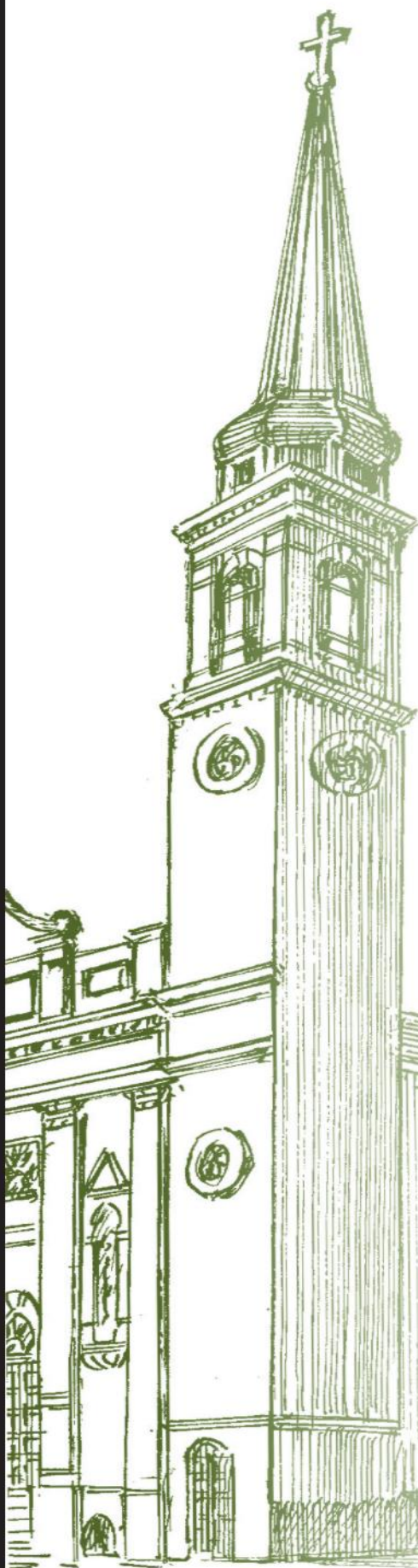


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Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 13, 2025

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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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YOU AND ME AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

As I told you when it happened, a little over a year ago I was elected Assistant Provincial for the Servite Friars of the United States Province. Since there are not a whole lot of us anymore in the United States, this is a very part-time job (why I kept my day job at Assumption). But we do have Servite friars attached to this province who are ministering overseas; and, thus, my side job involves a foreign trip every year. Last fall the Provincial, Fr. Smith, and I spent two weeks in Australia, visiting the communities and participating in their annual meeting. The Servites in Australia minister in three parishes, one hospital, and one high school, all in western Australia in the Perth area. This year I head east. From July 22 to August 7, I will be in South Africa, in Kwa-Zulu Natal, where our friars also serve.

Three Servite Friars from the United States arrived in what was then known as Zululand in 1949. This is the area in the far northeast corner of South Africa, near Mozambique. The friars were not only going to the other side of the world, but they mostly had to discover what they were getting into after they got there. That was life in the pre-internet days! It was a very poor land, subject to drought; there was little education; and one doctor for every 40,000 people. It was a land of many different religions, some with dangerous and life-threatening practices. But the Servites did what they could. They reached remote areas on land rovers. They learned how to pull teeth and deliver babies. Their language skills improved. They started schools and taught catechism, and they prayed a lot. And little by little other friars from the United States and Ireland joined them. Within a decade or so, the Catholic Church was established among the Zulu people. In more recent years, the people of South Africa have faced other challenges. The rigid apartheid laws finally collapsed in the early nineties and everyone was free to vote. Then the AIDS pandemic took a tremendous toll on South Africa, creating lots of orphans. South Africa is still a young nation, still finding its way economically and politically. High unemployment has led to a very high crime rate. One of our friars was killed in a carjacking incident.

I previously served as Assistant Provincial from 1994 to 1999. During that time, I was privileged to visit South Africa twice. Since then, there has been an almost complete turnover of Servite personnel. In the 1990's the Servites we visited were almost exclusively senior missionaries who had served there for decades. Now, only two members of the "old guard" remain and they are mostly retired. The ministry is now being done by African friars. What had been a missionary effort is now truly a local church. While Servites once provided all the Catholic ministry in the area, there are now diocesan priests who minister in the region. That creates a healthy challenge for the Servites to develop a new understanding of their role in the diocese. How does the presence of a religious community enrich the local church?

This past weekend, we had our annual mission appeal. Fr. Michael Ogwen, C.P., who delivered the appeal, presently ministers in Botswana, a land-locked country just north of the Republic of South Africa. He spoke about the financial and ministerial challenges he faces on a daily basis. I have always believed that the value of the mission appeal goes well beyond the generating of funds. It is an opportunity to remember in very concrete terms that we are part of the Catholic Church, a word that means "universal." We are part of one large family, comprising many languages and customs and traditions that impact our worship and our experience of church. Yet we are one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. Our church lives under many different forms of government—sometimes as a tiny minority. We share the hopes and dreams, the agonies and the hardships of our sisters and brothers in the faith all around the world. Charity may begin at home, but it should never end there. Part of being a "good Catholic" is not losing that global perspective, not becoming too insular in our thinking. Part of being a "good Catholic" is embracing our own call to take part in the mission of the Church as it exists all around the world. So, I believe that visiting South Africa once again will be good for me. It will refresh my understanding of being a good Catholic.

