

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time February 8, 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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TOGETHER WE BRING LIGHT

One of the first things that newcomers notice about Chicago winters (after the cold, the wind, and the snow) is that they rarely see the sun. In fact, 60% of our winter days are cloudy. This persistent cloudiness is mostly the result of our city being adjacent to the Great Lakes. Not only do we have lake effect snow and rain, but we also suffer from what is called temperature inversion. Cold air masses moving across the Lakes mix with warmer air over the water and this produces clouds. Throw in a weaker winter sun and you have a lot of cloudy days. Every once in a while, though, cloudiness works in our favor. It was mostly cloudy on the morning of February 2. The groundhog could not possibly have seen his shadow, and that means we will not have six more weeks of winter.

Maybe we have felt the gloom more this winter because it has been an unusually cold winter; but the world around us may also be making us gloomy. There is a lot of darkness. Think of the wars and civil unrest around the world. Think of the plight of refugees and migrants. Think of different forms of insecurity that many people face every day: insecurity about food, medical care, housing, and safety. There is disrespect for human life and a lack of care for God's creation. In so many ways, we seem to be surrounded by darkness.

Every year about this time all of us are invited to participate in The Annual Catholic Appeal, a pledge campaign that supports many necessary services and ministries of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It seems appropriate that in the gloom of the Chicago winter and in the darkness that surrounds us, that the theme of this year's campaign is *Together We Bring Light*. As individuals we can easily feel overwhelmed and helpless when it comes to bringing light into the darkness, but together with Christ and together with the many other Catholics in the Archdiocese, we can make a difference. The Annual Catholic Appeal supports parishes in need, Catholic schools, religious education programs and programs for training teachers, catechists, and faith formation leaders. The ACA funds initiatives for respect life, violence prevention, refugee and immigrant assistance. The ACA also helps fund Catholic Relief Services, which provides immediate material assistance to victims of war and natural disasters. These are all ways in which we can bring Christ's light to people who are impacted most directly by the darkness.

Although the primary goal of the Annual Catholic Appeal is raising money, it also raises awareness. Because we at Assumption have been able to raise the funds that we need to operate, we may not be aware that 30% of the parishes in the Archdiocese, parishes which provide a vital role in economically stressed areas, would not be able to survive without a subsidy. Because our parish school closed in 1945 and the issue of Catholic education is far in the past or far in the future, we may not realize that without support from the Archdiocese, Catholic education would become almost exclusively the domain of the wealthy. Because our own immigration status is not in question, we may not realize how active the immigration ministry is right now in advising, advocacy and supporting migrants. Because we may not have a family member incarcerated, we may not even know about Kolbe House ministries to the imprisoned and to their families. Because we were born and raised Catholic, we may not realize how important the Office of Evangelization has become in jumpstarting parish renewal and outreach.

Many of you who have contributed to the ACA in the past have already received pledge material in the mail. Please return your pledge envelope as soon as possible. The rest of us will be guided through the pledge process at Mass next weekend. It is important to remember that once we reach our goal of \$45,308, or 7% of last year's collection, 90% of funds received in excess of that amount are returned to us at Assumption. Every year that I have been at Assumption, we have exceeded our goal by a significant amount. In fact, the amount rebated to us by the ACA is typically our largest fundraiser of the year. So, supporting the ACA is a win/win proposition. The Archdiocese receives what it needs from us to continue many vital ministries, and Assumption receives what we need to support our ministries. I give to the ACA. I hope you will too. *Together We Bring Light*.

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.

ASSUMPTION YOUNG ADULTS

Assumption Young Adults is for those in their twenties or thirties, married, single, or coupled. They sponsor a number of social, service, and spiritual activities during the year. AYA will gather for pizza and conversation following the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, February 22. For more information, email assumptionaya@gmail.com.

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.



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.



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18

Mass with ashes:

7:00am, 12:10pm, 6:00pm

Ashes only in Parish Hall:

7:30- 9:00, 11:30-1:30, 4:30-6:00

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

Like all parishes in the Archdiocese, Assumption is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ in a more intense way and to embrace Christ's call to become missionary disciples. One step in the process is to assess our greatest strengths and opportunities for growth. That is where the Disciple Maker Index comes in. The DMI is a survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Assumption and to help parish leadership make decisions about the future. This 20-minute survey may be completed online or on paper, beginning Ash Wednesday. All responses are confidential. Some of you will remember completing this survey three years ago. One of the goals is to see if our efforts to respond to our areas of weakness three years ago have made a difference.



HYMNS: #464, #467, #559 (except 5pm Sunday)

WEDDINGS:

**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, Carlos Bastidas, and John O'Brien

MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2026

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| Sat | 7th | 5:00 † Lucy Torres |
| Sun | 8th | 7:30 Zbigniew Gluszek |
| | | 9:00 Assumption Parishioners |
| | | 10:30 † Charles & Marion Joachim |
| | | 12:15 Julia Sivori (b'day) |
| | | 5:00 † Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families |
| Mon | 9th | 7:00 Andrea Eisenberg |
| | | 12:10 † Nick Eddy |
| Tues | 10th | 12:10 † Stephen T. McNerny |
| Wed | 11th | 12:10 † Ronald Boracchia |
| Thurs | 12th | 12:10 † Anna Wisniewski |
| Fri | 13th | 12:10 The Wisniewski Family |
| Sat | 14th | 7:30 Claire Tinsley (b'day) |

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

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

**EVENINGS OF FAITH**

On the Wednesdays of Lent, there will be Mass at 6:00pm, followed by a meal in the Parish Hall and a presentation from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Here is our program for this Lent:

- *Feb 25 - Evangelizing in a Non-Christian Context (Dan Olsen)
- *Mar 4 - Spirituality: the Center of our Life (Fr John Fontana, OSM)
- *Mar 11 - Art and Creation (a film presentation)
- *Mar 18 - The Gospels of Lent (Fr Ed Shea, OFM)
- *Mar 25 - Faith and Religion in the Age of A.I. (Dr. Joseph Vukov)

CHICAGO HELP INITIATIVE: Assumption is providing the meal which Chicago Help Initiative will serve its guests on Wednesday February 11 at the Catholic Charities Building, LaSalle and Huron. Would you like to help serve? Volunteers are needed from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Contact roz@chicagohelpinitiative.org

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| <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.</p> <p>630-261-0400</p> |
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