



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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December 3, 2023

- *Today's Mass*

First Sunday of Advent

- *Sunday Masses*
8, 9:30, 11am, 12:30pm
- *Saturday Masses*
7:00am, 5:00pm
- *Weekday Masses*
Monday through Friday
7:00am, 12 noon
- *Holy Day & Holiday Masses*
Please see weekly Mass schedule
- *Confessions*
Monday through Friday,
11:15-11:45am and
Saturdays, 4pm
- *Baptisms*
Sundays following the
12:30pm Mass
- *Matrimony*
Membership in parish for
at least one year prior to
marriage plans
- *Devotions*
Mother of Perpetual Help
Tuesdays & Sacred Heart
on Fridays at 11:45am

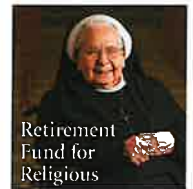
Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a holy day of obligation. Masses at Assumption will be celebrated at 5:15pm on December 7 and at 7:00am, 12:00 Noon, and 5:15pm on December 8. This feast day is one of the most important of the Marian feast days. On this day we celebrate the saving work of God in preserving the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of original sin.



A Lifetime in Service to Others

Assumption will participate in the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection, December 9 and 10. Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack the financial resources to meet the retirement and healthcare needs of their aging members. Please share your gratitude for those who have made a positive difference in the lives of so many. Envelopes will be in the pews. Checks can be made payable to Assumption Church.



Let's Connect-Small Group Initiative

Join us as we continue the conversation about the Archdiocesan Small Group Initiative offered here at Assumption, beginning this spring during Lent. We will gather in the upper room of the newly renovated school building on **Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30pm - 8:00pm** to talk about the structure and flow of these small group meetings and learn how this initiative can play a vital role in building our individual and collective faith in the parish community.

If you have any questions and/or would like to attend, contact Mary Weyandt at 651-789-6921 or email at mweyandt@assumptionsp.org.



Gifts for Listening House

This holiday season you can help by donating some basic necessities to Listening House, an organization that serves low-income, homeless, and lonely adults living in St. Paul. Their needs include deodorant, toothpaste, shaving cream/razors, socks, boots, shoes, mittens, gloves, hats, & cough drops. Donations may be left near the church entrances and at the rectory.



Upcoming Events

- *Religious Education Class.*
The next class will be Saturday, December 9.
- *Prayer Shawl Ministry.*
The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a group of parishioners who knit, crochet, or sew blankets. The next meeting will be Sunday, December 10 in the lower church. For information call Tammy at 651-442-0544.
- *Baptism Preparation classes* will be held after the 9:30am Mass in the lower church. The next class is Sunday, January 7. Call the parish office to schedule a baptism or to sign up for a class at 651-224-7536.
- *Catholic Social Roundtable.*
The roundtable will meet December 5 at 5:30pm.

We Welcome into Our Community

The following children being baptized at Assumption:

Owen Henry Traxler, child of Matthew Traxler and Jaden Leslie;
Lucy Clementine McMillan, child of Ryan and Emily McMillan;
Luke Matthias Knoedler, child of Thomas Knoedler and Lindsay Matthews.

Baptisms

Christmas Mass Times



December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, Christmas Eve Masses: **2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Christmas Day Masses: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm. The **2:00pm and 8:00pm** Masses on Christmas Eve will be livestreamed and recorded and available on the parish website.

We Extend our Sympathies

To the family and friends of Mary Reinart who has passed away.
“Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them.”



Singing the Word of God



This Advent, you may notice something a little different at Mass during the psalm sung between the first and second reading. After Vatican II, the Responsorial Psalm was added as a way for the congregation to cultivate a more intimate participation in the scripture readings. When a cantor is present, the psalm is sung and includes a short refrain which the congregation is invited to sing as well. The practice of communally singing these sacred texts has a continuous history not only through Christianity, but Judaism as well. Jesus notably sang psalms with his disciples as noted in the Last Supper account in Matthew’s Gospel. Since the Responsorial Psalm is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word, whether sung or recited, it takes place at the ambo which is the customary place from which the Word of God is proclaimed. As we begin Advent, we can use this brief, meditative practice to prepare our hearts for Christmas and take part in the Mass in a fresh, new way.

LaGrande Bande Concert

Saturday, December 9 at 7:00pm the local early music ensemble La Grande Bande will present a concert at Assumption featuring exquisite music for choir and chamber orchestra by the composer Charpentier. Tickets are available at lagrandebande.org/tickets or at the door. All are welcome!

Concert

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Special thanks to:

- *Snow Plowing*
Joseph Vogel
- *Parish Historian*
Dave Brown
- *Landscaping*
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Thank you from Vietnamese Social Services

Our community has a lot to be thankful for, including warm coats for the children. Please extend our gratitude to your parish. We were so grateful for the kindness and generosity of the members of Church of the Assumption. There are now 300 more children in the community that will be warm this winter.



Assumption Choir Christmas Concert

Save the date, Thursday, December 28 at 7:00pm when the Assumption Choir presents their annual Christmas concert. Relish the joy of the Christmas season with beautiful choral music and favorite carols. A reception will follow in the lower church. Admission is free of charge.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 3	8:00am	†Said & †Ann George
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	†Joseph & †Marion Kammerer
	11:00am	Parishioners
	12:30pm	†Ed Erickson
Monday, December 4	7:00am	†Lonnie Knight
	12:00pm	Stephen Lauinger
Tuesday, December 5	7:00am	†Roger Drowing
	12:00pm	†Jack Hoschka
Wednesday, December 6	7:00am	†Ben & †Mary Jane Opitz
	12:00pm	†LaVonne Bohaty Ostrom
Thursday, December 7	7:00am	†Marguerite Daly
<i>Saint Ambrose</i>	12:00pm	†Carol Dorsa
	5:15pm	†Betty Sidley
Friday, December 8	7:00am	†Judith Wicker
<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12:00pm	†Fr. Gene Abbott
	5:15pm	†Bob McManus
Saturday, December 9	7:00am	†Floyd Anderson
	5:00pm	†Tom Gernes
Sunday, December 10	8:00am	Parishioners
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	†Jayne Berg
	11:00pm	†Harold & †May Blair & †Georgie Modeen
	12:30pm	†Robert Socha



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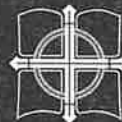


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