

# ASSUMPTION CHURCH

## *Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024*

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### **MASSES**

**Daily:** 7:00, 12:10 PM

**Saturday:** 7:30, 5:00 PM (for Sunday)

**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15, 5:00 PM

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Friday:** 11:35-12:05

**Daily:** After All Masses (by request)

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## MAKING THE HEADLINES

My first experience of living in Chicago was in 1976. I had a summer job at Roosevelt University Library and boarded with some people who lived near Wilson and Western. That meant taking the Brown Line (then known as the Ravenswood) to work and back each day. When I entered the Western Avenue station in the morning, the first thing I encountered was the news vendor. Newspaper salesmen did a huge business in the morning, because just about everyone heading for the Loop would buy a *Tribune* or a *Sun-Times* to read on the train. I usually bought the *Sun-Times* because often there were no seats left on the train, and the compact size of the *Sun-Times* made it easier to read standing up and hanging on to a pole. I admired the people who could manage to fold and unfold the various sections of the *Tribune* while standing up and hanging on to a pole. These were real Chicagoans, who had been practicing their art for years, not some kid from Memphis trying to adjust to a foreign culture. Even then, radio and television had taken a large bite out of the news coverage. The afternoon paper, *The Chicago Daily News*, would expire in 1978. Still, in the 1970's newspapers were the lifeblood of Chicago. Both the *Tribune* and the *Sun-Times* had their own impressive headquarters buildings at the center of downtown.

From time to time, I have had reason to ride the Brown line at rush hour in recent years. Everyone is still busy reading, but their eyes are focused on tiny screens. Anyone with a print edition of a newspaper looks out of place, like someone in a flannel shirt at a formal dinner. These same small screens also take pictures and make video recordings, and that means that anyone anywhere can be a reporter. Through the decades newspapers have struggled to adapt and have tried to reinvent themselves for the little screens. The size of the paper has shrunk; they have downsized and downsized; and have moved several times into smaller and smaller quarters; but the *Tribune* and the *Sun-Times* are still here. They still have dedicated reporters, columnists, and editors doing the best job they can.

Some of you saw the article in Sunday's *Sun-Times* or read the online version of a story about the Servite Friars. It is another chapter in the long troubling account of priests and brothers who abused minors. Although there were some minor errors in the article, the substance of what was written was accurate and, I thought, very fair. We have much to be embarrassed about and much to atone for. Most of the anger that people have felt toward clergy misconduct has been directed not so much at the perpetrators as toward the superiors who did nothing to stop it. The misconduct described in the article dates back many decades before everyone was a reporter and everyone could get their story out online and secrets could be more easily kept. What allowed abusive priests to continue to abuse? It was a combination of ignorance, naivete, and arrogance. The desire to protect the institution took precedence over the desire to protect victims. Often it was thought that a change of assignment would remove the temptation. This is called "the geographical solution" and it does not work with alcoholics, shopaholics, drug addicts, or porn addicts either, though it has often been tried by members of all those groups. When lawyers started suing and victims started speaking openly to reporters, the Church had to pay attention.

Over the last thirty years, lots of rules and guidelines have been put in place. There are continuing education requirements for clergy in all denominations. There is also an organization that does a regular audit of the personnel files of dioceses and religious orders. In Australia clergy must install certain filters on their computers. Some of this is burdensome, but it is necessary to make sure that the priority is protecting children and vulnerable adults. As a newly ordained priest in 1984, I was assigned to a parish in New Jersey. There, among my duties, was working with the high school youth group and a vocation club. Some of the things I did back then were considered perfectly normal but would be forbidden today—like taking teenagers to the Shore or to a movie. This is not allowed today unless other adults are present the whole time.

In Hollywood there is an old expression, "There's no such thing as bad publicity." The idea is that if people are talking about you for whatever reason, it will help you stand out from the crowd and be considered for movie roles in the future. Most everywhere outside of Hollywood, there is such a thing as bad publicity. We got it, and we deserved it.

Fr. Joe

**EVENINGS OF FAITH**

Every Wednesday in Lent we will have Mass at 6:00pm in church, followed by a Lenten Meal in the Parish Hall at 6:30 and the presentation from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Reservations are required only for the meal and may be made online, by phone, or by signing the list in the back of church.

- February 21 - Understanding the Migrant Crisis (*Erendira Rendon*)
- February 28 - Why Do We Pray? (*Deacon Richard Hudzik*)
- March 6 - Music and the Liturgy (*Wendy Silhavy*)
- March 13 - Reaching the Next Generation (*Shannon Schmidt*)
- March 20 - The Night Before Jesus Died (*Fr. Joe*)

**REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION**

Young people are leaving Christianity at an alarming rate of an estimated one million per year. They report in mass numbers that the experience of church is not relevant to their lives and modern American culture. However, they also report a high interest in the message of Jesus and how it connects with the deepest desires of their hearts. Shannon Wimp Schmidt, a former Director of Vicariate Renewal in the Archdiocese and now Content Director for TENx10 Youth Ministry Collaborative will be our next speaker in our Lenten series *Evenings of Faith*, Wednesday March 13 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. She will explain how churches need to adapt their methods to welcome and accompany young people as they are today.

