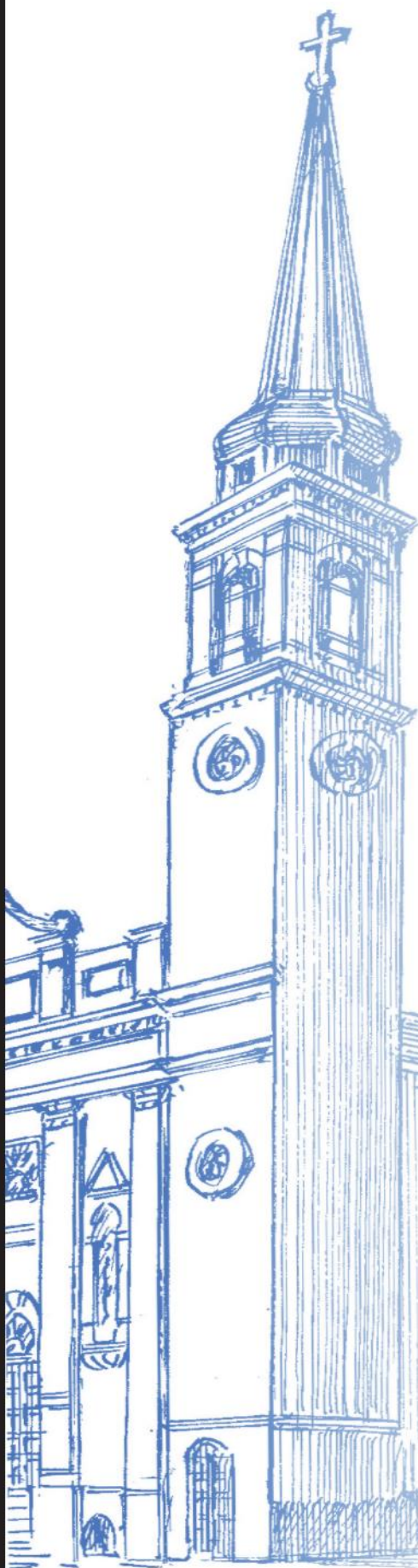


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MASSES

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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LESSONS FROM A FLOOD

Those who work in the field of addiction and recovery or who have personal or family experience with it, are familiar with the terms “low bottom” and “high bottom.” How much do we have to lose before we are ready to admit that we are powerless over our addiction? In other words, when do we hit bottom? Do we have to lose our job? Our marriage? Our family? Our health? Our self-respect? Our standing in the community? Our life? Or, are we able to recognize the road signs of where our life is going and accept help? Can we stop before we hit rock bottom? Quitting is never easy, because it means quitting one of the most important or THE most important relationship in our life. That is why most of us fail the first time we get into recovery. Denial is incredibly strong and persistent, and the comfort of the familiar is always beckoning..

How bad does it have to get before we quit? How much do we have to lose before we change? That applies to a lot of things other than addictions to alcohol, drugs, food, shopping, gambling, and pornography. It is embedded deeply into our culture, our way of life, and our assumptions about the future. I was thinking about that this past week as I followed the heart-breaking story of the floods in Texas, the hundreds of lives lost (especially children) when the overflowing Guadalupe River barreled through campgrounds along its banks, taking sleeping children, campers, property, homes, everything in its path. Along with the grief, there is plenty of blame to go around. The children’s camp was located was in a flood zone, and it should have been relocated years ago. Much of the blame has been placed on the local community’s failure to update its warning system. But if we think that upgrading the warning system is going to fix the problem, we are fooling ourselves. It is not unlike the alcoholic who moves to another city to get away from his drinking problem, or the porn addict who throws away his cell phone, or the shopping addict who closes her Amazon account. It might help for a while, but it is no solution.

