



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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December 5, 2021

- *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

A Safe and Healthy Holiday Season

In the last couple of weeks, we have all learned a new letter of the Greek alphabet – Omicron. This is the name of the new coronavirus variant of concern, and while it is a concern, we are also hearing it is not a cause for panic.



Since the pandemic continues to take its toll, we thought it would be a good idea to encourage continued vigilance, especially as we enter the holiday season. Here are some reminders from previous bulletins. Also, the Archbishop recognizes the seriousness of the pandemic right now and is asking everyone to do their part 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.
- While we are happy attendance is increasing, there still is some room to spread out for those who would like more space. If you would like a lot more space, remember that the Mass is livestreamed to the Lower Church.
- With over 450 million doses given, the current vaccines are proving to be the best way to avoid getting sick or severely ill with COVID-19 as well as reducing the transmission of the virus. We join the Archdiocese and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in encouraging anyone who can to get vaccinated and boosted. 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." Please refer to the USCCB website or the Archdiocesan website for more information.
- 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.

In additions to these safety recommendations, please remember that we have invested in an effective air filtration system, and we continue to regularly clean and sanitize the Church. Together, we do our best so that everyone can enjoy a safe, healthy and holy Advent and Christmas season.

- Fr. Paul Treacy

Upcoming Events

- **Baptism Preparation Class**, Sunday, December 5, lower church following the 9:30am Mass. Call 651-224-7536 to schedule a baptism for your child.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets next Sunday, December 12 after the 9:30am Mass in the lower church. Contact Tammy Clemens with questions at 651-442-0544.
- **Christmas Mass Times**
Christmas Eve: 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm & 8:00pm. Lower Church 2:00pm & 4:00pm.
Christmas Day: 8:00 am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm.

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Wednesday, 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 is an important Marian feast day. We hope you can join us.

We Welcome into Our Community

The following children who are being baptized at Assumption: **Edward Joseph Short** child of Robert & Mary Rose Short; **Elsie Belle Sternquist**, child of Richard and Molly Sternquist.



Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve Masses: **2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm.** Additionally, we will offer a **second 2:00pm AND 4:00pm Mass** in the Lower Church. Christmas Day Masses: **8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm.** Reservations will **not** be required.

We Extend our Sympathies

To the families and friends of John Sands, Michael Bader, Roger Schwartz, and Dorothy Christenson who 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.



A Lifetime in Service to Others



Next 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. 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.

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Scripture and Tradition Talks

Join Colin Miller on Wednesdays after the 12:00pm Mass for a series of short talks on various Catholic topics. The talks will continue through December 22. We will gather in the front and center of the church directly after the noon Mass. Drop in whenever you can.

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 651-224-7536 or cmiller@assumptionsp.org. We will find a meeting time that works for all.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 5	8:00am	Parishioners
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	†Joseph & †Marion Kammerer
	11:00am	†Jack Hoschka
	12:30pm	†Sharon Pietruszewski
Monday, December 6	7:00am	†LaVonne Bohaty Ostrom
	12:00pm	Special Intention
Tuesday, December 7	7:00am	†Dorothy Mosso
<i>Saint Ambrose</i>	12:00pm	†Judith Wicker
	5:15pm	†Charles Loeschorn
Wednesday, December 8	7:00am	†William Wheeler
<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12:00pm	†Carol A. Dorsa
	5:15pm	†Roger Schwartz
Thursday, December 9	7:00am	†Mario Garcia
	12:00pm	†Egidi Roehrich
Friday, December 10	7:00am	†Peter Matsumoto
	12:00pm	†Robert “Skip” Socha
Saturday, December 11	7:00am	†Peter Matsumoto
	5:00pm	Parishioners
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



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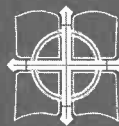
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