



# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**May 22, 2022**

- *Today's Mass*  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**
- *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 & Friends -*

This weekend we are sharing news about two significant projects that Assumption is planning which will strengthen our parish and enhance our beautiful campus. Past generations have left us with so much and now we have an opportunity to make a similar contribution.

Parishioners have been mailed information that explains these two opportunities: retaining and expanding adjacent parking and restoring our historic school building. The costs are not insignificant. However, we have a rare opportunity to purchase adjacent property, *and* to provide for much needed space through better use of a building already on campus. Parish leadership believes this is the time to make these projects happen.

The estimated cost of both projects is \$5.9 million. From initial donor and parish commitments, we have \$2 million set aside for these projects. Through a capital campaign we hope to raise the remainder of the costs – or nearly \$4 million.

Now we need to hear from you as your input is so important. You are encouraged to share your feedback through a parish-wide survey. This survey can be accessed via the parish website at [www.assumptionsp.org](http://www.assumptionsp.org). You are an important part of our parish community and now you can help us not only better meet current needs, but also shape our future.

A few notes about the survey:

- Only one person per household should complete the survey.
- The survey will be live from May 21-June 1.
- A paper copy of the survey can be mailed to those parishioners without online access. Please contact the parish office.

We have much to be grateful for at Assumption and are excited to expand on all that has come before us.

- Fr. Paul Treacy



*The historic school building is pictured to the right of the original church.*

### Upcoming Events

- *Loaves & Fishes*, parish volunteers will serve lunch at the Dorothy Day Center this Sunday, May 22.
- *Memorial Day Mass* will be Monday, May 31 at 10:00am. The parish office will be closed that day in observance of the holiday.
- *Baptism Preparation Class* will be held June 5, after the 9:30am Mass in the lower church. Call the office to schedule a baptism for your child or to register for a class at 651-224-7536.
- *Travel to the Holy Land*. Fr. Malone will be hosting a trip to the Holy Land on August 26 to September 6, 2022. Contact Karol at 651-452-4679 for additional information.

### Memorial Day Recognition

We will publish the names of deceased Assumption parishioners and family members who have served our country in the Memorial Day weekend bulletin. If your loved one's name has not been included in the previous years, please contact the parish office, 651-224-7536, by Wednesday, May 25 to get their name added to the bulletin. Living veterans and active members of the military will be remembered in November in observance of Veteran's Day.



### St. Boniface Day Celebration



Every year the parish celebrates St. Boniface Day, honoring the German immigrants who founded Assumption over 165 years ago.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Feast of St. Boniface, the Patron Saint of Germany, on Friday, June 3. There will be a special Mass at 12:00 noon in the church. We will also gather for lunch this year, immediately following Mass in the Freundschafts Keller (lower church). The lunch will include brats and sauerkraut, German potato salad, dessert and beverages. Reservations are not required.

### We Welcome into Our Community



The following children who will be baptized at Assumption: **Nora Grace McQuillan**, child of Joseph and Karley McQuillan; **Isabella Ann Roby**, child of Mark and Melissa Roby.

### We Extend our Sympathies

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

### Second Stork



The Second Stork collection drive was a huge success! Assumption parishioners donated 1395 diapers, 392 wet wipes, 93 sleepers, 157 onesies, 152 blankets, and 16 caps. Thanks to all who donated and volunteered.

### Directory Information

The new parish directory will have several sections, including a listing of all parishioners with addresses and phone numbers. Please watch your mail for more information about being included in the directory and if your address and phone number are up to date. We will need to hear from you by Wednesday, June 15 if changes need to be made. You may email [kpelzer@assumptionsp.org](mailto:kpelzer@assumptionsp.org) or call the parish office at 651-224-7536 to let us know.



### Parish Staff

- *Pastor*  
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- *Pastor Emeritus*  
Fr. John Malone  
Fr. Stephen O’Gara
- *Parochial Vicar*  
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Bill Tierney
- *Wedding & Volunteer Coordinator*  
Mary Weyandt

### Special thanks to:

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

### Minnesota Renaissance Choir Concert

Assumption will be hosting a concert for the Minnesota Renaissance Choir this Sunday, May 22 at 7:00pm in the church. For more information and tickets search Minnesota renaissance Choir on Everbrite.com.



