



*CATHEDRAL BASILICA
of the
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*

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MASSES:

Saturday Morning Mass 8:00 A.M.
 Saturday (Eve of Sunday): 4:30 P.M.
 Sunday: 8:00 A.M.
 10:30 A.M.
 Weekday: 12:10 P.M.
 Holy Days, Eve of Feast: 5:30 P.M.
 Feast: 12:10 P.M.

CONFESSIONS:

Daily: 11:45 A.M.—12:05 P.M.
 Saturday: 3:30 – 4:15 P.M.
 Anytime on request.

Cathedral Office Hours:
 Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2012

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

-- Joshua 24:15b

SCRIPTURE THEME:

DECISIONS

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



RCIA CLASSES TO BEGIN:

We have begun making preparations for classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Those who would like to sign up and take these classes on what the Church teaches are encouraged to do so now and in the next couple of weeks. In order to complete the course by Easter, we must begin the classes by September 11. The classes are held on Tuesday evenings in the Cathedral Rectory at 6:00 PM, and are open to all those who want to learn more about their Catholic Faith teachings or are interested in joining the Catholic Faith. If you have been thinking about a renewal class or classes to join the Catholic Faith, please fill out one of the applications forms on the gift table. You may take the form home, fill it out and mail it back to the parish office, place it in the collection basket, or hand it to a priest. If you would like more information please call the Cathedral Rectory Office at 434-1565.



Adult Formation

Mass Intentions

Week Beginning Sunday, August 26

Sunday August 26	8:00 AM 10:30 AM.	Parishioners
Monday August 27	12:10 PM..	Edward E. Peters (L)
Tuesday August 28	12:10 P.M.	Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Wednesday August 29	12:10 PM	Elizabeth B. Nunan
Thursday August 30	12:10 P.M.	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Friday August 31	12:10 PM	Michele Prockup
Saturday September 1	8:00 AM 4:30 PM	James Finnessey Caroline Vella

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations of \$1,581.81 and to the special collection for the Catholic Home Missions in the amount of \$252.49. Thank you.



MASS ON LABOR DAY:

On Labor Day, September 3, 2012, there will be only one Mass here in the Cathedral and that will be at 9:00 AM. Have a safe Labor Day Weekend.

CATHEDRAL PARISH COOKOUT

Come and join in fun and fellowship on Saturday, September 8, 2012 following the 4:30 PM Mass. Please fill out the invitation in the back of the church and place in the designated box to confirm your reservations for Saturday, September 8. This event is sponsored by the Ladies Altar Society. All are invited.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

There will be a special collection taken up at all the Masses next weekend for the Cathedral Window Fund. Please be generous. Thank you.

CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING:

Catholic Social Services offer Confidential counseling services. A diversified staff of licensed therapists is available for appointments. (251) 434-1550.