



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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December 12, 2021

- *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

2021 CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24

Masses at 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm & 8:00pm in Church
Masses at 2:00pm & 4:00pm in the Lower Church
The 2:00pm Mass will be livestreamed and recorded.

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25

Masses at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm in Church
The 9:30am Mass will be livestreamed and recorded.

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

While not a holy day of obligation this year, Masses will be celebrated on Saturday, January 1 at 7:00am & 10:00am. *Livestreamed and recorded video Masses will be available on the parish website at www.assumptionsp.org.*



A Safe and Healthy Holiday Season

Since the pandemic continues to take its toll, we thought it would be a good idea to encourage continued vigilance to help minimize the spread of the virus.

- From the very start of the pandemic, we have followed the guidance of the CDC, the Minnesota Department of Health and any Archdiocesan, city and state directives. Civic leaders and the Archdiocese strongly recommend that those coming to Mass or to other large indoor events wear facemasks.
- If you would like more space, Mass is livestreamed to the Lower Church.
- We join the Archdiocese and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in encouraging anyone who can to get vaccinated. As an early USCCB statement reads, "Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community."
- As another act of charity, we are asking everyone approaching Communion to receive the host in the hand and not on the tongue during the pandemic.

Together, we do our best so that everyone can enjoy a safe, healthy and holy Advent and Christmas season.

Upcoming Events

- *Prayer Shawl Ministry* meets this Sunday, December 12 after the 9:30am Mass in the lower church. Contact Tammy with questions at 651-442-0544.
- *Scripture and Tradition*, join Colin Miller this Wednesday, December 15 after the 12:00pm Mass in church for a short talk on Catholic topics. Gather in the front and center of the church.
- *Christmas Mass Times*,
Christmas Eve: 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm & 8:00pm. Lower Church 2:00pm & 4:00pm.
Christmas Day: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm.

A Lifetime in Service to Others

This weekend Assumption will participate 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. Historically, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—known collectively as women and men religious—received very little pay. 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 Thomas Casey who has passed away. *“Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them.”*

Gifts for Listening House



This holiday season you can help by donating some basic necessities to Listening House to fulfill guest and program needs. Listening House serves low-income, homeless and lonely adults living in St. Paul. Their needs include: Chapstick, belts, lotion, deodorant, shaving cream/razors, toothpaste/brushes, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, hand warmers, warm clothing, back packs, personal items, cough drops, cold and flu medicine, batteries and combs/brushes. Donations may be left near the church entrances and at the rectory.

Radical Discipleship and Catholic Community Class

What does Catholic social teaching look like embodied in our daily lives? This course, taught by Colin Miller, seeks to answer that question by offering a compelling vision of a Church deeply engaged with the reality of Jesus Christ. The class is free, open to all, and will meet weekly on a night to be determined for 90 minutes, from January-May, 2022. Interested parties or those with questions should contact Colin at cmiller@assumptionsp.org or 651-224-7536. We will find a meeting time that works for all.

Liturgical Ministers Needed

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, Sacristan, Communion Minister or Lector please contact Mary Weyandt at 651-789-6922 or mweyandt@assumptionsp.org. If you already volunteer please update your profile on our Ministry Scheduler Pro website with any dates you are not available to serve.

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November Food Drive Thanks!

The Franciscan Brothers of Peace express their profound gratitude to the people of Assumption for the November food drive. Your generosity allowed us to deliver more than 100 bags of non-perishable food items! Many thanks to all those who donated, sorted, and helped to transport our donations. Pictured above are Franciscan Brothers Dominic & Didachus, and Colin Miller, Assumption’s Director of Pastoral Care and Outreach Ministry.



Parking Lot Volunteers

Help is needed with parking and traffic control on Christmas Eve from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Please call Assumption Facilities Manager, Mark Dornfeld, if you can help, 612-790-7544.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 12	8:00am	Joe O’Neill
<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	†Anthony Garofalo
	11:00am	†Jerry Ciresi
	12:30pm	†Harold & †May Belair & †Georgie Modeen
Monday, December 13	7:00am	†Peter Matsumoto
<i>Saint Lucy</i>	12:00pm	Hannah Long
Tuesday, December 14	7:00am	†Marcella & †Louis Perri
<i>Saint John of the Cross</i>	12:00pm	†Marcia L. Lowe
Wednesday, December 15	7:00am	†Peter Matsumoto
	12:00pm	†Marg & Tom Bastasz Sr.
Thursday, December 16	7:00am	†Paulino & †Josefa Perez
	12:00pm	†Betty Mae Collins
Friday, December 17	7:00am	†Thomas Casey
	12:00pm	Victor Pius Beaudette
Saturday, December 18	7:00am	†Julie Fahrenkrug Lurence
	5:00pm	†Said & Ann George
Sunday, December 19	8:00am	Parishioners
<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	†Ben & Mary Jane Opitz
	11:00am	†Shirley & †Richard Donovan
	12:30pm	†Julie Fahrenkrug



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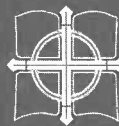
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