

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time February 1, 2026

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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 CITY OF GOD

The intersection of church and state, religion and politics, is a topic that goes back centuries and centuries. One of the most famous books addressing this issue is St. Augustine's fifth century classic, *The City of God*. Augustine defends the church against the charge that the emergence of Christianity led to the fall of Rome. Augustine argues that it was moral decay, and the failure to adhere to eternal truth, that led to the fall of Rome. Only the City of God endures forever, no matter how powerful The Earthly City may seem. It was the first Pope Leo who negotiated with Attila the Hun to stop the invasion of the city of Rome. So, church leaders have long been active in the public square

In the United States our Constitution forbids the establishment of an official religion, though it does not prohibit religious bodies from reminding governments of eternal values. Since assuming the papacy this past May, Pope Leo has consistently emphasized the dignity and respect owed to immigrants—indeed all individuals. On several occasions he has expressed concern over “the extremely disrespectful” treatment of immigrants in the United States, especially those who have lived here for many years.

Between January 18 and January 20, a lot happened in the church-state sphere. In Minneapolis-St. Paul, where tensions between federal agents and protesters have been at a high level for weeks, these tensions spilled over into a Baptist Church in St. Paul on January 18, where demonstrators interrupted a Sunday worship service. This church was targeted because one of its pastors has an affiliation with ICE. Bishop Robert Barron of Rochester, MN immediately condemned this illegal invasion: “I don’t care what is animating or annoying you, I don’t care what your political persuasion might be, invading a church is unacceptable and a violation of religious liberty.” Bishop Barron also called on ICE to pare back its aggressive tactics and focus on immigrants who have committed serious crimes.

On January 19, looking at changes in our country’s foreign policy, three prominent United States Archbishops, including Cardinal Cupich, released a document entitled *Charting a Moral Vision for American Foreign Policy*. The document says in part: “In 2026, the United States has entered into the most profound and searing debate about the moral foundation for America’s actions in the world since the end of the Cold War. The events in Venezuela, Ukraine, and Greenland have raised basic questions about the use of military force and the meaning of peace. The sovereign rights of nations to self-determination appear all too fragile in a world of ever greater conflagration. The balancing of national interest with the common good is being framed within starkly polarized terms. Our country’s moral role in confronting evil around the world, sustaining the right to life and human dignity, and supporting religious liberty are all under examination. And the building of just and sustainable peace, so crucial to humanity’s well-being now and in the future, is being reduced to partisan categories that encourage polarization and destructive policies. . . .”

The statement then goes on to quote Pope Leo: “A diplomacy that prioritizes dialogue and seeks consensus among all parties is being replaced by a diplomacy based on force, by either individuals or groups of allies. War is back in vogue and a zeal for war is spreading. . . . Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself or in the pursuit of an ordered universe willed by God with a more perfect form of justice among men and women. . . .” The Archbishops go on to say, “As pastors and citizens we embrace . . . the establishment of a truly moral foreign policy for our nation. We seek to build a truly just and lasting peace, that peace which Jesus proclaimed in the Gospel.” The following day Archbishop Broglio, Catholic Archbishop of the United States Armed Forces, commenting on US actions in Venezuela and possible action in Greenland said, “It would be morally acceptable for a service member to disobey orders if they feel the orders are against their own conscience.” This came as a surprise to a lot of people, since Archbishop Broglio is one of the more conservative members of the Bishops’ Conference.

It was a busy three days. Then on Saturday January 24, another Minneapolis citizen was killed in a confrontation with federal agents. St. Paul-Minneapolis Archbishop Bernard Hebda called for “comprehensive immigration reform now.” The actors change, but the dialogue between the earthly city and the city of God goes on and on.

