



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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June 20, 2021

- **Today's Mass**
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary time
- **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
Saturday, 4pm
- **Baptisms**
Each Sunday 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 -

Q: "Do we have to go to Mass?" A: "We get to go to Mass!"

Over the years, usually when a Holy Day of obligation approaches, if someone asked me, "Father, do we have to go to Mass?" my first response is usually the same, "You get to go to Mass." It is all how we look at it. There might be a new appreciation of this after 14 months of pandemic protocols.



Last spring, the Minnesota bishops realized the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic and, for good reasons, they suspended the obligation of attending Mass as a safety precaution. As the pandemic is subsiding and normal activities are resuming, many Catholics have already safely returned to regular Sunday Mass attendance.

Effective July 1, 2021 the Minnesota bishops are removing the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass. As indicated by the Bishop's statement: "Attending the in-person celebration of Sunday Mass and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist are vital to our lives as Catholic Christians. We were created for Communion. Whether you are returning to your home parish, or seeking a local parish on vacation, your participation in the Mass unites you with the Church, the Body of Christ."

Their statement also recognizes that "Although the general dispensation will no longer be available, the Church has always recognized that certain circumstances can excuse a person from the requirement to observe the obligation." The circumstances may include concern for others' health, one's own health, or in the situation when one is caring for another or when you cannot get to Mass through no fault of your own.

For more information about the reinstatement of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, please see www.archspm.org or view some of the several articles in *The Catholic Spirit* which can be found at www.thecatholicspirit.com. If you have questions about your particular situation, please feel free to contact me at the parish office.

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Upcoming Events

- *Drive-Up Communion*, Wednesday, June 23, 1:00-1:30pm. Enter the north parking lot from Exchange Street.
- *Confession Times*, Monday-Friday, 11:15am-11:45am and Saturdays at 4:00pm.
- *Baptism Preparation Class*, on Sunday, July 11th, lower church following the 9:30am Mass. *Please note the date change.*
- *Assumption Habitat For Humanity Week*, August 9th-13th. Contact Colin Miller, 651-224-7536, or via email at cmiller@assumptionsp.org for more information or to sign up for this important outreach opportunity.

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Just as any healthy relationship benefits from regular in-person expressions of love, the same is true in our relationship with God. When we understand Mass as being a part of something bigger than ourselves and as an act of communion with God and others, then we move toward an attitude of “we get to go to Mass.” It is at Mass that together we give thanks for our blessings, we pray for others, and we are reminded how celebration of the Eucharist has always been the “source and summit of the Christian life.”

As a parish, we are grateful that our Masses are becoming full again, but some might ask, “What about the virtual Masses or the drive-up Communion on Wednesdays?” While virtual Masses will not fulfill the Sunday obligation except for the circumstances noted above, we will continue to offer the virtual Mass for the foreseeable future. We have found it as an effective way to stay connected to homebound parishioners and others.

Our last drive-up Communion will be offered on Wednesday, June 30. For those who would like to arrange for the reception of Communion outside of Mass, please contact Colin Miller, Assumption’s Director of Pastoral Care & Outreach, in the parish office.

We are excited that our regular rhythm of coming together for Mass has returned. We appreciate that in some ways our prayers have been answered for the day when we could gather again. That day has come and we are glad to have everyone back to the great spiritual home which is Assumption.

God bless you and keep you safe.

-Fr. Paul Treacy

We Welcome into Our Community



The following children who will be baptized at

Assumption this weekend: **Michael Scott Colborne**, child of Brian & Kaitlin Colborne; and **Alejandro Miguel**

Perez, child of Guadalupe Perez.

Become a Witness of Charity

Next weekend, June 26-27, Assumption will participate in the annual Peter’s Pence collection. This collection provides Pope Francis with the necessary funds to carry out his charitable works for those in need around the world, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. Contribution envelopes will be available at church entrances. Checks should be made payable to Assumption.



Parish Staff

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Special thanks to:

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

Honoring Our Fathers

God our Father, we pray:

- ... for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation;
- ... for single fathers who are doing the work of two parents;
- ... for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice;
- ... for fathers who have lost a child, that they may find hope and solace in your never ending love;
- ... for fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



We Offer Our Condolences

To the family and friends of **Joan Smith** who has died. *“Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her.”*

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 20	8:00am	†John McCarron
<i>Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	†Joseph & †Marion Kammerer
	11:00am	†Bud Faricy
	12:30pm	†Harold & †May Belair & †Georgianna Modeen
Monday, June 21	7:00am	†Norman & †June Ravenscroft
<i>Saint Aloysius</i>	12:00pm	†Armando & †Christine Rulli
Tuesday, June 22	7:00am	†Liz Dorle
	12:00pm	†Jerry Boland
Wednesday, June 23	7:00am	Brian Tourville, Brittany Larson & Riley McKenna
	12:00pm	†Dorothy Bade
Thursday, June 24	7:00am	†Peter Matsumoto
<i>Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	12:00pm	Isaiah Dominic Gutzmann
Friday, June 25	7:00am	†Joan Cain
	12:00pm	Kenny Tourville
Saturday, June 26	7:00am	†Peter Matsumoto
	5:00pm	†Linda Turi
Sunday, June 27	8:00am	†Len Merth
<i>Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	†Jim & †Nancy Nalipinski
	11:00am	Deceased Members of the Foster Family
	12:30pm	Parishioners

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