



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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September 26, 2021

- *Today's Mass*
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of 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
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 Time for Communion

By now, we would have hoped to be beyond COVID-19 and its many consequences. Currently, however, hospitalizations in regular and ICU beds due to COVID-19 are at their highest since March. Health care workers/heroes are also still carrying such a heavy burden.

Throughout the pandemic, Assumption has implemented mitigation measures to limit the spread of COVID and keep people safe while here at Church. We also want to provide a Mass experience which is reverent and where there are as few COVID-related distractions as possible.

The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our Christian life. Because we believe in Jesus' real presence, we do our best to receive Communion with appropriate reverence. For that reason, the US Catholic Bishops provide instructions for reverent reception of Communion either in the hand or on the tongue.

These instructions, however, did not anticipate a respiratory virus causing a pandemic. Since reception in the hand is an option and due to the current spread of COVID, we are asking everyone approaching Communion to receive the host in the hand and not on the tongue.

While there are different opinions about whether reception on the hand versus tongue really increases the risk of transmitting COVID-19, it is not my intent here to enter that debate. Rather, we recognize that for many, reception of Communion on the tongue causes concern and distractions for others in line and among our Eucharistic Ministers.

Two other instructions regarding Communion at Assumption. First, without a Communion rail and as a matter of safety, please refrain from kneeling while receiving Communion. Second, if you wish to receive a low gluten host, they are available in the Communion line on the west side of church, near the statue of Mary. For those who cannot receive any gluten, please visit the sacristy



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Upcoming Events

- *Religious Education Classes*, Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:15am, St. Mary's Church. Contact Jill Bueno, jbueno@assumptionsp.org or 651-224-7536, for more information.
- *Synod Small Groups*, Wednesdays, beginning September 29 at 12:45pm or 5:30pm, lower church. Contact Jill Bueno in the parish office to sign up or learn more at 651-224-7536.
- *Baptism Preparation Class*, next Sunday, October 3, lower church, following the 9:30am Mass. Call the parish office for more information or to register, 651-224-7536.

Annual Coat Drive Next Weekend

Beginning next weekend, October 2-3, donation cards with names of children in need, will be available at all Masses. Donated coats, hats, & mittens will be due back at Assumption by Monday, October 18. Coats can be brought to church on weekends or dropped off at the parish office Monday through Friday.



If you are unable to shop for a coat this year, please consider making a cash donation or shopping online. To donate electronically, visit the Assumption website, www.assumptionsp.org. On the home page click "Donate Electronically" then choose, "Coats for Kids" as the fund choice. We will then shop for you to fulfill a coat request.

If you would like to help manage the donation card table next weekend or if you would like to help with sorting the donated coats, please contact Cindy in the parish office, 651-224-7536, or by email at csmetana@assumptionsp.org.

Synod Small Group Opportunity



Beginning Wednesday, September 29 and continuing for six weeks, you are invited to the lower church for a time of listening, learning, praying, and small group discussions. Your input will then be shared with Archbishop Hebda to help contribute to the direction of our local Church here in the Archdiocese. Please join us September 29 through November 3 at 12:45pm (after the Noon Mass) or 5:30pm. If you would like to attend or would like more information, please contact Jill Bueno at jbueno@assumptionsp.org or 651-224-7536.

We Welcome into Our Community

The following children who will be baptized at Assumption this weekend: **Brody Michael DuFour**, child of Joshua & Jessica DuFour; **James Leo Colestock**, child of Peter Malmstrom & Dana Colestock; **William Anthony Stoffel**, child of Marcos Stoffel and Elizabeth Tinucci; and **Conrad Field Wilson**, child of Benjamin & Kathryn Wilson.



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" (or 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 in the parish office, 651-224-7536, or via email at cmiller@assumptionsp.org.

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before Mass and a chalice will be provided.

Thank you for your cooperation. It is with continued hope for an end to COVID-19 that we will do our best to keep people safe while at the same time offering a positive experience of what we celebrate – Communion with God in Jesus and with each other.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

- Fr. Paul Treacy

Twin Cities Marathon Next Weekend

The 2021 race begins in downtown Minneapolis and ends at the State Capitol next Sunday, October 3. Please be aware that streets along the race route may be temporarily closed or restricted, affecting your travel time to Assumption. For more information on the race route and course map, visit www.tcmevents.org.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 26	8:00am	†Elizabeth Gardner
<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	Parishioners
	11:00am	†Bud Faricy
	12:30pm	†Arlean, †Emil, & †Thomas Jerikovsky
Monday, September 27	7:00am	†Daniel Manley
<i>Saint Vincent de Paul</i>	12:00pm	†Jack Bade
Tuesday, September 28	7:00am	†Frank Kueppers
	12:00pm	†Marcia Haugh
Wednesday, September 29	7:00am	†Edith Weisenbeck
<i>Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael</i>	12:00pm	Joseph Matsumoto
Thursday, September 30	7:00am	†John P. Roedler
<i>Saint Jerome</i>	12:00pm	†Christine Ramos
Friday, October 1	7:00am	†Toni Monteagudio
<i>Saint Therese</i>	12:00pm	Chase Ross
Saturday, October 2	7:00am	†Eugene Jax
<i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	5:00pm	†Bill Fallon
Sunday, October 3	8:00am	†Joseph & †Cecelia Wheeler
<i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	†Catherine LaManna
	11:00am	Parishioners
	12:30pm	†Timothy & †Jake Brandl



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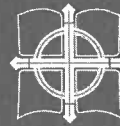
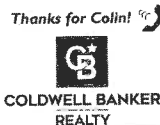
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