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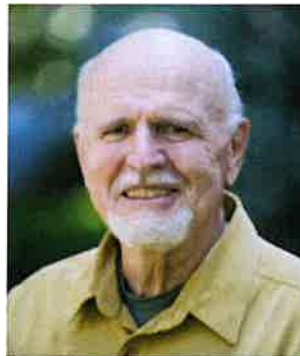
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December 11, 2022

- *Today's Mass*
Third 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

Dear Parishioners and Friends-

Grateful for Fr. Greg Skrypek's 52 Years of Ministry



It's hard to believe that it has been two years since we celebrated Fr. Greg Skrypek's 50th anniversary of ordination. We did not know then that soon after Greg's life would greatly change and we would be missing his presence at Assumption. This week I talked to Greg and asked if I could give an update about him as many have asked how he is doing.

After several health setbacks in early 2021, Greg moved to Carondelet Village to heal, get stronger and now that is where he resides. He still is treating his prostate cancer, but right now feels pretty good. He has found a new rhythm and is enjoying the community at Carondelet, and we know everyone there enjoys him.

While he has not been able to return for Masses here, we occasionally fetch him to spend the day in the office. He certainly misses everyone and wanted me to convey his very best. And as he celebrates 52 years of ordination on December 13, we also wish Greg the very best. Even though we do not get to see him as much as we would like, we are grateful that he is still a part of our Assumption family.

Other quick updates

The parish directory is in its editing phase. A big challenge for any parish directory is to review and edit all the names, addresses, and other details before its published. We are in that phase now and hope to have the parish directory available early in the new year.

The campus projects are moving forward. We are in the final approval processes with St. Paul's Historical Preservation Commission for the renovation of the historic school building. They are very pleased with our plans as presented so far. Once we receive final approval from the HPC, we hope to start work in February or March.

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Upcoming Events

- **Religious Education.**
The next class is Saturday, December 17, 9:00am at St. Mary's. Contact Jill Bueno for more information at 651-789-6925.
- **Baptism Preparation Class,** Sunday, January 8, lower church, following the 9:30am Mass. Call the office to register for a class or schedule a baptism at 651-224-7536.
- **Coffee & Donuts.**
Please join us for Coffee & Donuts in the lower church Sunday, December 18 after all the Masses.
- **Travel with Fr. Malone in 2023.** Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Aug. 28– Sept. 7 or Ireland in May 2023. Call Karol at 651-452-4679 for more information.

Parking lot expansion. In September we closed on the corner surface lot on Exchange and St. Peter streets and now Assumption owns the entire block. Parishioners already enjoy the fact that parking in that lot is no longer closed when there is a Minnesota Wild Game or other event in the neighborhood. Regarding the retail building, we are working with the St. Paul Port Authority to help Raum Mit find a new location. Since there is still time on the leases, we cannot move forward while some store fronts are occupied by tenants.

Safety and Security. We have embarked on a campus security project, utilizing some risk management tools and counsel provided by our insurance carrier and our own security team. Regarding neighborhood concerns, we are in continual conversations with St. Paul Police, Catholic Charities and the City, as well as other downtown associations and councils. One outcome of those conversations is the police camera you can see at the corner of St. Joseph's Lane and Exchange Street.

As always, there is a lot going on. Look for more communication soon on these important topics. But even with all the projects – we are preparing for the most important upcoming happening there is – Christmas! We're making our lists and checking them twice and certainly look forward to welcoming all who can join us for the celebrations ahead.

God bless you and your family during these holy days.

– Fr. Paul Treacy

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.

We Extend our Sympathies

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



We Welcome into Our Community

Enzo Scott De La Torre, child of Ernesto De La Torre and Kelly Weisner, who is being baptized at Assumption.

Parish Staff

- *Pastor*
Fr. Paul Treacy
- *Pastor Emeritus*
Fr. John Malone
Fr. Stephen O’Gara
- *Parochial Vicar*
Fr. Greg Skrypek
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- *Deacon*
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- *Pastoral Associate*
Cindy Smetana
- *Maintenance*
Bill Tierney
- *Wedding & Volunteer Coordinator*
Mary Weyandt

Special thanks to:

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

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Masses: **2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm.** Additionally, we will offer a **second 2:00pm Mass** in the Lower Church. Christmas Day Masses: **8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm.** The **2:00pm** Mass on Christmas Eve and the **9:30am** Mass on Christmas day will be livestreamed and recorded and available on the parish website.



Assumption Choir Christmas Concert



Save the date, Wednesday, 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 11	8:00am	†Said & †Anne George
<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	†Joseph & †Marion Kammerer
	11:00am	†James Brennan
	12:30pm	Parishioners
Monday, December 12	7:00am	†Jeffrey Laska
<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	12:00pm	Steve Lauinger
Tuesday, December 13	7:00am	†Joseph Keis
<i>Saint Lucy</i>	12:00pm	†Timothy Brandl
Wednesday, December 14	7:00am	†Alice Wilsey
<i>Saint John</i>	12:00pm	†Jim Nagel
Thursday, December 15	7:00am	†Roger Drowing
	12:00pm	†Nicholas Germscheid
Friday, December 16	7:00am	†Bryan Pershing
	12:00pm	†Betty Mae Collins
Saturday, December 17	7:00am	†Joan M. Ronca
	5:00pm	†Julie Fahrenkrug Lawrence
Sunday, December 18	8:00am	†Bob McCarron
<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	Parishioners
	11:00pm	†Linda Turi & †Pat Keefe
	12:30pm	Victor P. Beaudette



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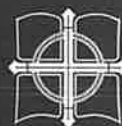


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