Come for Mass at 6:00pm in Church and the Lenten Meal at 6:30pm. Reservations are required only for the meal and may be made online, by calling the parish office, or by signing the list in the back of church.

**WEDDING GREETER MINISTRY**

The wedding greeter ministry is hosting an information night for anyone interested in finding out more about this important ministry on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30pm at the rectory. We are hoping to find at least three more people to help weddings at Assumption run smoothly. Please contact Elizabeth Kabacinski at [elizabeth.a.kabacinski@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.a.kabacinski@gmail.com) for more information and to RSVP.

**PRAY FOR THEM:** Annette Russo, Davy Hart, Rosemary Reeves, Frank Cardenas, Erin Gentile, Wanda Escher, Kathy Escher, Patrick McRae, Rich DiVito, Julie Villarreal, Carolina Gomez, Jason Blick, John Graff, Frank Ragase, Steve Meyers, Michael Hantsch, Katie Graff, Elizabeth McKiernan, Willie & Mary Priego

**HYMNS:** #450, #347, #432

**FEBRUARY DONATIONS**

Sunday Collection -	\$36,561
Sharing Parish -	2,314
Ash Wednesday -	3,133
<i>(includes electronic giving)</i>	

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

The next preparation session for parents (and, if possible, godparents) of infants to be baptized is Monday, March 11 from 7:00 to 8:15pm in the Rectory. This session is for new parents and for those who have never before attended a preparation session. Call the parish office to register. It is not necessary to wait for the baby to be born to attend a preparation session. Baptisms normally take place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:15pm and on the first weekend of the month during Mass.

**PARISH PASTA PARTY**

Italian food returns to the Parish Hall! Join us on Saturday April 20 following the 5:00pm Mass (or from 6:00 to 8:00pm) for a simple meal of lasagna, salad, fresh baked bread, and dessert, wine, beer, or soda. Tickets are \$50 each, \$25 for children under 12. Reservations are required; so, get yours soon. Purchase tickets on GiveCentral or call the Parish Office. If you have a large group, let us know so that we can seat you together. This will sell out!

**LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER:** On Easter, we adjust our Sunday Mass Schedule to better accommodate the many who attend Mass that day. In addition to the Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30pm Saturday evening, Masses on Easter Sunday will be at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30, and 1:00pm.

**BAPTISMS**

**HALINA ROISIN HOGAN-PALECZNY  
JUDE THEODORE KEMPER**

**MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2024**

Sat.	9th	5:00 Deceased of Herrera Family
Sun.	10th	7:30 Leo & Helen Dillon (RIP)
		9:00 Julien Naughton (b'day)
		10:30 Charles & Marion Joachim (RIP)
		12:15 Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
		5:00 Assumption Parishioners
Mon.	11th	12:10 Patrick & Allison Reisch
Tues.	12th	7:00 Joanna Marian Luckman (RIP)
		12:10 Lillian Pusateri (RIP, b'day)
Thurs.	14th	7:00 Jim Bulger (RIP)
		12:10 Joan Pernecke (RIP)



**NEXT NURSERY DATE—MARCH 24**

The nursery will be open on March 24 during the 10:30 Mass. Children ages 18 months to 4 years are welcome.

**THE MANY WAYS TO PRAY**

Assumption's Leadership Group has produced a series of ten-minute videos to enhance your Lenten Journey. You can find them on our website ([assumption-chgo.org](http://assumption-chgo.org)).

**CELEBRATION OF HOPE**

Exodus World Services, which has worked with Assumption in assisting refugees and migrants, is holding a Celebration of Hope on April 4 at the Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. Enjoy dinner and an inspiring program of stories that highlight the connection between refugees and volunteers. The event is complementary, but advance registration is required. Sign up at [exocusworldservice.org](http://exocusworldservice.org).

**USING UP THE PLASTIC**

As social activity in the parish has increased, we find ourselves with a growing stock of disposable plates, cups, and utensils of various sizes and shapes. For the sake of the environment, we are trying to phase out the use of plastics. Please allow the Parish Office to purchase these things in the future. We can save money by buying in quantity, and help save the earth at the same time.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Prayed following the 12:10 Mass on the Fridays of Lent

<b>HELP SAVE GOD'S CREATION</b> Please see the <b>Laudato Si'</b> and <b>Me</b> section of Assumption's website ( <a href="http://assumption-chgo.org">assumption-chgo.org</a> ) for practical ideas and helpful links. 	Help care for aging Friars who served at Assumption. Remember <b>The Order of Friar Servants of Mary, USA Province</b> in your will.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-right: 10px;">Steve Schapiro</div>  </div> <p>Limited Edition Photographs          Available through the Fahey Klein Gallery  <a href="http://www.faheykleingallery.com">www.faheykleingallery.com</a>          323-934-2250</p>
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