### Habitat for Humanity–Faith Builders

Volunteers are invited for Assumption’s 2022 build with Habitat for Humanity, June 27 through July 1. Ages 16+ and all levels of experience are welcome to sign up for any or all of the five day experience as we work with members of several other area faith communities. This year we will spend our time working at the Habitat “Panel Shop” in Minneapolis, building walls to be taken to other sites. For more information and to sign up online, please go to [faithbuilders.tchabitat.volunteerhub.com](http://faithbuilders.tchabitat.volunteerhub.com). Contact Colin with questions via at email [cmiller@assumptionsp.org](mailto:cmiller@assumptionsp.org) or call 651-789-6929.

### Weekly Mass Intentions

<b>Sunday, May 22</b>	8:00am	Parishioners
<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	9:30am	†Norbert Christopher
	11:00am	†Russell Jensen
	12:30pm	†Jim Rogers
<b>Monday, May 23</b>	7:00am	Ida Mullan
	12:00pm	†Brian Ritchie
<b>Tuesday, May 24</b>	7:00am	†Carol Waschbusch
	12:00pm	†John Palacio
<b>Wednesday, May 25</b>	7:00am	†Mary Katherine Gregor
	12:00pm	Rosemary Slattery
<b>Thursday, May 26</b>	7:00am	†Souls in Purgatory
	12:00pm	†Paul Mazzaccoa
<b>Friday, May 27</b>	7:00am	†Justin McCarthy
	12:00pm	†Katherine Beesch
<b>Saturday, May 28</b>	7:00am	†David Knezovich
	5:00pm	†John Dittberner
<b>Sunday, May 29</b>	8:00am	†Mike Richardson
<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	9:30am	†Geraldine Cotter
	11:00am	Parishioners
	12:30pm	†Raymon Alloush





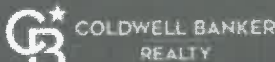
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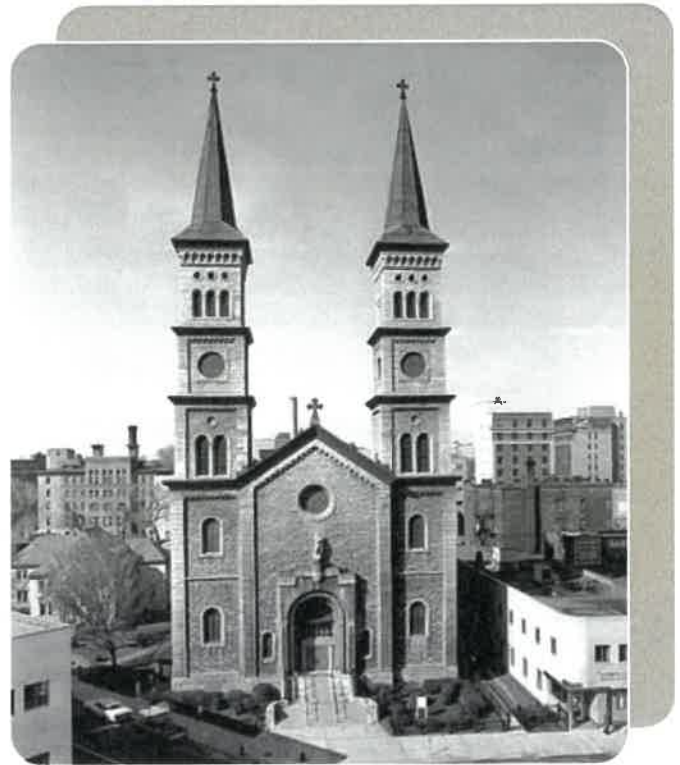
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## CARRYING ON THE TRADITION

Since 1856, Assumption Church has been an important presence in the heart of St. Paul. The generosity of parishioners for the last 165 years has enabled our church to be a downtown landmark and a strong beacon of faith, community, and service. We are privileged to be a part of the faith life of many individuals and families and are blessed to be one of the largest, most vibrant parishes in the Archdiocese. Many graces have come from this place.

