

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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March 9, 2025

• *Today's Mass*

First Sunday of Lent

- *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 Walk Through the Mass

We will kick off our Lenten journey with a *Walk through the Mass* Wednesday, **March 12** following the 12:00pm Mass and again at 6:00pm. Father Treacy and team will help us understand the meaning and significance of the Mass's words, gestures, and rituals helping us toward a fuller and more conscious participation in our Mass experience. There will be a soup lunch after the 12:00pm Mass and a light dinner before the 6:00pm meeting in the lower church.



FIRST SUNDAY
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LENT

Lenten Synod Small Groups-Sign Up

Our Synod small groups are back. Groups will begin meeting the week of March 16 and end the week of April 21. Our theme this Lenten season is *Source and Summit: Coming Together in the Eucharist*.

Each small group session will include prayer and reflection on the Sunday Gospel and discussion on the sacrament of Holy Communion and our relationship to others.

There are several ways to sign up for our small groups.

Sign-up online on the Assumption website <https://assumptionsp.org> under "Quick Links" and choose "Sign up for small groups".

Email or call Kelly Jensen at kjensen@assumptionsp.org, 651-789-6934.



You Can Make A Difference

In honor of the Feast of St. Joseph please help address the serious and growing hunger crisis in the state by giving generously to our annual food drive March 8-19. Some items of particular need include: canned fish, rice noodles, soy sauce and rice and beans.

Donations can be left at church entrances. For those staying connected virtually, you may also donate electronically or mail a check to the parish office. Please indicate "Food Drive" on the memo line of your check. All donations will be given to Franciscan Brothers of Peace to help feed the hungry in St. Paul. For more information about the food drive or to help with loading donations, contact Frances at outreach@assumptionsp.org.



Upcoming Events

- *Religious Education Class.*
The next class is Saturday, March 15.
- *Baptism Preparation classes* will be held after the 9:30am Mass in the lower church. The next class is Sunday, April 6. Call the parish office to schedule a baptism or to sign up for a class at 651-224-7536.
- *Prayer Shawl Ministry.*
They will meet today, in the lower church after the 9:30am Mass. For more information call Tammy at 651-442-0544.
- *Prayer and Scripture study* after 12:00pm Mass on Wednesdays in the lower church. All are welcome!
- *Loaves and Fishes.*
Assumption parishioners will serve dinner at Catholic Charities March 18.

Lenten Soup Lunches

Lenten soup lunches will be happening again this Lent on the following dates with the listed speakers:

March 26: Kelly Jensen “A Lenten Journey with Mary, Our Mother”

April 2: Ryan O’Hara “The Gift of Chaos”

April 9: Jill O’Hara “Love of the Stranger”

Soup lunches will take place after the 12:00pm Mass in the lower church.

Please **RSVP** for the Soup Lunches by calling the parish office at 651-224-7536.



Feast of St. Joseph Celebration



You are cordially invited to join us this Wednesday, March 19 as we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. We’ll begin with Mass at 12:00pm in the church and a lunch will follow in the lower church. Reservations are not required. Joseph is the patron saint of the universal church. In Sicily and in many Italian-American communities thanks are given to Saint Joseph (San Giuseppe) for preventing a famine in Sicily during the Middle Ages. A collection will be taken at Mass and donations will benefit The Franciscan Brothers of Peace to aide their community food shelf.

Catholic Services Appeal 2025

Trusting God can be difficult. We say we trust that God will provide, has a plan for us, will heal us, loves us no matter what, etc. Still, surrendering to God’s will and trusting, as St. Francis de Sales reminds us, that he will “...either shield us from suffering or gives us strength to bear it” is easier said than done. Self-reliance, it seems, is more in our nature.

But look what happens when we trust in God’s ways. Like Simon Peter’s nets that are so full of fish they begin to tear, our life yields incredible fullness when we trust in God. Maybe this fullness doesn’t always take the form we want, but it is always what we need. Time and time again, we experience God’s boundless love, but fear causes us to revert to the habit of relying on our own efforts. We are afraid to give ourselves over to the Lord even though He repeatedly tells us to “be not afraid.”

Even in our own faltering, we can help others experience God’s grace – and experience it ourselves. By supporting our Catholic Services Appeal, we can bring this feeling of plenty to those who need to know God’s love for themselves.

For more information, visit the Catholic Appeal’s website at love.archspm.org or scan the QR code above. Thank you in advance for your support.



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Special thanks to:

- *Snow Plowing*
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We Welcome into Our Community

The following children will be baptized at Assumption:

John Jerome Conway, child of Cory and Rebecca Conway; **Tate Edward Slaggert**, child of Colin and Kristen Slaggert; **Polly Hoekstra Fossand**, child of John and Saakje Fossand and **McCauley Morphew Keeler**, child of Colin Keeler and Cara Morphew;



Low GLUTEN

Low Gluten Communion Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available at all Masses. Those needing this option are asked to use the "Station One" line, which forms in the front of Mary's altar, on the west side of church.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 9	8:00am	†Deceased members of the Said George Family
<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	9:30am	†Ed Neira
	11:00am	†Teresa Bartz
	12:30pm	†Harold & †May Belair & †Georgie Modeen
Monday, March 10	7:00am	†Brian Landgraf
	12:00pm	†Kirk Ankerstjerne
Tuesday, March 11	7:00am	†Jason Snyder
	12:00pm	†Joan Singer
Wednesday, March 12	7:00am	†John Zobel
	12:00pm	†Ben & †Mary Jane Opitz
Thursday, March 13	7:00am	†Nancy Davison
	12:00pm	Amrit Johal
Friday, March 14	7:00am	†Kathy Dugan
	12:00pm	†Lexi Foley
	3:00pm	Stations
Saturday, March 15	7:00am	†David Marruffo
	5:00pm	†Monty Livingstone
Sunday, March 16	8:00am	†Bob McCarron
<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	9:30am	The children of Louis & Rosabelle Sonnen
	11:00am	†Bud Faricy
	12:30pm	Pattie Niedzielski

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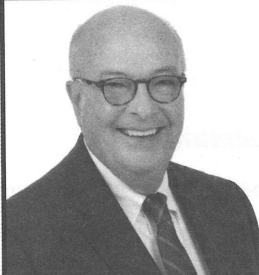
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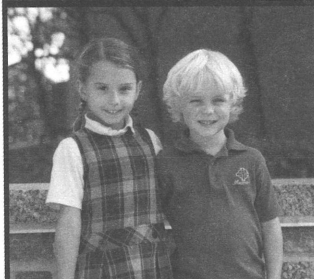
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