



# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**July 5, 2020**

- *Today's Mass*  
**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
- *Sunday Masses*  
8, 9:30, 11 am, 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*  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 11:30-11:50am and Saturday at 4-4:30pm, lower church.
- *Baptisms*  
Each Sunday following the 12:30pm Mass
- *Matrimony*  
Membership in parish for at least one year prior to marriage plans

## *Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry*

As a prison chaplain, Father Gregory Skrypek tried to find connecting points with non-Catholic inmates, and he's done the same while serving Catholics in parishes.

"It was an experience of making things common," Father Skrypek said of his 50 years of priesthood. "I was amazed at how people received me. ... What I learned was not what I taught."

From serving in his home parish to decades of prison work and now part-time ministry in retirement, Father Skrypek, 77, reflected on his ministry as he undergoes prostate cancer treatment.

After attending St. Columba's parish school, Father Skrypek pursued the priesthood first at Nazareth Hall, the archdiocese's former preparatory seminary, and then at The St. Paul Seminary, both in St. Paul.

During seminary he served as a counselor at then-St. Joseph's Home for Children in Minneapolis. He took a year off from seminary to continue discerning and working at the home.

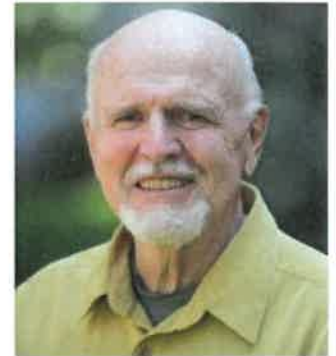
After his 1970 ordination, Father Skrypek was assigned to his home parish, St. Columba. He was transferred to the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis in 1977 and served for three years, including as parochial administrator while starting the parish council.

Because of his experience working with troubled kids, Father Skrypek was asked to serve as chaplain at the Hennepin County Adult Correction Facility in 1980. After seven years there, he said he thought he was ready to go back into a parish. But instead he was asked to take over the chaplaincy at the Minnesota Correction Facility-Stillwater.

"I said, 'That's the natural progression, isn't it? You go from jail to prison.'" He served prison inmates for 22 years.

As a chaplain, Father Skrypek learned to listen while frequently serving men with addictions. "It taught me to center myself wherever I am," he said. "God is the answer, and it's not so much that I need to answer, but the answer is in listening to people's questions and being part of ... that growth."

While Father Skrypek served Catholics at the prison, all the inmates saw him



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## Together Safely

- If you are ill, experiencing any symptoms or caring for someone who is ill, please refrain from attending Mass.
- Remain your car until the church is sanitized between Masses.
- Masks are required for all those who are able to wear one.
- Follow best hygiene practices, use hand sanitizer and avoid touching your face.
- Practice social distancing requirements and please do not congregate before or after Mass.
- Prepare to drop your donation before Mass begins.
- Be patient and kind as we adjust to new protocols.

## *We Extend our Sympathy*

The family and friends of **James McJilton** and **Mark Jensen** who passed away this last week. *“Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and may Perpetual Light Shine upon them.”*

## *We Welcome into the Community*

The following child who will be baptized at Assumption:



**Claire Elizabeth Conway**, child of Thomas and Kelsey Conway.

We have new safety protocols in place and have resumed the celebration of this beautiful sacrament. Baptisms are held most Sundays at Assumption with a common celebration of the sacrament after the 12:30pm Mass. Please call the parish office, 651-224-7536, to schedule a baptism for your child.

## *New Confession Time*

Confessions are heard beginning at 11:30am (rather than 11:00am) on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. On Saturdays, confessions are heard from 4:00-4:30pm. This change went into effect on July 1st. All confessions are held in the lower church. Please enter the lower church using the elevator entrance located on the southeast corner of the building. Please keep each other safe by practicing basic safety protocols such as face masks, social distancing, and use of hand sanitizer.



## *Becoming Catholic*

Are you interested in exploring the Catholic Faith? Would you like to be baptized or confirmed as an adult? Assumption offers Becoming Catholic Classes (RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) on a rolling basis – it is never too late or too early to join. For more information please contact Colin Miller, 651-789-6929, or by email at [cmiller@assumptionsp.org](mailto:cmiller@assumptionsp.org).



## *The Power of Prayer*

You are welcome to request prayers for yourself or a loved one through our Assumption prayer team. To do so, call the parish office, 651-224-7536. You may leave a first and last name. Requests for prayers can be for any reason, including illness or death of a loved one, job stress, or family discord. Please identify the timeline for your request (i.e. 1 day, 1 month, 6 weeks). All requests are kept confidential.



## *Stay Informed*

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## Parish Staff

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  - *Parish Historian*  
Dave Brown
  - *Landscaping*  
Brian Christopherson
  - *Porter*  
James Prifrel, Jr.

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as their chaplain. “I never went into the prison as a prison,” he said. “It was my assignment, so I went into the prison realizing that I needed to respect that’s where they lived, and I tried to see it that way.”

Grateful for his chaplain experience, Father Skrypek said he learned more deeply the meaning of Christianity. “I jumped into an experience where there was so much to take in and it was so good, it didn’t seem like 30 years.”

In his various assignments, Father Skrypek said, what’s shaped his ministry is trying to be humble and accompany people in difficulties. “When you’re with people in their journey, they can cry only for so long,” he said. “I’ve laughed so deeply with people at seemingly the hardest times when they come to an awareness. That’s a good place to be at this time in my life.”

*This article was written by Susan Klemond and published in “The Catholic Spirit” on June 25, 2020. The photo was taken by David Hrbacek. Both were reprinted with the editor’s permission. Fr. Skrypek officially celebrates his ordination this December. Watch the bulletin for ways that we can help him celebrate this momentous and wonderful milestone.*

## Weekly Mass Intentions

<b>Sunday, July 5</b>	8:00am	†Parishioners
<i>14th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	†Lucille Smith
	11:00am	Deceased Members of the Foster Family
	12:30pm	†John E. Whelan
<b>Monday, July 6</b>	7:00 am	†Joe Radermacher
	12:00 pm	†Irene Dobis
<b>Tuesday, July 7</b>	7:00 am	†Lilian Mortenson & †Margaret Goutermont
	12:00 pm	Jennifer Beaudette
<b>Wednesday, July 8</b>	7:00am	†Theodora Anderson
	12:00 pm	Carol Windham
<b>Thursday, July 9</b>	7:00 am	†William Wheeler
<i>Saint Augustine</i>	12:00 pm	†Joan Farley
<b>Friday, July 10</b>	7:00 am	†Joseph & †Cecelia Wheeler
	12:00 pm	Jim Mathews
<b>Saturday, July 11</b>	7:00 am	†Peter Matsumoto
<i>Saint Benedict</i>	5:00 pm	†Joyce Juenemann Gardner
<b>Sunday, July 12</b>	8:00am	Parishioners
<i>15th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	Deceased Members of the Yarusso, Lombardi & Lenzi Families
	11:00am	†Patrick Hoelscher
	12:30pm	Intentions of the Little Sisters of the Poor

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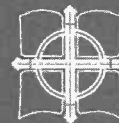
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