



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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December 19, 2021

- *Today's Mass*
Fourth 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

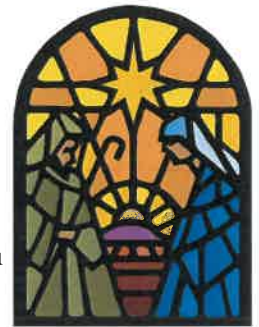
Masses at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm in Church

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 Note From Fr. Greg

First of all let me wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. This precious time holds the joy of Emmanuel - God with us.

Each day for me has been a longing to return to the Assumption and being with all of you. Cards to the office, phone calls and get well wishes have fueled a desire to celebrate with you. I never thought I would miss anything so much.

They told me many times that recovery would take awhile. No one ever told me how long it would be. I'm progressing. I always take time to be grateful for each day. I have learned so much during this time. One of my old sayings was, "Slow down and if you think you're going slow, go slower. There's so much to see." Physical therapy has been exhausting and yet the most helpful. I'm working on my balance. Hopefully I will be back soon.

The staff has been wonderful in keeping me informed and encouraging me in every way possible. Keep me in your prayers as I will of you.

Love & peace - Fr. Greg

[Fr. Greg celebrated his 51st ordination anniversary this past Monday. We are so grateful for his service to Assumption over the past 10 plus years.]

Upcoming Events

- *Scripture and Tradition*, join Colin Miller this Wednesday, December 22 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.
- *Radical Discipleship & Catholic Community Class*. Topics include: Catholic social teaching, and serving Christ in the poor. From January-May, 2022. If interested contact Colin at cmiller@assumptionsp.org or 651-224-7536.

Emergency Relief Is Needed

Assumption is joining other parishes in the Archdiocese this weekend in taking an emergency collection to help those suffering from the devastation of the recent tornadoes in the United States. Your gift will be forwarded to the USCCB Bishop's Emergency Disaster Fund. Envelopes can be found at church entrances. Checks should be made payable to Assumption. You may also donate online via the parish website: www.assumptionsp.org. Thank you for supporting this important cause.

A Prayer for Advent

Lord, through the darkness, I look for your wisdom.
I want my heart to be open to you.
But sometimes in these days, it seems that so many things come between us.



Help me to be awake and aware of the radiance you bring to my life.
Help me to be grateful each day for the blessings of family and friends.
Let me be a peacemaker in my own life, and in the world.
Let me pray especially for those who are so in need of an end to violence.
My heart asks for this as my Advent prayer today.

We Extend our Sympathies

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

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.

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Special thanks to:

- *Snow Plowing*
Joseph Vogel
- *Parish Historian*
Dave Brown
- *Landscaping*
Brian Christopherson
- *Porter*
James Prifrel, Jr.

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.

Parking Lot Volunteers

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



Weekly Mass Intentions

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
Monday, December 20	7:00am	Special Intention
	12:00pm	†John Bongaarts & †Geraldine Vogt
Tuesday, December 21	7:00am	†Andy Sanchez
	12:00pm	†Chester & †Shirley Cashman
Wednesday, December 22	7:00am	†Liz Dorle
	10:30am	Sholom residents
	12:00pm	†Jerry Conlin
Thursday, December 23	7:00am	†Patricia Swenson
	12:00pm	†Dave Clemens
Friday, December 24	2:00pm	†Jeanne & Bill Pilla
	4:00pm	†Joan Kammerer Zwart
	6:00pm	†William Wheeler
	8:00pm	†Sam & †Luigi Pitera
Saturday, December 25	8:00am	†Joyce Juenemann Gardner
<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	9:30am	†Molly O'Gara
	11:00am	†Bud Faricy
	12:30pm	Samuel Joseph Mathews
Sunday, December 26	8:00am	†Bob McCarron
<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	9:30am	†Virginia & †Bud Conoryea
	11:00am	Parishioners
	12:30pm	†Leonard Wistrick



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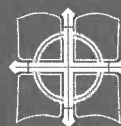
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