care for the cremated remains of the dead. Funeral directors who have been asked to store the cremated remains report that those remains often are left unclaimed by family or friends. "Those charged with the arrangements for the funeral rites of the deceased should see that the cremated remains are interred or entombed at the earliest possible time. It is not permitted to

scatter cremated remains over a favorite place, and it is not permitted to keep cremated remains in one's home or place other than a cemetery. The cremated remains of one deceased person may not be mixed with the cremated remains of another person. It is not permitted to divide the cremated remains and inter or entomb them in more than one place." These clearly articulated concerns remind us of our obligation to respect the remains of the dead, even in their ashen state. By becoming lax in our approach to handling cremains, we can easily betray the respect that is owed. A story comes to mind involving a friend of mine who works as a pilot. He was asked to take up a passenger in a small plane for the "final repose of ashes" into the ocean. As they were taking off, he told the passenger, "Just be sure that you don't ever open that urn! It needs to be thrown overboard when I open the hatch window and give you the signal." The passenger, however, was determined to do it his way, and when the pilot opened the window, he popped off the top of the urn and tried to scatter the ashes at sea. Instead, the ashes were seized by the violent air currents and scattered throughout the internals of the airplane, among all the instrumentation and dials, and in the hair and clothing of both the pilot and the passenger. Another reason to bury cremains in the earth or inter them in a mausoleum, rather than scattering them abroad, is to establish a particular place to be able to visit and pray for the soul of that person, in the physical presence of their mortal remains. The burial site serves as a point of reference and connection to the embodiment of that individual, rather than reducing them to a kind of vague and wispy nothingness. Keeping Grandma's ashes on the fireplace mantle or up in the attic alongside the antique paintings is another problematic practice that can easily end up downplaying or denying her human dignity, tempting us to treat her mortal remains as just another item to be moved around among our various trinkets. It can be helpful to encourage the family, and all who are involved with cremains, to think about ashes in a manner similar to how we'd think about a full body. Would we keep a casket and corpse at home for a few weeks? If not, then we shouldn't do the same with someone's ashes. Regrettably, many people are not thinking about cremains as the revered remnants of a fellow human being, but more as something to be disposed of whenever it's convenient for our schedule and budget. We don't approach full-body caskets that way because we recognize more clearly the duty to bury our beloved dead. The sacred memory of our departed family and friends, in sum, calls us to carefully attend to their remains with authentic and objective gestures of respect.

OPEN CHURCH – Beginning on Monday of THIS week the Sacred Heart site will be open during the day Monday through Friday. All are invited to come and enjoy the peaceful serenity that comes from praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Please note that the church will be accessible via the side door (rectory side) – the front door will remain locked.

STO LAT – Our parish offers sincere congratulations to the Central City Polish Club as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary this weekend. When you see the window at the Sacred Heart site donated by the Polish Club, say a little prayer for them this weekend! Gratulacje!

ARTIFACTS NEEDED – This summer marks the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of Fr. Pliz and the beginnings of the Catholic faith in Central City (the date is slightly more complex). Fr. Aron would like to decorate a new meeting room in the rectory with pictures and artifacts from our parish history (both Sacred Heart and St. John). If you have some older photos, suitable for framing, or some artifacts that you would be willing to donate to this display please contact Fr. Aron.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE –

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| Aug 13 | Church | 4:00 PM | C., T., & M. Mabon |
| Aug 14 | Church | 8:00 AM | L, L, L. Mincek, R. Pongrac |
| Aug 14 | Chapel | 10:30 AM | C. Coleman, M. Topka, A. Knapp |

PRAYER LIST – Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Chris Burella, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Lydia Wechtenhiser, Kathryn Yatta, Alice Zelenski, Shirley Taylor, Carol Hancharik, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Lauren Barnes, Andrew Straka, Margaret Spinelli, Joe Zeigler, Fern Lasut, Debra Farley, Agnes Palya, Barbara Delasko, Roger Black, Kay O Toole, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, William Kulback, Madeline Stanzione, Ann Krishak, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Stanley Bialek, Patrick Munro, Margie Kulback, Ron Rayman, Carol Maciag, Tom Hudak, Quincy Oglie, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Mary Jeschonek, Father James Dugan, Patty Barnes, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Pat Timulak, Caroline Amato, Richard Birely, Joseph Shelko

WEEKLY OFFERING: July 30th & 31st - Adult Envelopes - \$2,275.25 – Students \$16.25 – Loose Change \$262. – Parish Expense \$405. – Building Fund \$5. – Total \$2,963.50. Thank You!

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – The scripture readings for next Sunday's Masses are the following: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10, Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53

COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE: Opening dates for store will be: Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 from 8:00 AM till 1:00 PM

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church in loving memory of Dave Bonus by Jo Fetsko family. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel in loving memory of John Rendar (35th Anniversary of Death) by family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - If you wish the sanctuary candle to be lit in honor of a deceased loved one, for an anniversary, please complete the form below and return it to the rectory. The suggested donation is \$10.00.

Name of Intention and Preferential Date _____

Name of Person making Request _____

