



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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December 27, 2020

- *Today's Mass*
Feast of the Holy Family
- *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*
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 11:30-11:50am and Saturday, 4-4:30pm, lower church
- *Baptisms*
Each Sunday 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

Merry Christmas!

"The time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:6-7)



2020 is not the only time when a family has had to pivot for Christmas. While they were planning a different setting for the first Christmas, Mary and Joseph still welcomed Jesus and celebrated the birth of our Savior.

Even in such a difficult year, with faith we still proclaim "Joy to the world!" We look back and appreciate many blessings, even in the trials. We remain a people of hope called to be a light to others. Certainly, our prayers and support continue for those who have experienced a loss of any kind. A gift we can all give each other is continued vigilance to help bring this pandemic to an end.

Here at Assumption we are grateful for all who have supported us throughout the year, whether in person or from afar. A special thanks to our hospitality and liturgical ministers, our cantors and organists, our virtual Mass crew, to our maintenance and facilities staff, and to those in our parish office – the entire parish is blessed by your efforts and good work.

While it is very different this year, may God bless you and your loved ones this season. Certainly, we wish everyone peace, prosperity, health and happiness in the New Year!

From all of us to you - Merry Christmas!

- Fr. Paul Treacy

Upcoming Events

- *Drive-Up Communion*, Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00pm, in the parking lot facing the hospital.
- *Feasts of the Solemnity of Mary*. Masses will be offered Thursday, December 31st, 5:15pm, and Friday, January 1st, 7:00am and 12:00 Noon.
- *Baptism Preparation Class*, Sunday, January 3rd, following the 9:30am Mass in the choir room. Baptisms are held most Sundays at Assumption with a common celebration of the sacrament after the 12:30pm Mass. Please call the parish office to register or to schedule a baptism, 651-224-7536.

Assumption Virtual Christmas Concert

Music is such an important part of our Christmas tradition here at the Church of the Assumption. The church was designed for singing and we miss hearing the congregation and especially the choir during this time of year when they are usually filling the space with their beautiful harmony. While it pales in comparison to what we would normally do, the musicians of the Assumption all came together to put together a virtual concert for 2020. We hope that this collection of familiar tunes will warm your hearts and maybe you can even sing along. The video is available to stream via the church website (www.assumptionsp.org). Don't forget to download the program so you can follow along with the program notes. If YouTube is not your thing, you can also request a printed program and audio CD recording of the program by contacting the parish office at 651-224-7536.



From all of us, Aaron, Jackie, Lisa, Peg, Richard, and Sharon—Merry Christmas.

We Welcome into Our Community

The following children who will be baptized at Assumption: **Franklin McDonough Aitkin**, child of Daniel Aitkin & Alyssa McDonough; and **Greta Jean Weyandt**, child of Daniel & Heather Weyandt. Baptisms are held most Sundays at Assumption with a common celebration of the sacrament after the 12:30pm Mass. Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism for your child, 651-224-7536.



We Offer Our Condolences

To the family and friends of **Rosanne Wilton, Ed Stromme and Charlene Videen** who have passed away. *"Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them."*

In Observance of Christmas

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 28th. In case of pastoral emergency, please call the parish office, 651-224-7536, and your call will be redirected. Because of the pandemic, the parish office continues to remain closed, except by appointment. However, the phones are answered Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm. Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of assistance.



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, 651-224-7536.

Parish Staff

- *Pastor*
Fr. Paul Treacy
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Jim Saumweber
- *Pastoral Associate*
Cindy Smetana
- *Maintenance*
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- *Wedding & Volunteer Coordinator*
Mary Weyandt

Special thanks to:

- *Snow Plowing*
Joseph Vogel
- *Parish Historian*
Dave Brown
- *Landscaping*
Brian Christopherson
- *Porter*
James Prifrel, Jr.

United in Prayer for Our World

In response to these challenging times, we are offering the opportunity to commit to praying for our world together. Join with others in the parish in saying a few of the same prayers each day in your own home. We ask you to consider committing to saying these prayers from Christmas Day until the first day of Lent. Prayer sheets can be found at Theresa’s Altar (on the west side of church near the main entrance). You are invited to write your name in the book of participants. If you are not attending Mass at this time and would like the prayers mailed to you, please contact Colin Miller, 651-789-6929, or cmiller@assumptionsp.org.



Solemnity of Mary

Masses for the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary will be celebrated on December 31 at 5:15pm and January 1 at 7:00am and 12:00pm. This feast honors Mary’s divine motherhood to Jesus Christ and the day that the birth of Jesus is publicly announced.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 27	8:00am	Parishioners
<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	9:30am	†Hugh Markley
	11:00am	†Barb Ciresi
	12:30pm	†Thomas Murphy
Monday, December 28	7:00am	Special Intention
<i>Holy Innocents & Martyrs</i>	12:00pm	Alyssa Nicolle Gutzmann
Tuesday, December 29	7:00am	†Liz Dorle
<i>Saint Thomas Becket</i>	12:00pm	†Karla Haugen & †Lorraine Haugen
Wednesday, December 30	7:00am	†Jerry Ciresi
	12:00pm	†Paul Collins
Thursday, December 31	7:00am	†Kathy Nasseff
	12:00pm	†Barb Ciresi
	5:15pm	†Mary Jo & †Ron Nordstrand
Friday, January 1	7:00am	†Steve Blaeser
<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	12:00pm	†Kathleen Hoffacker
Saturday, January 2	7:00am	†George & †Betty Kronschnabel
<i>Saint Basil</i>	5:00pm	†Frank & †Louise Santori
Sunday, January 3	8:00am	†Bob McCarron
<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9:30am	†Joan Kammerer Zwart
	11:00am	†Albert & †Joan Bierwerth
	12:30pm	Parishioners

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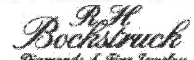
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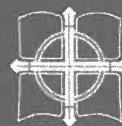
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