19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 2023

1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a; Psalm 85; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Today's readings focus on people filled with fear. The common antidote for these encounters with fear is the divine presence. The healing presence of God routs despair and dispels discouragement.

Around the middle of the ninth century B.C., the prophet Elijah incurred the wrath of Queen Jezebel. He fled in fear to Sinai (Horeb) where Elijah experienced God's covenant presence in a special manifestation; not wind or fire but a tiny whispering sound. Elijah was then commissioned to resume his prophetic career by the proclamation of God's Word, a word that will overcome fear.

Paul, in the verses from Romans, anguishes over the fact that Israel did not enter the Christian community. Paul notes Israel's privileges: covenants, lawgiving, worship, and so forth. This culminates in the human origin of the Messiah, and sadly he was not recognized. Ironically, the Gentiles did recognize Jesus and thus enjoy the destiny originally set aside for Israel.

Matthew uses images from Hebrew Scripture: God walks on the waters of chaos (see Job 38:16), rescues humans captured in the flood waters of death (see Psalm 18:16-17), and indicates God's presence and willingness to save (Isaiah 45:18). Peter symbolizes the fearful Christian hovering between faith and doubt; Jesus offers his hand and enters the boat. God depends on human beings to help realize God's plan for the world. Believers are challenged to radiate God's comforting presence and thus offset the fear that plagues the world.

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

VOCATION CORNER AUGUST 13, 2023

The leap of faith we see from Peter in the Gospel invites us to look beyond the stormy seas or the blowing winds keeping us from trusting and following Jesus. A vocation is often filled with obstacles, but at the same time, our persistence through difficulties is what makes us true disciples. "Don't be afraid" is what we often hear in Scripture when a person is called to vocation. This week we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven. Mary, the Mother of Vocations, proclaims her 'fiat' out loud. She gave a definite "YES" to God and carried and raised His Son. We likewise need to proclaim our "fiat" – Thy will be done.



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Schedule of Masses

Aug	13	8 am	Mass
Aug	15	6 pm	Mass - Assumption of Mary
Aug	16	5:30 pm	Mass-Parish Council Meeting 6pm
Aug	18	6 pm	Mass
Aug	20	8 am	Mass

Liturgical Ministers

Aug 13	<u>Lector</u> X. Gruszczyk	Greeter B. Bowers	<u>EM</u> A. Dueker S. Widowski M. Nelson	<u>Servers</u> C. Levesque	<u>Ushers</u> * Joe Nelson A. Irby			
Gift Bearers Matt Slife Family Cantor C. Ross								
Aug 20	Lector A. Dueker	<u>Greeter</u> C. Johnson	<u>EM</u> V. Anderson B. Palmer P. Widowski	<u>Servers</u> M. Bergmann C. Bergmann	<u>Ushers</u> * Mike McMahan D. Zmuda Sr.			
Gift Bearers Frank & Arlene Dueker Cantor S. Pobst								

BIRTHDAYS

August 13-None

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING August 6, 2023

General \$1490.00 (23) Loose \$5.00 Total \$1495.00

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (10) \$325.00 Total \$325.00

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SUN	AUG	20	8 am	Mass

MARY'S ASSUMPTION

Mass at St. Paul's for the feast day of Mary's Assumption is this Tuesday, August 15, at 6:00p.m

THANK YOU

Thanks to those who donated to Stonefort Food Pantry and to Arlene for delivering contributions.

PSR TEACHER & HELPERS NEEDED

Anyone who is interested in helping out with our PSR program this year please reach out to *Madonna* or *Marsha*.

DRAW DOWN PARTY

Our *Draw Down Fundraiser* will be **October 21st** with the "*Early Bird*" being held on **September17th**. Tickets can be purchased from *Madonna, Steve & Peggy, or Joe & Marsha*. Sign-Up for prize ideas is on the bulletin board.

LADIES TEA

Ladies shopping and lunch trip in Anna is coming up *Saturday, August 19*. If you wish to shop, meet in front of *Annabelle Market at 10 a.m.* High Tea (lunch) will be served at noon at *Kitchen on Lafayette*. Please sign sheet on bulletin board or notify *Pam or Jamie by this Sunday* if you wish to join our St. Paul ladies for the noon meal. *Pam- 217-714-4568 Jamie - 618-833-9085*

BOX OF JOY BEGINS

If you wish to contribute to **Box of Joy** for children in the Caribbean's Christmas, you may want to catch school sales now. Items purchased need to fit in a shoe box. We'll have tub available in church entrance for items, and/or Box of Joy boxes for individuals and families to fill on their own, beginning **August 27**.

PLEASE JOIN US!!

If you or a friend or family member is interested in learning more about the catholic faith, Fr. *Christian* will be starting *RCIA classes September* 5th. Please call or see Fr. for more information.

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!

If you have an idea or something you would enjoy in a 6 week Adult catechesis program please see Fr or any of your parish council members and offer your suggestion. It will be greatly appreciated. or Arlene know. There's also a sign-up sheet posted for help hosting on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

LOOKING AHEAD

August 15	Assumption of Mary- Mass	6 pm
August 16	Parish Council Meeting	6 pm
August 19	Ladies Luncheon at Kitchen on Lafayette- Anna	12 pm
August 20	Box of Joy Collection Begins	_
September 17	St. Paul Parish Picnic after Mass	10 am

****Office Hours to contact Theresa are M-F 8am-4pm at the rectory (618) 658-4501 or via email** <u>specil@frontier.com.</u> Wednesday at 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions. Wednesdays Theresa will be at the rectory 11am- 1pm.**