

**August 2021**



**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Mass Times:** Saturday 5:15 PM • Sunday 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
Wednesday & Friday 8:30 AM • Tuesday & Thursday 12:15 PM

**Reconciliation Times:** Saturday 4 PM to 5 PM • Thursday during **Adoration** 7 PM to 8 PM



**The Assumption  
Of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Father in Heaven, All  
Creation rightly gives  
you praise.

For all life and holiness  
come from you.

In the plan of your  
wisdom, She who bore  
the Christ in her womb,  
was raised body and  
soul in glory to be with  
him in heaven.

May we follow her  
example in reflecting  
your holiness and join  
in her hymn of endless  
love and praise.

We ask this through  
Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Church will have to initiate everyone – priests, religious and laity – into this “art of accompaniment” which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other [cf. Ex3:5]. ...Although it sounds obvious, spiritual accompaniment must lead others ever closer to God, in whom we attain true Freedom.

~Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 169-70

## What is accompaniment and why does it matter?

Accompaniment is primarily about listening. Listening to the other person with an open heart and being attentive to what is being said with no outside agenda. Spiritual accompaniment is being present with compassion as a companion on the journey. As Pope Francis tells us in *Evangelii Gaudium*, “Only through such respectful and compassionate listening can we enter on the paths of true growth and awaken a yearning for the Christian ideal: the desire to respond fully to God’s love and to bring to fruition what he has sown in our lives” (171).

As baptized Christians, we are, each one of us, called and gifted to accompany others on their spiritual journey. Realizing this reality and being ready to take up the call are often two very different things. Most of us don’t feel qualified to walk with another person on their spiritual journey and certainly aren’t prepared to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Mt.28:19). That is because most of us were never taught or formed in the art of “spiritual accompaniment.” Be that as it may, we cannot continue to watch members of our families and those whom we care about leave the Church in droves without a backward glance. And what about all the people who are hurting and searching for healing after the year we’ve just experienced? Shall we just leave them to fend for themselves? Or can we do better? Does God intend for us to do better? Hasn’t He called and equipped us to do better?

What could help us to move beyond our feelings of fear and inadequacy then? **Experience**, as we know, is one of the best teachers. Learning how to be a good listener and how to share your own story are parts of the process. If you’re the least bit interested, I invite you to prayerfully consider coming to a short workshop entitled “Being Ananias for One Another” There is no commitment and nothing to lose, except two hours of your time. Come and see on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

If we prayerfully consider that God has called us to this time and place, and that He created us to do the work of spreading the Gospel right now, these words of St. Joan of Arc may both resonate and challenge us: *“I am not afraid. I was born to do this.”*

Grace and Peace,  
Patti Cassidy

Being Ananias for One Another – Accompanying  
Others on their Spiritual Journey.

Monday, August 16 at 6PM in Lower Center  
Open to anyone – no commitment.

Come & See!

RSVP requested, not required. 728-3845 ext. 228  
or [pcassidy@ctkmsla.org](mailto:pcassidy@ctkmsla.org)

## Offertory Update:

8/1/21 \$5236.01  
Weekly needs: \$6705.88  
YTD Budget: **-\$3198.40**



Thank you for  
remembering your  
faith family!



**Sunday  
Morning Mass  
will start at  
10:00 AM.  
Beginning on  
August 15th**



### **Saturday, August 14**

5:15PM Catholic Extension  
Donor

### **Sunday, August 15**

9AM: For the University of  
Montana

7PM: For the University of  
Montana

### **Saturday, August 21**

5:15PM: In Memory of  
The Deceased Members of the  
Hauge and Reilly Families

### **Sunday, August 22**

9AM: For the University of  
Montana

7PM: For the University of  
Montana



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