The neighborhood and downtown community have changed greatly over the years. To adapt to changing times, our campus has changed as well. Now we have an opportunity to build on the generations of generosity, better meet current parish needs and plan for the future. Specifically, we want to share two main campus projects to help us remain a strong and vibrant parish:

- **Secure and Improve Parking for the Masses**
- **Restore and Reactivate our Historic School building**



*Assumption Church photographed in 1964.*

## SECURE AND IMPROVE PARKING FOR THE MASSES

For decades, one of the most significant challenges that individuals and families face in coming to Mass is parking. In 2019, Assumption worked with Catholic Charities and the City of St. Paul and secured significant additional parking across St Joseph's Lane. We also have offered overflow parking at the Gallery Ramp. Most importantly, for over two decades, we have enjoyed 60 free weekend parking spots in the neighboring lot on the corner of Exchange and St. Peter Streets. This is thanks to the generosity of owners Doug Hoskin and St. Peter Limited Parking Partners.

We were notified of the owner's intent to sell this property at the end of 2021. Since we cannot assume a new owner would offer us those spaces, or even keep it as a parking lot, we are at risk of losing 300 parking spaces each weekend (60x5 Masses). This would be a tremendous loss for the parish. After consultation with the finance council, parish trustees and completing due diligence, we believe it's important to purchase this property. This purchase allows us to not only secure current parking but also improve and build upon it.

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## SECURE AND IMPROVE PARKING FOR THE MASSES (CONTINUED)

Several years ago, in a defensive move, the parish purchased the retail building on the corner of St. Peter and Seventh Streets. Developers were planning a five to six story hotel-apartment building on that location. Once the retail leases expire, we will demolish the building and create additional parking. With proper trees, landscaping and fencing, the east side of our campus will not only look lovely, but people coming to Assumption will experience a greater sense of welcome, community and safety.

Finally, the chance to purchase adjacent real estate is a rare opportunity for parishes. It's a purchase that makes sense for current and future generations. While close and safe parking is one of our greatest needs, securing this adjacent land will allow future generations to adapt and plan for their ministry goals and needs.

## RESTORING AND REACTIVATING OUR HISTORIC SCHOOL BUILDING

It is time to embark on extensive renovations of our historic school building. This building, located on the northwest corner of the campus, is on the National Register of Historic Places. It has not been in regular use for many years and needs significant repairs. To keep it from deteriorating further, tuckpointing, window replacement, and water repair needs to be done. The building, nevertheless, has great bones and a great history and we have a responsibility in its upkeep.

Over the last few years, working with parish leadership, we have determined that we need more meeting space than the lower church can provide. We also need to bring our faith formation and confirmation programs back to campus. For years, these programs serving hundreds of our youth, have been located at St. Mary's Catholic Church nearby in Lowertown. While we will continue to offer a shared religious education program, we only have use of St. Mary's school for one more program year. We also need space for adult spiritual and faith formation opportunities, and smaller social or fellowship occasions. Additionally, we want to make our campus more accessible, better meeting important ADA standards.

Renovation to this building will include an elevator, office space, restrooms, classrooms, kitchen and an updated mechanical and utility infrastructure. Additionally, the plans will protect the building from further deterioration and have modern, energy efficient windows. There will be significant mortar and stone repair on the exterior façade. With proper landscaping and sidewalks, this building will become an integral part of our campus experience. The goal is to accomplish all of this while maintaining the integrity of this historic gem – the second oldest building and oldest standing school in St. Paul.



*Assumption's Historic School Building is pictured to the right of the original church.*

### Estimated Costs:

Building Demolition & Parking Lot	\$2,255,000
Restoring the Historic School building	\$3,675,000
Total Estimated Cost	\$5,930,000

### Initial donor and parish commitments:

\$2,000,000

### Through a Capital Campaign we are hoping to raise:

\$4,000,000

As Assumption moves forward with this historic opportunity, we hope that we can rely on the support of our parish community. We want to build off generosity of past parishioners and friends. With the retention of current parking and creation of additional parking to our east, and the renovation of our historic school building, we will create a campus that keeps Assumption a strong and vibrant parish for generations to come.