

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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December 8, 2024

• *Today's Mass*

**Second Sunday
of Advent**

- *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

With gratitude and love, farewell to Fr. Steve Adrian



This past week, we lost a beloved priest, pastor, and friend. Fr. Steve Adrian was ordained exactly 56 years ago today – December 8, 1968. He was a man of deep faith, immense kindness, and unwavering commitment to serving others. For decades, he faithfully ministered

to the people of The Church of St. Matthew on St. Paul's West Side. At Assumption, we too were blessed by Fr. Adrian's friendship and ministry. For years, he celebrated daily and weekend Masses and everyone appreciated his insightful homilies.

We were amazed at his ability to proclaim the Gospel without reading it, something he could do because of the tremendous amount of time he spent with the Word of God. He would also fill our lower church whenever he offered scripture classes.

Fr. Adrian had a passion for Catholic education and worked to make it accessible to all families. After leading a school at St. Matthew's for many years, he was instrumental in the creation of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, a legacy that will continue to bear fruit for students and their families.

Those who knew Fr. Adrian will also remember his wit and humor. Fr. Malone has some funny stories from their early years serving together at Incarnation in Minneapolis which included no shortage of pranks on each other and their pastor. I met Steve when I started here at Assumption, but I always knew he was a legend. He was nothing but kind and supportive of our entire parish, and all who knew him experienced his love for life and his ability to connect with others in genuine, meaningful ways.

It is with gratitude and love that we send Fr. Adrian off with our prayers. His life was a testament to the Gospel he so faithfully preached. A life lived for others, especially those in need. We extend our condolences to his family, many friends, the parishioners of St. Matthew's, the families and friends of Community of Saints and the whole West Side. We trust that Fr. Adrian is now enjoying the rewards of a life filled with ministry and friendship.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

~ Fr. Paul Treacy

Upcoming Events

- *Religious Education Classes*
The next class is December 14. Contact Jill Bueno with questions at 651-789-6925.
- *Baptism Preparation*
The next class is Sunday, January 5. Call the parish office with questions at 651-224-7536.
- *Christmas Choir Concert.*
Saturday, December 28 at 7:00pm. A reception will follow in the lower church. Admission is free of charge.
- *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.
- *Donut Sunday* will be Sunday, December 15 after all of the Masses. All are welcome!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is **not** a holy day of obligation. Masses at Assumption will be celebrated at 7:00am and 12:00pm on December 9.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is normally celebrated on December 8. Because it falls on a Sunday this year, it is transferred to Monday, December 9.



A Lifetime in Service to Others

Assumption will participate in the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection, this weekend. Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack the financial resources to meet the retirement and healthcare needs of their aging members. Please share your gratitude for those who have made a positive difference in the lives of so many. Envelopes will be in the pews. Checks can be made payable to Assumption Church.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Masses: 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm.

Christmas Day Masses: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm.

The 8:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve and 9:30am Mass on Christmas Day will be livestreamed and recorded and available on the parish website.



The Way: A Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles

New Unit for the Catholic Social Roundtable. All are warmly invited to join the Catholic Social Roundtable as we begin a new topic on Tuesday, December 17, focusing on the early Church as a social and political movement. All are welcome to drop in for the meetings whenever you are able and no RSVP is needed. Each class begins with a presentation followed by discussion. We meet the first and third Tuesday of every month, from 5:30pm-6:30pm, in the Education Center adjacent to the Rectory at Assumption Church in St. Paul. For class on Dec 17, please read Acts 1-5. For questions, please contact cmiller@assumptionsp.org.



Gospel of Luke Prayerful Reflection and Luncheon

All are invited to join us for lunch and a prayerful reflection on Christ's birth narrative from the Gospel of Luke on Wednesday, December 18, after the 12:00 Mass, in the Lower Church. We will begin our session with a shared meal and fellowship. Our Director of Parish Life, Kelly Jensen, will then lead us in prayer, reflection and discussion. This is a wonderful way to allow for focused reflection and anticipation of Jesus' birth during this Advent season.

Please RSVP to Kelly Jensen: kjensen@assumptiosp.org or 651-789-6934.



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Special thanks to:

- *Snow Plowing*
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- *Parish Historian*
Dave Brown
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We Extend our Sympathies

To the family and friends of Anthony Condon, Dannette O'Reilly and Thomas Vogel who have passed away. "Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them."



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.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 8	8:00am	Parishioners
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	†Judith Wicker
	11:00am	†Marg & †Tom Bastasz Sr.
	12:30pm	†Rick Hoschka & †Jack Hoschka
Monday, December 9	7:00am	†The deceased members of the Tran family
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	12:00pm	†Floyd Anderson
Tuesday, December 10	7:00am	Steve Lauinger
	12:00pm	†Clinton J. Racine
Wednesday, December 11	7:00am	Poor Souls in Purgatory
	12:00pm	†Helen Swanson
Thursday, December 12	7:00am	†John Bettenburg
<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	12:00pm	David & Sandra Sonnen
Friday, December 13	7:00am	Louis Gutzmann
<i>Saint Lucy</i>	12:00pm	Felicity Perpetura Johal
Saturday, December 14	7:00am	†Fr. Steve Adrian
<i>Saint John</i>	5:00pm	†Said & †Ann George
Sunday, December 15	8:00am	Parishioners
<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	†Elizabeth M. Collins
	11:00am	†Nancy & †Jim Nalipinski
	12:30pm	†Harold & †May Belair & †Georgie Modeen



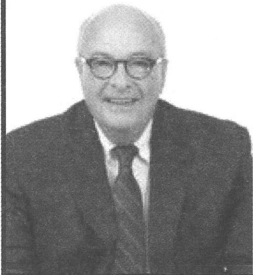
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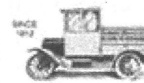
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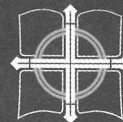


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