

# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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## *Merry Christmas!!*

As we celebrate the last week of Advent, we move very quickly to that which we have been preparing for – Christmas when we rejoice that Christ is here. The best gift we have is a God who does not just create and then leave us to ourselves. We have a personal God who chooses to be with us, to accompany us and desires us to know that we are loved. The Christmas season renews us in the sense that God is with us. At Assumption, we are continually grateful for all who walk through our doors to celebrate God's presence. Our liturgies are packed this time of year, and they are wonderful reminders that we are all a part of something bigger – the Body of Christ. May our gathering this week and throughout the year help us make God's presence apparent to the world around us.

The beauty of Advent and Christmas remind us of the effort of many dedicated people. Thank you to all who help make this season so beautiful and our liturgies and ministries wonderful throughout the year. To our volunteers, liturgical ministers, our cantors, choir and musicians, and to those who help make our environment so lovely; to our maintenance and facilities staff, and to those in our parish office – the entire community is blessed by your efforts and good work. I am blessed to be a part of a great team.

From all of us here at Assumption, Merry Christmas. May God bless you and your loved ones during this beautiful season, and in the New Year.

~ Fr. Paul Treacy

## *We Welcome into Our Community*

The following children will be baptized at Assumption:

**Storm Mary Evans**, child of Patrick and Devin Evans;  
**Nellie Grace Cultice**, child of Chad and Kellie Cultice;  
**Tanner James Engholm**, child of Jon and Kelly Engholm;  
**Claire Louise Whitney**, child of William and Emily Whitney;  
**Iris Tomassina Gardner**, children of Joseph and Grace Gardner;  
**Sophie Sorensen Wier**, child of Andrew Wier and Ashley Sorensen.



## **December 22, 2024**

- *Today's Mass*

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- *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*  
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

## Upcoming Events

- *Religious Education Classes*  
Christmas break, there is no class on December 28.
- *Baptism Preparation*  
The next class is Sunday, January 5. Call the parish office with questions at 651-224-7536.
- *Gifts for Listening house.*  
Donations can be left near the church entrances or left at the rectory during office hours. 8:30am-4:30pm M-F.
- *Christmas Eve Parking.*  
The Gallery ramp will be available for parking along with the Catholic Charities parking lot and our newly acquired parking lot on St. Peter and Exchange Streets. Look for the Assumption parking signs. Christmas day the Gallery ramp will **not** be available.

## 2024 Christmas Season Schedule:

**Christmas Eve-** Tuesday, December 24

(Masses at 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm & 8:00pm)

The 8:00pm Mass will be livestreamed.

**Christmas Day-** Wednesday, December 25

(Masses at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm)

The 9:30am Mass will be livestreamed.

**Feast of the Holy Family-** Saturday December 28 (Mass at 5:00pm)

Sunday, December 29 (Masses at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00 & 12:30pm).

**Mary, The Holy Mother of God-** Tuesday, December 31 (Mass at 5:15pm)

Wednesday January 1- (Masses at 7:00am and 12:00pm)



## Assumption Choir Christmas Concert



The Assumption Choir presents their annual Christmas concert Saturday, December 28 at 7:00pm. Relish the joy of the Christmas season with beautiful choral music and favorite carols. A reception will follow in the lower church. Admission is free.

## Year End Giving

A reminder that if you are planning on making an end of the year donation, your donation will need to be post marked by Sunday, December 31, in order to be included on your 2024 contribution statement. If you are making a stock donation please contact Parish Administrator Greg Hereford, at 651-224-7536. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Assumption Church.



## Parish Office Hours



The Parish Office will be closed December 25 and December 26 for the Christmas holiday. Regular office hours will resume on Friday, December 27, 8:30am-4:30pm.

## We Extend our Sympathies

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

*In Loving  
Memory*

## Welcome!

To those who are visitors with us this weekend. If you would like more information about the parish or are interested in registering, please call the parish office at 651-224-7536.

## Parish Staff

- *Pastor*  
Fr. Paul Treacy
- *Pastor Emeritis*  
Fr. John Malone
- *Director Religious Education*  
Jill Bueno
- *Facilities Manager*  
Mark Dornfeld
- *Administrator & Safe Environment Coordinator*  
Greg Hereford
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- *Maintenance*  
Laura Jimenez
- *Security*  
Dave Longbehm
- *Director Pastoral Care & Outreach*  
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- *Office Manager*  
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- *Director of Music & Liturgy*  
Simon Pick
- *Hospitality Coordinator*  
Michele Rogers
- *Deacon*  
Jim Saumweber
- *Pastoral Associate*  
Cindy Smetana
- *Maintenance*  
Bill Tierney

### Special thanks to:

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

## Travel with Fr. Treacy to Italy



Join Fr. Treacy on a pilgrimage to Italy. Celebrate the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, September 15-25, 2025.

On this special pilgrimage, explore the tranquil hilltop village of Assisi, built on pink stone on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Spend time in Siena, birthplace of St. Catherine, and visit the black-and-white Cathedral. Taste an array of Italian wines. Learn the secrets of homemade pasta. Enjoy a special private tour of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, without the crowds! You will also enjoy some free time to relax and explore on your own.

For more information you can call Magi Travel at 952-949-0065

## Weekly Mass Intentions

|  |   |
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| <b>Sunday, December 22</b>                       | 8:00am †Liz Dorle                                     |
| <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>                   | 9:30am †The Vitelli Family                            |
|  | 11:00am Parishioners                                  |
|  | 12:30pm †Pat & Hellen Mahoney                         |
| <b>Monday, December 23</b>                       | 7:00am Poor Souls in Purgatory                        |
|  | 12:00pm †Al & †Bev Biagi                              |
| <b>Tuesday, December 24</b>                      | 2:00pm †Joan Kammerer-Zwart                           |
|  | 4:00pm †Gene & †Shirley Beaulieu                      |
|  | 6:00pm †John Schwartz                                 |
|  | 8:00pm †Molly, †Tim & †Anna O'Gara                    |
| <b>Wednesday, December 25</b>                    | 8:00am †Joyce Juenemann Gardner                       |
| <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>                  | 9:30am Faricy Family                                  |
|  | 11:00pm Joseph Mathews                                |
|  | 12:30pm †Shirley & †Richard Donovan & †Victoria Wyler |
| <b>Thursday, December 26</b>                     | 7:00am †Madison Warren                                |
| <i>Saint Stephen</i>                             | 12:00pm †Gene Rancone                                 |
| <b>Friday, December 27</b>                       | 7:00am †Tony & †Nancy Inserra                         |
| <i>Saint John</i>                                | 12:00pm Alyssa Nicole Gutzman                         |
| <b>Saturday, December 28</b>                     | 7:00am †Anne Johnson                                  |
| <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>               | 5:00pm †Gene Pietruszewski                            |
| <b>Sunday, December 29</b>                       | 8:00am †Bob McCarron                                  |
| <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i> | 9:30am †Diane McGroarty                               |
|  | 11:00am Parishioners                                  |
|  | 12:30pm †Lorayne & †Karla Haugen                      |



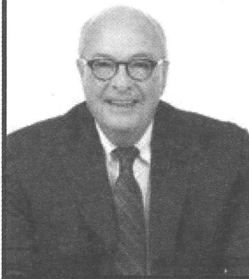
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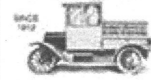
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