



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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August 8, 2021

- *Today's Mass*
Nineteenth 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*
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

Mask Confusion?

This past week I went to the grocery store. As I began walking through all the fruits and vegetables that I should be buying, I looked around and seeing other customers and employees, all the sudden I experienced mask confusion. Wait, should I have a mask on? I had one in my pocket and put it on and immediately felt less judged by some and more judged by others. Again, mask confusion.



Perhaps you've had the feeling recently. Hopefully this helps clarify any mask confusion on how we are handling all this at Assumption.

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. The important language in determining parish policies is "required" versus "recommended." Currently, Ramsey County is a county considered as an area of substantial spread of COVID-19, primarily driven by the Delta variant. Hence, the City of St. Paul *requires* any visitor wear a mask before entering any city-owned building and *recommends* that everyone wear a mask inside any establishment.

Given all of this, we are offering masks at each of the church entrances for your use with every good wish and encouragement, but we are not currently requiring masks at Mass. The CDC acknowledges that infections are rare for those who are vaccinated, and severe illness and death are even rarer. While infection is still possible for anyone, each person needs to evaluate their own situation.

We would not be able to safely gather for Mass (or Twins games, or restaurants, etc.) if it were not for the vaccines. Beyond the medical and scientific reasons to get vaccinated, we also look to our Catholic scientific, moral, and ethical leaders for guidance. We join the Catholic Medical Association, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and our own Archbishop in recommending everyone who can to get vaccinated. For those exploring the moral implications of vaccines, there is much information

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Upcoming Events

- *Assumption Habitat for Humanity Week*, August 9th-13th. Parish volunteers will be working on a house at 397 Maryland Avenue in St. Paul. Contact Colin Miller, 651-224-7536, with questions.
- *Coffee & Donuts* will be served in the lower church after Sunday Masses, August 15th, in celebration of the Feast of the Assumption.
- *Religious Education Classes* begin September 11th. The deadline for Confirmation registration is August 5th. Please contact Jill Bueno for more information, 651-224-7536, ext. 115.

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on that topic on each of these group's websites. As the bishops acknowledge, "being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good."

Most importantly, at the very sacrament which unites us, we encourage respect for each other and the decision on wearing masks. You know best what you feel comfortable with, and we want everyone to stay healthy. Certainly, let us keep in prayer all those who have experienced a loss and who continue to be impacted by COVID-19.

- Fr. Paul Treacy

We Welcome into Our Community



The following children who will be baptized at Assumption this weekend: **Sadie Therese Moxness**, child of Darin & Amanda Moxness; and **Alex Anthony**

Tinucci, child of Anthony & Angelyn Tinucci.

Baptisms at Assumption are held most Sundays 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.

The Early Christians, the Eucharist, and the Poor

Please join Colin Miller for a series of weekly talks, after the noon Mass on Wednesdays. No RSVP is necessary, simply gather after the noon Mass in the center pews, near the front of the church. For more information contact Colin Miller, 651-224-7536, ext. 119.

Be a Hero - Save a Life or Two or Three

Assumption will host a blood drive on Thursday, September 16th in the lower church from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Please contact Assumption Blood Drive Coordinator, Deb Munkholm, to schedule your donation appointment at 651-646-1728 or via email at debra.munkholm@gmail.com. You can also sign up online at www.redcrossblood.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 a timeline for your request (i.e. 1 day, 1 month, 6 weeks). All requests are kept confidential.



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- *Snow Plowing*
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Office Assistant Position

Assumption Parish has a full-time Office Assistant position currently available. We are looking for a positive person to answer phones, greet visitors, schedule baptisms, and help with communications, including the parish website. The parish office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm.



Please contact Julie Malecha in the parish office, 651-789-6931, with any questions or for a complete job description. Applications are being accepted via the job portal of the Archdiocese’s website at <https://careers.archspm.org> or by emailing a resume to Julie at jmalecha@assumptionsp.org.

We Extend Our Sympathy

To the family and friends of **Scott Biron, John O’Connell and Robert Jones** who have died. *“Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let Perpetual Light shine upon them.”*

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 8	8:00am	†Rita Grundtner
<i>Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	Parishioners
	11:00am	†Bud Faricy
	12:30pm	†Harold & †May Belair & †Georgie Modeen
Monday, August 9	7:00am	†Peter Matsumoto
	12:00pm	†Judy Cooper
Tuesday, August 10	7:00am	†Intentions of the Little Sisters of the Poor
<i>Saint Lawrence</i>	12:00pm	†David O’Connor
Wednesday, August 11	7:00am	†William Wheeler
<i>Saint Clare</i>	12:00pm	†Anthony Garofalo
Thursday, August 12	7:00am	†Genevieve Hoisser
	12:00pm	†Bill Lynch
Friday, August 13	7:00am	†Joseph & †Cecelia Wheeler
	12:00pm	†Frank Ulrich
Saturday, August 14	7:00am	†Lane Freshwater
<i>Saint Maximilian Kolbe</i>	5:00pm	†Said & †Ann George
Sunday, August 15	8:00am	†Steve McCarron
<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:30am	†Arlean, †Emil & †Thomas Jerikovsky
	11:00am	Parishioners
	12:30pm	Madisyn Mae Blaeser



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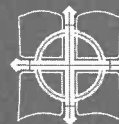
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