



# CHURCH OF THE *A*SSUMPTION

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## December 6, 2020

- *Today's Mass*  
**Second 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*  
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

### *Thank you and Rest in Peace Deacon Jerry Ciresi*

This past week we celebrated the life of Deacon Jerry Ciresi, who served here at Assumption from 2001 to 2012. Many know him from his presence at Mass, or at a child's baptism, or as he and his wife, Barb, helped to prepare couples for marriage. He accompanied people through good and challenging times, and I experienced his ministry firsthand. Jerry helped my family prepare and celebrate our parents' funerals three months apart in 2002.



Jerry was a kind and compassionate person who loved people, which would be evident as he greeted them with his big smile. With great prayers and support from his family, many friends and this community, Jerry beat a very difficult cancer diagnosis. For over fifteen years, as he would return from regular checkups, Jerry would say, "the miracles continue!" He could easily see God's hand in not only his recovery but also in many areas of life. He helped others do the same. He and Barb were a good team and he showed great care for her as she battled dementia in the last years of her life.

Last Wednesday, we sent Jerry off with our prayers. We remain a grateful parish for his imprint and his ministry to so many individuals and families here at Assumption.

- Fr. Paul Treacy

### *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

This Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses at Assumption will be celebrated on Monday, December 7th at 5:15pm, and Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00am, 12:00pm, and 5:15pm. A video Mass can also be viewed on the parish website, [www.assumptionsp.org](http://www.assumptionsp.org), beginning the morning of Tuesday, December 8th. This feast day is one of the most important of the Marian feast days. On this day we celebrate the saving work of God in preserving the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of original sin.

## Upcoming Events

- *Baptism Preparation Class*, this Sunday, December 6th, following the 9:30am Mass in the choir room. Please call the parish office to register or to schedule a baptism for your child, 651-224-7536.
- *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*, Tuesday, December 8th. Masses on December 7th at 5:15pm and on December 8th at 7:00am, 12:00pm and 5:15pm.
- *Religious Retirement Collection*, next weekend, December 12th & 13th. Envelopes will be available at church entrances.

## *Drive Up Communion*

For those who are staying safe at home and in spiritual communion with us we understand how hard it is not to receive the Eucharist. Every Wednesday we are offering drive-up Communion in the parking lot facing the hospital from 1:00-2:00pm. For those interested, you can enter the parking lot from Exchange Street and follow the signs. While you remain in your car with mask on, a masked priest or pastoral minister will come to greet you and provide Communion in the hand of each person at each window. Contact the parish office with any questions at 651-224-7536.



## *Preparing for a Different Christmas*

Each year, so many parishioners and guests have looked for a full and vibrant celebration of Christmas at Assumption. While we are still planning for a vibrant celebration, unfortunately we will not be able to offer a full church this year. Because of that we are developing a special approach for parishioners to reserve a spot based on availability.

We will also be live streaming the 2:00pm Christmas Eve Mass and the 9:30am Christmas Day Mass, both of which will be available on our website and YouTube immediately following those Masses. It is going to be a year (and hopefully the last year) that we encourage many to make plans to celebrate Christmas with us from the comfort of their homes. Watch your mail this week for a letter sharing all the details.

## *We Welcome into Our Community*



The following children who will be baptized at Assumption this weekend: **Max Michael Mrozinski**, child of Steve & Emily Mrozinski, and **Thomas Robert Sabol**, child of Kyle & Abigail Sabol. Baptisms are held most Sundays at Assumption with a common celebration of the sacrament after the 12:30pm Mass. Please call the parish office at 651-224-7536 to schedule a baptism for your child.

## *Gifts for Listening House*

This holiday season please help by donating some basic necessities to Listening House to fulfill guest and program needs. Listening House, located on the east side of St. Paul, serves low-income, homeless and lonely adults living in St. Paul. Their needs include: adult clothing, both new and used (especially men's jeans), hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, soap, shampoo and conditioner, lotion, tooth paste, deodorant, cough drops, cold and flu medicine, lip balm and combs/brushes. Donations may be left near the church entrances. Thank you!



## Parish Staff

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### Special thanks to:

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

## For Those Who Gave a Lifetime

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings.



Your gift in next weekend's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and other essential needs.

Envelopes will be available at church entrances and your gift can be dropped in collection boxes. You may also donate electronically by visiting the parish website: [www.assumptionsp.org](http://www.assumptionsp.org).

## Weekly Mass Intentions

<b>Sunday, December 6</b>	8:00am	Special Intention
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	Parshioners
	11:00am	†Harold W. Schultz
	12:30pm	†Clara Lacher
<b>Monday, December 7</b>	7:00 am	†William Wheeler
<i>Saint Andrew</i>	12:00 pm	†Rita Kolars
	5:15pm	Justice Kapra
<b>Tuesday, December 8</b>	7:00 am	†Dorothy Mosso
<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12:00 pm	†Judith Wicker
	5:15 pm	Jack Evans
<b>Wednesday, December 9</b>	7:00am	†Mario Garcia
	12:00 pm	†Lucy Ronan
<b>Thursday, December 10</b>	7:00 am	†Jerry Halloran
	12:00 pm	†Marg & †Tom Bastasz, Sr.
<b>Friday, December 11</b>	7:00 am	†Mike Kalb
	12:00 pm	†Timothy Brandl
<b>Saturday, December 12</b>	7:00 am	†Robert Richter
<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	5:00 pm	†Daniel Carlson
<b>Sunday, December 13</b>	8:00am	†Bob McCarron
<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	†Harold & †May Belair
	11:00am	Parishioners
	12:30pm	Hannah Long

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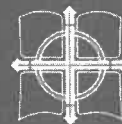
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