

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed November 2, 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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THE GOOD AND THE BAD OF EVANGELIZATION

The last thing that Jesus told his disciples before ascending to heaven was, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matt 28:19-20). Christians have done missionary work from the time of St. Paul down to the present, but not always in the spirit that Christ probably intended. Jesus had a way of blessing people and letting them know that they were loved before calling them to conversion. Christians, on the other hand, have engaged in wars against non-Christians, have warred against one another, and burned one another at the stake in the cause of correct Christian teaching. In our own country, Indian children were removed from their families and placed in boarding schools with the goal of separating them from their language and culture and Christianizing them. The frequent catch phrase was, “Drive the Indian out of the Indian.”

It is interesting that in Scripture there is an alternate model of evangelization, which does not attempt to drive out “pagan” religious beliefs. It invites people to a deeper understanding of their existing beliefs. A prime example is St. Paul’s message to the people of Athens, where he discovers a statue to an unknown God. “Let me tell you who this God is that you do not know.” Another example is the visit of the Magi. The Magi are clearly foreigners and probably practitioners of astrology, not exactly mainstream Judaism or Christianity. Yet they were welcome at the crib. The message seems to be that all sincere seekers of wisdom will eventually find their way to God.

This more moderate approach to evangelization lies behind many of the customs that we associate with this Halloween weekend. Among the Celtic people who settled in what is now Ireland and Scotland, New Year’s Day was November 1. New Year’s Eve was a time of terror. In Celtic mythology on this one night, the line between the living and the dead is very thin, and the spirits of the dead are free to leave their burial grounds and roam the streets, haunting their old villages. Since the dead possess mysterious powers, the living are at a competitive disadvantage when visited by one of these ghosts on October 31. Living people might try to trick the ghost by wearing a disguise, scare the ghost by carrying a frightful looking lantern, or bribe the ghost with a treat. Trick or Treating back then was no child’s play!

Early missionaries to Ireland did not try to eradicate these customs, but give them a Christian understanding of our relationship with the dead. In the ninth century Pope Gregory III moved the Feast of All Holy Martyrs, which had been celebrated in May, to November 1 and renamed it The Feast of All Saints. The dead are not to be feared. Those who have reached heaven are in a place of joy and celebration. Their desire is to help us and support us on our journey to heaven. October 31 was even given a Christian name, All Hallows Eve. Although the old Celtic customs survive, they come to us with a sense of fun and not as an existential threat.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of All Souls, which falls on November 2, the day after All Saints. It too has a cultural history. When missionaries arrived in what is now Mexico, they found that the native Aztec people had a much different attitude toward death and the afterlife than the Celts. Death was a time of liberation and fulfillment. Ancestors were honored for having found fulfillment. Families would gather for picnics at burial grounds, with special foods that symbolized their belief that death had been “swallowed up.” This celebration continued for a month. Missionaries sought to make November 2, All Souls Day, the focus of these activities. These customs live on in Chicago, where Latino families continue to erect family altars to the dead and prepare special foods for the Day of the Dead. On All Souls Day, we also pray for the dead, for those whose journey to eternal happiness may not be complete.

Last week I took a three-day break (sort of like a long weekend in the middle of the week) and rode the train to St. Paul and back. It is a beautiful ride, hugging the banks of the Mississippi all the way from La Crosse to downtown St. Paul. On the farms, the combines were busy harvesting the last of the corn. All Saints and All Souls are the harvest feasts of the church year, a time to think about our ultimate future with God.

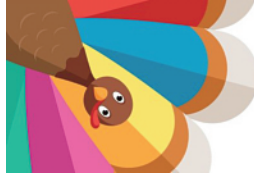
Fr Joe

SERVING UP HOSPITALITY

This Sunday, the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be hosting hospitality in the Parish Hall after the 9:00am and 10:30 Masses. Come for camaraderie and an array of tasty delights.

BRING A TURKEY TO CHURCH

Help a needy family have a happier Thanksgiving. Our Lady of the Angels Mission on the West Side is in need of frozen turkeys for the many families they assist. Assumption is coordinating a turkey drop to help meet this need. Please bring a frozen turkey to church on Sunday morning November 23. Drivers will be parked in front of church to receive your turkeys and transport them to Our Lady of the Angels. Drop-off times are 7:15 to 9:15 and 10:15 to 12:30 only. Volunteer drivers are also needed, Contact Karen at 773-587-0018 or salasblancas1@gmail.com. Please note: we are not accepting cash donations for turkeys. Cash donations will go to Assumption Shares, which provides food vouchers for those in need.