Fr. Joe

AN INVITATION TO THE MINISTRY FAIR



Assumption needs your gifts and talents in our various ministries to enliven our parish and enrich our local community. Perhaps you enjoyed a program or event like our pop-up garden party. Perhaps you were greeted at Mass. We could use more of that. Perhaps you have been thinking about offering your services as a lector or an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist. We could use more of those. We are looking for hosts and hostesses, people to help with Alpha, organize young adult events, lead a Bible study, set up food. Maybe you would like to serve the needy and the unhoused. There are many opportunities for service at Assumption. Perhaps you have new ideas. St. Paul tells us that all of us placing our gifts at the service of the community is what makes the church work. We welcome all, whatever your availability and your passion. Come to the Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall after all Masses February 14-15. **Valentine's Day** cookies provided.

SUPER BOWL SPECIAL

The Chicago Bears did not make it, but a lot of us will still want to watch it. The 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, February 8 will be celebrated a little more expeditiously, finishing at about 5:35pm, when the kickoff takes place.

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR



Friday March 13—Fish Fry
Sunday June 21—Ice Cream Social
Sunday August 16—Anniversary Picnic
Thursday November 5—Italian Dinner

PRAY WITH THE POPE

Throughout 2026 Pope Leo will share a monthly prayer intention through both audio and video, inviting the universal church and all people of good will to unite spiritually using the same prayer. For more information go to popesprayer.va.



HYMNS: #466, #621, #209 (except 5pm Sunday)

SPECIAL FEASTS ON THE HORIZON

Monday February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, when Christ was revealed as a Light to the Nations. Candles for home use will be blessed at the 7:00 and 12:10 Masses on February 2. Tuesday February 3 is the Feast of St. Blase, and throats will be blessed at our daily Masses in memory of the Saint who miraculously saved a child who was choking.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

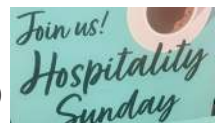
Wednesday February 11 is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. We will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at the 7:00 and 12:10 Masses. This Sacrament is for anyone whose life is at risk because of age or illness.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

We invite you to participate in a weekly guided study and discussion of the Scriptures assigned for the Sundays of Lent, using materials provided by Renew International. The group will meet in the Rectory on Monday evenings at 6:00, beginning February 16. For more information, contact beth.schuman@gmail.com.

HOSPITALITY THIS WEEKEND

Refreshments and hospitality will be served in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 and 10:30am Masses.



WEDDINGS:

ANDREW RECATTO & ISABELLA RAPHEN
MAX WORONICZ & MARISA MARTENS
JACQUES CAMALICK & BRITTANY BRINDZA

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

MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2026

Sat	31st	5:00 Assumption Parishioners
Sun	1st	7:30 † Leo & Helen Dillon
		9:00 † Michele Ricchio
		12:15 † Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfister & Jenkins Families
		5:00 † Edward & Dorothy Brennan
Mon	2nd	12:10 The McMaster Family
Tues	3rd	7:00 Special Intention
		12:10 † Thomas J. McInerney
Thurs	5th	12:10 Special Intention
Fri	6th	7:00 Michael Keenan (b'day)
Sat	7th	7:30 The Dubuque Family

THE CATECHISM FOR ADULTS: Are you interested in learning more about your Catholic faith and how the Church guides us to live out this faith? Then you should consider being part of Deacon Kevin's next Adult Catechism group slated to begin Wednesday evening January 21. Using the foundational text, *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, past participants have included long-time parishioners, those who recently completed the OCIA process, and anyone curious about exploring their Catholic faith in greater detail. Members support each other and grow in community as they grow in knowledge and understanding. Contact Deacon Kevin Zajdel at assumptiondeacon@gmail.com for info.

Catechism Class



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Many households in our parish will receive or have already received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. Please respond as soon as possible. On behalf of all the schools, parishes, and ministries in the Archdiocese of Chicago that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. In addition to funding many essential services of the Catholic Church, the Annual Catholic Appeal also serves as an important source of funding for Assumption. The theme of this year's appeal is "Together We Bring Light." As we consider God's many gifts to us, we should also express our gratitude by sharing these gifts. Your financial support for the work of the parish, the Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one concrete way to express your gratitude.

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.



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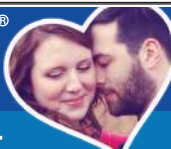
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