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**JULY 23, 2023**

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**MASS INTENTIONS/LITURGIES**

JULY 22-30, 2023

**Saturday, July 22 | 4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Mike Meeker by Heidi & Joe Kelly***6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)***Parishioners of Mary, Queen of Angels**Family of Parishes***Sunday, July 23 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Helen Regensburger by Joe & Phyllis Rizzo***10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***KC Steggeman by Ethel Houchins***Tuesday, July 25 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Paul Thomas by Heidi & Joe Kelly***Wednesday, July 26 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Living & Deceased Members of Bruns/Winner**Families by Melissa Winner***Thursday, July 27 | 6:15 p.m. Mass (SMOW)****6:45 p.m. Eucharistic Exposition/Confession***Ezra Winner by Winner Family***Friday, July 28 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)****8:45 a.m. Confession***Deacon Harold Dipple by Nancy L. Leonard***Saturday, July 29 | 3:00 p.m. Confession (ST. PAT)****4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***K.C. Steggeman by Nancy Stolly***6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)***Tom & MaryAnne Kruse by Bill & Christine Miller***Sunday, July 30 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Parishioners of Mary, Queen of Angels**Family of Parishes***10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***K.C. Steggeman by Jan Aldo***YOUR TITHE TO GOD****Tithe information for the weekend of July 15/16 was unavailable at the time of print.****LITURGICAL MINISTERS JULY 29/30, 2023****ST. MARY OF THE WOODS****6:00 P.M. SATURDAY****SERVERS:** Heath Wilson, Vincent Wilson,  
Corbin Wilson**READER:** Greg Freitag**USHERS:** Jeff True, Willie Dearwester,  
Ken Meier, Alan Winner**CANTORS:** Winners**SACRISTAN:** Suzi Corwin**8:00 A.M. SUNDAY****SERVERS:** Caleb Bihn, Isaac Dillon,  
Henry Dillon**READER:** Jan Knight**EEM:** Kevin Knight**USHERS:** Shawn Bihn, Robert Stroebel,  
Jeff Codora, Dave Shoffner**CANTORS:** Katie McCabe, John McCabe,  
Rebecca Bihn**SACRISTAN:** Laurie Stroebel**ST. PATRICK****4:00 P.M. SATURDAY****SERVERS:** Mason Marcinko, McKenzie Vaido**READER:** Sue Brewer and Tim Smith**EEM:** Sharon Hess**10:00 A.M. SUNDAY****SERVERS:** Brenden Eckstein,  
Conner Eckstein, Ruth Eckstein**READERS:** Steve Oder, Keith LeVan**EEM:** Catherine Oder**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

*Saints Joachim and Anne, you were given the incredible privilege and responsibility to give birth to and raise the Immaculate Conception, the Mother of God. Her presence in your lives touched you both deeply and left you in awe of God's grace. Please pray for me, that I may come to love your daughter and your Grandson with the same love you bore for each of them, so that I will enjoy their company in Heaven one day, just as you do today.*

*Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*



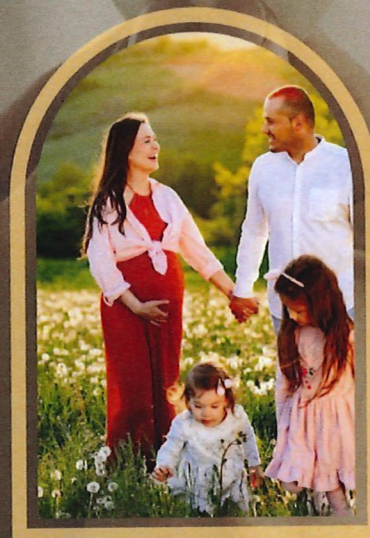


## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### BEGINNING ON JULY 23, 2023

- Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19;  
Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;  
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43
- Monday:** Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15;  
Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;  
Mt 20:20-28
- Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15;  
Ps 78:18-19, 23-24,  
25-26, 27-28;  
Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b;  
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;  
Mt 13:10-17
- Friday:** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;  
Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;  
Jn 11:19-27
- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12;  
Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,  
127-128, 129-130;  
Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

# MARRIAGE



one flesh, given and received

### Natural Family Planning

...supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage



## NFP (NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING) AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS JULY 23, 2023

For information on the Catholic teachings about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood, please go to <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-familyplanning>.

# Welcome

Whether you recently moved here or are just visiting, we are happy that you are here with us! If you would like to join one of our Parishes, please contact the Parish Office for a registration form.





**MARY, QUEEN OF ANGELS  
FAMILY OF PARISHES PICNIC**

July 30th, 1:00 p.m.

Lions Park, West Liberty

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Councils: 1727, 1782, and 4378. The Knights will provide meats and drinks. **Please bring a side dish and a lawn game.** The splash pad will be available for those with kids.

Also, Council 1782 will be collecting used/new (ANY CONDITION) sneakers/rubber-soled shoes for the Benjamin Logan Swim Team during the picnic. Please, no dress/work shoes. However, rubber cleats are acceptable. Please tie the shoes together.



**ATTENTION, 2023 SENIOR GRADUATES:  
K OF C SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE**

If you are a 2023 Senior graduate, a member of St. Mary of the Woods Parish, and are interested in a modest financial college grant, you may apply for a scholarship offered by the K of C Council #4378. Application forms may be picked up at the Parish Office and returned to the Office no later than August 6, 2023.