THANKSGIVING DAY

The word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving." It is the primary reason we come to

Mass. How appropriate to begin your family celebration of Thanksgiving by attending Mass. Masses will be at 7:30 and 10:30 on Thursday November 27, Thanksgiving Day. The 311 Garage will be open for the 10:30 Mass. A collection will be taken up for Assumption Shares food vouchers.

HELP SERVE AT CHI

Assumption is providing the meal which Chicago Help Initiative will serve the needy on Wednesday November 12. Would you like to help serve the meal? Volunteers are needed from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Contact roz@chicagohelpinitiative.org.

CARDS FOR VETS

After the weekend Masses on November 1-2, you are invited to stop in the parish hall to sign "Thank You" notes to our veterans. Your cards will be delivered to the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, along with hand-knitted scarves and mittens, in time for Veterans Day. Last year we delivered over 400 items to a very thankful group of veterans.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Over a year ago our Pastoral Council placed a suggestion box in the back of Church. A number of people have dropped notes in the box and each of them was discussed at a Pastoral Council meeting; but since most notes were anonymous, there was no opportunity to have a conversation about them. Three years ago, as part of *Renew My Church*, we held listening sessions after each of the weekend Masses with Fr. Joe and the RMC team about future directions for the parish. These gatherings were very positive, productive, and helped shape some of the programs and events that have been initiated. Now the members of our Pastoral Council would like to hear from you in person. On the weekend of November 15-16, a representative of the Pastoral Council will be in the Parish Hall after each Mass. Come down for a cup of coffee or a glass of iced tea and offer your suggestions.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next preparation session for parents (and, if possible, godparents) of infants to be baptized is Monday November 10 from 7:00 to 8:15pm at the Rectory. This program is for new parents and for those who have never before attended a preparation session. It is not necessary to wait for the baby to be born to attend. Call the parish office to register. Baptisms normally take place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:15pm and on the first weekend during Mass.

WEDDINGS:

JACK SCHOEN & KAITLIN DREILING
NATHAN FROST & KATHRYN ROTELLINI
JOHN MARISIE & EVAN LAUREN STOLTZ

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

MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2025

Sat	1st	5:00 Sophia Naughton (b'day)
Sun	2nd	7:30 † Leo & Helen Dillon
		9:00 † Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfister & Jenkins Families
		10:30 † Fr. Michael Doyle, O.S.M.
		12:15 † Betty, Mario, & Mario, Jr. Persichetti
		5:00 Assumption Parishioners
Wed	5th	7:00 Melanie Ellison Roach (b'day)
		12:10 Rob Landgren (b'day)
Fri	7th	12:10 Susan Campbell

HYMNS: #587, #354, #600 (except 5pm Sunday)

HATS FOR THE HOMELESS: Beginning next weekend, Assumption will be collecting knit caps for the needy and unhoused who are served by Chicago Help Initiative. Place your donation in the box at the front of church next to the Vatican flag. The hat drive ends December 14.

ROSARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS: We pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary on the first and third Sundays of the month at 11:40am. All are welcome. Rosaries are provided

CATECHISM 101: Is your knowledge of the Catholic faith a little fuzzy? Are you an OCIA graduate who would like to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the religion you have joined? Has your own spiritual journey led you to a deeper hunger for knowledge and understanding of our Catholic heritage? For these and many other reasons you may want to join Deacon Kevin and the group making its way through *The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*. New members are welcome any time. Contact AssumptionDeacon@gmail.com

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: In light of expanded Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations in Chicago, it is important to know that, regardless of one's immigration status, all people are entitled to certain rights by the Constitution. If approached by an ICE agent, you have the right to remain silent and you do not have to sign any papers. If you are not being arrested or detained, you may walk away. ICE agents cannot search you or your home without your consent or a search warrant signed by a judge. You have the right to speak to an attorney and to have your lawyer with you at any hearing before an immigration judge.

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. 	Help care for aging Friars who served at Assumption. Remember The Order of Friar Servants of Mary, USA Province in your will.	 Flood Brothers DISPOSAL/RECYCLING SERVICES We Take Service Personally Contact us today for a customized, reliable waste management, recycling, or dumpster quote. 630-261-0400	
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