



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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December 10, 2023

• *Today's Mass*

**Second 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

Lifetime in Service to Others

This weekend Assumption is participating in the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection. 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. Donations can also be made via the parish website at www.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.

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.



Year End Giving



A reminder that if you are planning on making an end of the year donation, your donation will need to be post marked by Sunday, December 31 in order to be included on your 2023 contribution statement. If you are making a stock donation please contact Parish Administrator Greg Hereford at 651-224-7536. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Assumption Church.

Upcoming Events

- *Religious Education Class.*
The next class will be Saturday, December 16.
- *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 Teaching Roundtable* meets the first and third Tuesday of every month. For information please contact Colin Miller at 651-789-6929.
- *Parking Lot Volunteers.*
Help is needed with parking on Christmas Eve from 1:00pm-5:00pm. Please call Assumption Facilities Manager, Mark Dornfeld, if you can help, 612-790-7544.

We Welcome into Our Community

The following children being baptized at Assumption:

Ralph Anderson Wilcox, child of Adam and Jayna Wilcox;
Isadora Marie Pitera, child of Gino and Antonia Pitera.



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.

We Extend our Sympathies

To the family and friends of Shirley Weiss who has passed away.
"Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them."



Sunday Scripture Sharing



All are welcome after Wednesday Noon Masses to share reflections on the upcoming Sunday readings. We will gather in the lower level of the church. This is a good way to apply scripture to our daily lives. Any questions, call Mary Weyandt at 651-789-6921 or email her at mweyandt@assumptionsp.org.

Coffee and Donuts

Please join us for Coffee and Donuts Sunday, December 17 after all of the Masses in the Lower Church. All are Welcome!!



Parish Staff

- *Pastor*
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Special thanks to:

- *Snow Plowing*
Joseph Vogel
- *Parish Historian*
Dave Brown
- *Landscaping*
Brian Christopherson

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.



Liturgical Ministers

It is time to update your schedule on the MSP website. The next schedule for liturgy volunteers will be for January-March. If you are interested in helping at our weekend Masses as a Hospitality Minister, Communion Minister, Sacristan, or Lector please contact Mary Weyandt at 651-789-6921 or via email mweyandt@assumptionsp.org.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 10	8:00am	Parishioners
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	†Jayne Berg
	11:00am	†Harold & †May Belair & †Georgie Modeen
	12:30pm	†Robert Socha
Monday, December 11	7:00am	†Fr. A. Lynch
	12:00pm	†John R. Thompson
Tuesday, December 12	7:00am	†Ed & †Leona Schmitt
	12:00pm	†Mike Nitti
Wednesday, December 13	7:00am	Felicity Perpetua Johal
<i>Saint Lucy</i>	12:00pm	†Timothy Brandl
Thursday, December 14	7:00am	Mary Ellen Schiltgen
<i>Saint John</i>	12:00pm	†Grace Crane
Friday, December 15	7:00am	†John E. & †Norma Kelly
	12:00pm	†Roger Drawing
Saturday, December 16	7:00am	†Eston Brookshire
	5:00pm	†Betty Mae Collins
Sunday, December 17	8:00am	Parishioners
<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	†Hugh Markley
	11:00pm	†Tom Gerlach
	12:30pm	Victor Pius Beaudette



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