



# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**January 14, 2024**

• *Today's Mass*

**Second 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  
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

***Happy New Year!***

We enter the new year with abundant gratitude for everyone who made the church, the campus, and Christmas liturgies so beautiful and the season so lovely – including all those who celebrated with us. Now we are ready for a new year and already getting ready for Lent. In the upcoming weeks, look for exciting offerings that we will have at Assumption as Lent begins – especially the opportunity to join a small group, and the 2024 Spring Speaker Series.

***Small Groups at Assumption***

Over the last few weeks and months, we have been offering opportunities to learn about the history of small groups in the church and the benefits for any parish – including Assumption. Starting later this month, you can sign up and experience it firsthand starting in Lent. We will have times during the week in the morning, after the noon Mass and in the evening to join others for a Lenten (and Easter) spiritual boost.

Join a small group for five weeks in Lent and one week after Easter to explore and discuss the following topics: 1. Turning to God; 2. God working through strong community; 3. God's love for the beloved and broken us; 4. God's love for a beloved and broken world; 5. How to understand the cross as victory – then and now; and 6. How to live with Easter hope.

***2024 Spring Speaker Series – February 15-March 7***

Last fall's launch of Assumption's Center for Catholic Social Thought and the fall speakers series was a huge success. Assumption's *Center for Catholic Social Thought* is pleased to announce our Spring Speaker Series on the topic of *Rebuilding Catholic Community*, featuring, among others, Bishop Joseph Williams and writer/speaker Leah Libresco (author of *Building the Benedict Option*). The talks are Thursdays at 7:00pm, February 15-March 7, 2024, at the Assumption. All the evenings are free and open to the public and will include a reception. Sign up at <https://www.catholicsocialthought.org/2024-spring-speaker-series>.

As you can see, we are starting 2024 with some incredible opportunities to learn, discuss, get to know and enjoy others in the parish and beyond.

~ Fr. Treacy

## Upcoming Events

- **Religious Education Class.**  
The next class is Saturday, January 20.
- **Baptism Preparation classes** will be held after the 9:30am Mass in the lower church. The next class is Sunday, February 4. Call the parish office to schedule a baptism or to sign up for a class at 651-224-7536.
- **Sunday Scripture Sharing.** Wednesday after the noon mass share reflections on upcoming Sunday readings. We will meet in the lower church. Call Mary with any questions at 651-789-6921.
- **Parish Office Closed** Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the office 651-224-7536.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry to Meet



The Assumption Prayer Shawl ministry will meet today Sunday, January 14. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a group of parishioners who knit, crochet, or sew blankets for baptisms here at Assumption and prayer shawls for folks who are ill or homebound. The group meets in the lower church, typically on the second Sunday of the month following the 9:30am Mass. If you are interested in joining, contact Tammy Clemens at 651-442-0544.

## Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is Thursday, February 1. This feast commemorates the presentation of the infant Jesus, in the Jerusalem temple forty days after his birth. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession. At the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name of Candlemas. Candles will be blessed during each of the masses and will be available for you to take and use in your home during this next year.



## Feast of Saint Blaise



The traditional blessing of throats will take place after both masses on Friday, February 2. On the Feast of St. Blaise two candles are blessed, held slightly open and held near the throat as a prayer of blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

## Serve Dinner at Catholic Charities

Volunteers are invited to prepare and serve dinner at Catholic Charities the third Tuesday of each month, beginning January 16 and February 20. There are two shift-options, beginning mid and late afternoon, and no experience is required. For more information or to sign up please contact Frances at [outreach@assumptionsp.org](mailto:outreach@assumptionsp.org).



## Second Stork



Volunteers will assemble layette essentials for new parents in need on the third Thursday of the month at 9:30am. Those dates are January 18, March 21 and May 16. You can just show up to volunteer at Second Stork, located at 130 Eva Street. If you have questions please reach out to Frances via email at [outreach@assumptionsp.org](mailto:outreach@assumptionsp.org).

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### Special thanks to:

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

## We Extend our Sympathies

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



## Coffee and Donuts



Please join us for Coffee and Donuts in the lower church Sunday, January 28 after all of the Masses.

## Open House

We welcome parishioners to visit our newly remodeled historic school building January 28 after all the Masses.



## Weekly Mass Intentions

<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	8:00am	†Bob McCarron
<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	†Elaine Buche
	11:00am	†Tom Lauer
	12:30pm	†Shirley Donovan
<b>Monday, January 15</b>	7:00am	†Steven Alt
	12:00pm	Steve Lauinger
<b>Tuesday, January 16</b>	7:00am	†Gloria Braun
	12:00pm	†Marg & Tom Bastasz Sr.
<b>Wednesday, January 17</b>	7:00am	†Josephine Davi
	12:00pm	Steve Lauinger
<b>Thursday, January 18</b>	7:00am	†Clinton & †Marguerite Racine
	12:00pm	†Steven Schmitt
<b>Friday, January 19</b>	7:00am	†Liz Dorle
	12:00pm	Steve Lauinger
<b>Saturday, January 20</b>	7:00am	†Mary Ellen Malone
	5:00pm	Anthony & Jan Rockenback
<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	8:00am	†Said & †Ann George
<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	Parishioners
	11:00am	†Bud Faricy
	12:30pm	†Ed Erickson



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