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Please note that the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth will be speaking at the end of each Mass at both St. Mary of the Woods and St. Patrick Churches on July 29th and 30th as part of our annual missionary cooperation assigned through the Archdiocese. The parish will be taking up a second collection to help support their work the weekend of August 5/6. Please be generous.



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**WHEN**

July 17-21, 2024

**WHERE**

Lucas Oil Stadium  
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**WHO**

80,000+ Catholics

A group of parishioners from Logan County will be attending the Congress, and we'd love for anyone who is interested to join in!

In order to receive a group rate, we need at least 11 people. The group rate is \$308 for the five days of the Congress, not including food, housing, or transportation.

If you are interested in attending an informational meeting, please contact Ashley (ashleyroberts.dre@gmail.com, or call St. Pat's at 937-592-1656) by July 23.

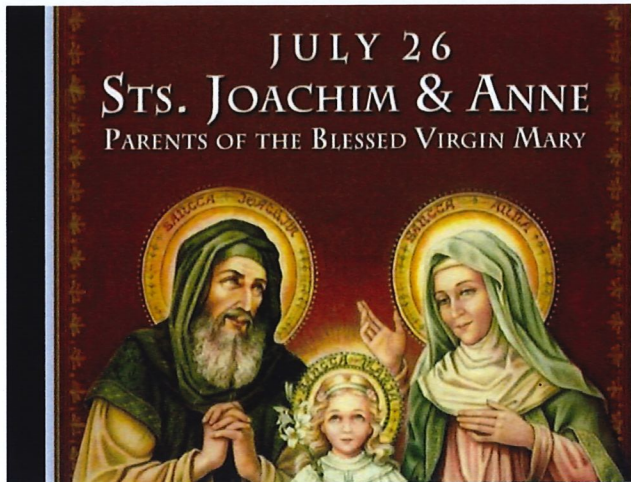
If the needed number is reached, the parish will order tickets in mid-August.

For more information about the Mary, Queen of Angels Family of Parishes or to view bulletins from the parishes, please log on to:

Immaculate Conception (North Lewisburg)  
Sacred Heart (St. Paris)  
St. Mary (Urbana)  
St. Michael (Mechanicsburg)  
**Champaigncatholics.org**

St. Mary of the Woods  
**saintmaryofthewoods.com**

St. Patrick (Bellefontaine)  
**catholicbellefontaine.org**



## MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**JULY 26, 2023**

On July 26th, we honor the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Their names are not recorded in the Gospels, but first come to us from a mid-second-century apocryphal document called the Gospel of James. Though this “gospel” has been determined to be inauthentic, it is the earliest record we have of the Blessed Mother’s parents. At the very least, we can presume

that their names are correct: Joachim and Anne. Other apocryphal literature, such as the Gospel of the Nativity of Mary and the Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew, also contain uncertain information about these holy parents and grandparents.

According to those traditions, Joachim was a very wealthy and generous man. He and his wife, Anne, however, were childless until they were advanced in years. One day, before Anne conceived the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joachim arrived at the Temple to make an offering. It was rejected by a man named Rubim, most likely a Levitical priest, because Joachim was childless. “It is not right for you first to bring your offerings, because you have not made seed in Israel.” Children were exceedingly important at that time; to be childless was understood as disfavor from God.

Distressed, Joachim left the Temple and studied the Scriptures to see if he could find anyone of importance who, like he and Anne, were childless. When he came upon Abraham, he recalled that Abraham was only given a child in his old age. Rather than returning home to Anne, Joachim embarked on a forty-day period of fasting and praying in the desert, beseeching God for a child.

Anne, for her part, also went to pray, asking God for a child. As she prayed, an angel appeared to her and said, “Anne, Anne, the Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world.” An angel also appeared to Joachim and said, “Joachim, Joachim, the Lord God has heard your prayer. Go down hence; for, behold, your wife Anne shall conceive.” Nine months later, Anne bore a daughter, and the couple named her Mary. Because of a vow they had made, when Mary was only three, Joachim and Anne brought her to the Temple where she took up residence until it was time for her to be married. She was educated by the priests and holy women and spent her days in prayer and union with God.

Regardless of the authenticity of the legends about Saints Joachim and Anne, we know for certain that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, had parents. They loved her, raised her, and offered her to God. Today, they are saints under the names of Joachim and Anne, and the faithful continue to seek their intercession. They are especially called upon for their intercession for grandparents. In fact, on a spiritual level, just as the Blessed Virgin Mary can be seen as our spiritual mother, so also Saint Joachim and Anne can be seen as our spiritual grandparents in the order of grace.

Pray to this holy couple today, especially asking their intercession for your grandparents or your grandchildren. Ponder what it would have been like to give birth to the Mother of the Son of God. Prayerfully imagine what it would have been like to watch their daughter, who was “full of grace,” grow and mature into adulthood. Though these holy parents might not have understood all of the mysteries that surrounded their daughter, they would have known, by a grace of spiritual intuition, that their daughter was chosen by God and given a singular grace that budded forth in an abundance of virtue for all to see, especially for her parents to see.

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