

### Can You Hear?

There are people who talk all the time. At least so it might seem. You or I could be one of them and not realize it. Maybe it is just exuberance of personality, or a brain packed full of ideas that simply must poke their way out.

Or it could be self-centeredness. I have known folks who take their breath in the middle of a sentence instead of at the end so that they can rush to the next sentence without a pause at the period, leaving no room for anyone else to butt in.

Am I being unkind? Not really. It takes all types.

But there is a lesson to be learned from this phenomenon, and it concerns each one of us.

The more we talk the less we listen.

Truly listen, I mean. If we talk all the time, our energy is taken up by our own thoughts and actions and effects. We miss one of the greatest treasures of all: the beauty of other people in their complexity and in their simplicity and their interiority.

Alright, should we then just sit in silence and let others talk? No, no. We must take care to exchange with others. To talk, yes, but also to listen.

All true relationships, be they societal niceties or deep friendships, are founded on receiving and giving. We give the gift of attention to the other, and we receive it back from them.

That being said, the Gospel surely gives us a test case. Why does the newly pregnant Mary talk so much this Sunday? She has hurried to her cousin Elizabeth's house in the hill country, and hardly have they even said hello when Mary bursts into a long speech or song, the Magnificat. In it she even says that all generations are going to call her blessed! Talking about herself, so it seems.

But examine the words just before the Magnificat. Mary is actually responding to what Elizabeth has just said. "You are the mother of my Lord! Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

In return Mary does let excited words pour from her mouth.

The Magnificat is not about Mary, it is entirely about God. She will be blessed by all generations, she says, not at all because she is herself something great, but because God's love and mercy are, and they will pour out through her to the world. Mary had a life-long habit of listening to God's love. She sensed the Holy Spirit when she received it.

Her reaction? To speak the divine Word into the world. She is the great example of hearing and then speaking.

The feast of the Assumption salutes this trust and openness in Mary. At the end she had been at one with God all her life, even in the searing passion and death of her son. The Assumption is not a mythical statement of fancy, it is an acknowledgment of how close Mary had been to Jesus all life long, and especially in his death.

It would have been superfluous for her to die again.

John Foley, SJ

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### August 15, 2021

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#### St. Stephens

Friday: Adoration followed by Benediction 3:45pm

Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

**Sunday Masses: 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM**

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass at 7:15am

Wednesday & Friday: Mass at 5:00pm

1st Saturday: Adoration at 8:00am; Mass at 9:00am

#### St. Josephs, Ethete

**11am Sunday Mass**

Sacrament of Reconciliation 15 minutes before Mass

#### Blessed Sacrament, Ft. Washakie

**Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM**

Sacrament of Reconciliation 15 minutes before Mass

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Come in seeking; come in wondering; come in hurting. Come into this house of companionship and compassion. Come in. You are welcome here. Our faith Family opens its doors to you and in the name of Christ, bids you Welcome!  
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*The purpose of St. Stephen's Indian Mission, the presence of the Roman Catholic Church among the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho, is to grow into a strong community of believers, sharing our lives in the Holy Spirit, forming one welcoming People of God, who are committed to Jesus Christ, His gospel and mission.*

## Readings August 16th through August 22nd:

Mon: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22  
 Tue: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30  
 Wed: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16  
 Thur: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14  
 Fri: Ru 1:, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:24-40  
 Sat: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12  
 Sun: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

### Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

8/15/21

#### 9:00am Mass

Lector: Tom Kasper

#### 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

8/22/21

#### 9:00am Mass

Lector: Jim Cunningham

#### 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

### Parish Collection

8/8 \$1563

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Corinthians 9:7*

As we continue to celebrate Mass at St. Stephens, we are limited to 25% occupancy in attendance and face masks are required at Mass, per Wind River Intertribal Council Health Order. Please use hand sanitizer and maintain a safe distance apart from parishioners not in your household. Thanks for doing your part to keep everyone safe!

### Mass Intentions this week

|       |                                   |                                    |
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| 8/14: | Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament | Ramona Bell Underwood              |
| 8/15: | Sunday 9am St. Stephens           | +Joseph Lambrecht                  |
|       | Sunday 11am St. Josephs           | +Chato Lyday                       |
|       | Sunday 5pm St. Stephens           | For the people                     |
| 8/17: | Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens       | +Tim Pratt                         |
| 8/18: | Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens        | Special Intention                  |
| 8/19: | Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens      | Christyl Hanway on her birthday    |
| 8/20: | Friday 5pm St. Stephens           | Father Drew Duncan                 |
| 8/21: | Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament | +Irene Millar                      |
| 8/22: | Sunday 9am St. Stephens           | Keith Spoonhunter for his birthday |
|       | Sunday 11am St. Josephs           | For the people                     |
|       | Sunday 5pm St. Stephens           | Father Jim Heiser                  |

Please pray for the family of the deceased:

+Mike Warren

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### JustFaith Catholic

How are we being called to address poverty?

**Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response**, part of the JustFaith Catholic series, explores God's call to respond to poverty in our local communities, equipping participants to take action in effective and sustainable ways. In this program, participants explore these two questions: 1. What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer regarding huge questions around poverty and injustice, and 2. In light of poverty and other forms of human suffering, what is the Good News of the Gospel? Participants will emerge from this program with a transformed understanding of who they are as God's child and how God is calling them to use their lives.

We will be offering Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response at St. Stephens beginning Wednesday September 8, 2021. The program will meet for 8 weeks on Wednesdays from about 6pm to 830pm right here at St. Stephens. There is a retreat and immersion experience involved as well for those who can attend. If you would like more information or would like to register contact Kevin Wilson at 407-873-1003 or [kevinwilson1987@gmail.com](mailto:kevinwilson1987@gmail.com).

In March 2022, ProRome Tours, a Catholic tour operator based in Charlottesville, Virginia is hosting a pilgrimage to Ireland & Scotland for Fr. Louie Shea with St. Margaret Catholic Church in Riverton. They still have a number of spaces available on our trip and they have decided to extend an invitation to all of the parishes of the Diocese.

This pilgrimage features seven nights in Ireland and four nights in Scotland and includes round-trip airfare from Denver. You can expect beautiful four-star hotels, private transportation, an incredible program of Catholic and cultural tours led by master guides, most meals, and daily Mass, prayers and spiritual direction. The cost is \$4690.00 per person.

For additional details, here is a link to the tour's webpage: <https://prorometours.com/ireland-and-scotland-diocese-of-cheyenne/>

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Praise Him now and always!

## Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

11am Mass

What a blessing it has been to see everyone at Mass at St. Josephs! Reminder that masks are required and please keep as safe distance as possible from those who are not in your immediate household. Hohou!