Fr. Joe

FEAST DAY PICNIC

Hot dogs and chips! Brats and Beers! Come celebrate Assumption's Feast Day with parishioners and friends. The date is Sunday August 10 (five days before the Feast of Assumption) from 1:15 to 3:30. Enjoy dogs or brats with all the fixings, chips, beer or soda, and cookies—all for \$10 per person. Children under five eat free. Parking is free at 311 or MartParc (with validation). Call the parish office or respond through the link on the website to buy tickets. Help celebrate Assumption's 144 years of service to the people of Chicago and River North.

WELCOMING NEW CATHOLICS

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the official name for the process of becoming Catholic for those who were baptized in another Christian faith and want to explore becoming Catholic and for adults who were never baptized. It is also for baptized Catholics who never made their first communion and confirmation. It is a group experience that runs from September to May. This year we will also run a special OCIA group for those 8 to 18. Contact Fr. Joe for more information.



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

The following people have formally registered at Assumption since the beginning of 2025: Jason and Erin Baxendale, Fred Bosshardt, Gloria Corujo and

Justin Redington, Carl David Jones, Michael Ford, Justin Glynn, James Hart, Rachel Kuhn, Rosana Murphy, John Shannon, Conora Shaw, Nicole Wylie, Carl Dickson, Ryan Dureska, Jodi Durkin, Lisa Sowa-Downs, George Mazurek, Colette Giraldo, Joe Wasiak, Thoma Thekkekara and Shikha Mathew, Michelle Wick, Nathan Maulding, Nallely Renteria, Jeffrey Chonko and Natalie Pacini, Jeremy and Anslee Karedan, Jessica Miranda and Marcos Serna, Matthew Conti, John Bussa and Anyeli Ramirez Reyes, Eleanor Holley, Alicia Garcia, Patricia Aguilar O'Grady, Tyler Tiell, John Burns, Marissa Cantu, Christopher Roth and Denise Umpierre-Roth, Joanna Barragan and Nicholas Metzger, Laura Jakowenko, Daniel Blank, Rose Ann Watson Ansty, Tyler Kuhn, and Alexandra Dryden. To those who have moved, our prayers and blessings go with you.

OUR SHARING PARISH

The monthly collection for Our Lady of Sorrows Parish will take place this weekend, July 12-13.

JUNE DONATIONS

Sunday Collection -	42,851
Sharing Parish -	2,428
Priest Retirement -	3,022
Peter's Pence -	1,499

(includes electronic giving)

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE GROUP



Assumption's Refugee

Assistance Group has partnered with Catherine's Caring Cause to help support a family who are here as humanitarian refugees, as one of their children receives treatment at Lurie Children's Hospital. For the past two years, we have been helping mothers and children at Bethany House. The Refugee Assistance Group welcomes participants and ideas for new projects. Email refugee@assumption-chgo.org for more information. Donations should be directed to Project Refugee.

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

A new group has formed at Assumption for families with children under the age of ten. Children share playground time while the parents talk. For more information, email ayf@assumption-chgo.org.

WEDDINGS:

BRIAN MATTESON & GINA RANDO
ANTHONY BIANCALANA & KAYLA MINNE
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HYMNS: #518, #425, #392 *(except 5pm Sunday)*

PRAY FOR THEM: Annette Russo, Davy Hart, Frank Cardenas, Erin Gentile, Kathy Escher, Patrick McRae, Carolina Gomez, Willie & Mary Priego, Mike Foster, and Mary Ann Kevin

MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF JULY 12, 2025

Sat	12th	5:00 Assumption Parishioners
Sun	13th	7:30 † Marie Walsh
		9:00 † James Quinn
		10:30 † Charles & Marion Joachim
		12:15 † Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfister & Jenkins Families
Mon	14th	7:00 † Joe Luigi
Tues	15th	7:00 † Terry Hufnagel
Wed	16th	7:00 Ray Hufnagel (for healing)
		12:10 The Dubuque Family
Thurs	17th	12:10 † Dick Carlson
Fri	18th	12:10 † Francisco & Cornelia Pestanas
Sat	19th	7:30 Jim De Correvant (for healing)

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- ♦ August 10 - Anniversary Picnic (dogs, brats, and beer) *(following the 12:15 Mass)*
- ♦ October 30 - Italian Dinner at Coco Pazzo



COMING THIS FALL—ALPHA: Assumption will begin our next Alpha series this September. Alpha is a weekly gathering on Thursday nights, during which we watch a film about faith and life and then share food and conversation. Alpha is a place where people can safely explore the big questions of life. Alpha is for those who are curious about faith, those who want to grow deeper in their faith, and for those who are interested in discovering or rediscovering the basics of Christianity. All are welcome. Watch for more details.

**NOW STREAMING—RECENT HOMILIES**

You can now listen to podcasts of homilies from the 9:00am Mass. Visit our website and click on the title that inspires you.

<p>HELP SAVE GOD'S CREATION We can make a difference if we each take one small step every day to help save God's gift of creation. Let's embrace Laudato Si.</p> 	<p>Help care for aging Friars who served at Assumption. Remember The Order of Friar Servants of Mary, USA Province in your will.</p>	 <p>Flood Brothers DISPOSAL/RECYCLING SERVICES</p> <p>We Take Service Personally Contact us today for a customized, reliable waste management, recycling, or dumpster quote. 630-261-0400</p>
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