The weather extremes we are now experiencing are the result of climate change. There is no question that our little planet is getting warmer. A minority of scientists still believe that what we are experiencing is a natural cycle that will reverse itself over time and that human beings have little or no influence over it; but most believe that our continued reliance on fossil fuels is affecting the climate. Warmer temperatures allow for the atmosphere to hold more water vapor, and that produces heavier rainfalls. It is not that floods and fires never happened in the past; it is that they are happening more often and with greater intensity. While most of the attention has been focused on Texas, both North Carolina and New Mexico experienced flooding downpours. Meanwhile, insurance companies are not renewing policies in a growing number of counties that are highly exposed to floods, hurricanes, and fires. When will the cost of climate change produce a financial crisis? How bad does it have to get? When are we going to bottom out?

Ten years ago in *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis declared care for our common home to be a moral responsibility for Catholics, and challenged individuals as well as governments to take aggressive action to halt the process that is making more of our planet uninhabitable. It is always the poor who suffer the most from change, because they are least able to adapt to change. If some Catholics were hoping that Pope Leo would back off on this issue, they must already be disappointed. This past Wednesday, while inaugurating a special Votive Mass for the Care of Creation, marking the tenth anniversary of *Laudato Si*, he said, “Climate change is provoked by human activity.”

It reminds me of an old story about a town whose main road made a sharp and unexpected turn on the edge of town, causing lots of accidents. An ambulance would have to come from a larger city twenty miles away to pick up the injured and take them to the city hospital. That meant that it took a minimum of forty minutes before the victim got to the hospital. A town meeting was called and a proposal was made to purchase an ambulance and to hire a couple of first responders. If we had our own ambulance, it would cut the transportation time in half. While that helped greatly, sometimes a second accident would occur at that location while the ambulance was busy; so a proposal was made to buy a second ambulance and hire more first responders. When the proposal was presented for a vote, a small voice could be heard from the back of the room, “Why don’t you just fix the curve in the road?”

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. Church tours will be offered at 1:45 and 2:15pm. 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.

WERE YOU MARRIED IN 1975?

If so, you are celebrating your golden anniversary this year. The annual Golden Anniversary Mass will take place at Holy Name Cathedral (735 North State) on Sunday September 14 at 2:30pm. During the Mass, couples will be invited to renew their marriage vows and tie the knot a little tighter. To register, go to pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next preparation session for parents (and, if possible, godparents) of infants to be baptized is Monday August 4 from 7:00 to 8:15pm at the Rectory. This session is for new parents and for parents who have never attended a preparation session. Call the parish office to register. Baptisms normally take place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:15pm and during Mass on the first weekend of the month.

NEXT WEEKEND

Fr. Sebastian Mulu, O.S.M., a member of the Servite Vocation Team, will speak at all weekend Masses on the vocation to Religious Life and its special role in the life of the Church.

HYMNS: #217, #462, #520 (except 5pm Sunday)

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.

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is a series of videos and guided discussions that help cradle Catholics live and share their faith in a more intentional way, help those who have become alienated from church or religion to find their way back, and help those who have no experience of faith or church to address some basic questions about life. Alpha is an opportunity to ask questions or express your truth in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Our next Alpha series begins Thursday September 18. Consider coming yourself and invite a friend or family member who is not an active church member to come with you. For more information or to sign up, email alpha@assumption-chgo.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction on Monday July 21 from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

WEDDINGS:

THOMAS (TJ) TYNAN & MOLLY GAFFNEY
PHILIP YOO & AMY AQUINO
DANIEL BEESE & EMMA WOZNAK

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 19, 2025

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| Sat | 19th | 5:00 † Rose-Marie McCluskey |
| Sun | 20th | 7:30 Lee Garvey |
| | | 9:00 Assumption Parishioners |
| | | 10:30 Delphine Michalik |
| | | 12:15 Our Servite Friars |
| | | 5:00 † Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfister & Jenkins Families |
| Mon | 21st | 7:00 † Cindy Lorenzo |
| | | 12:10 Special Intention |
| Thurs | 24th | 7:00 † Val Kilmer |
| | | 12:10 † Wink Martindale |
| Fri | 25th | 12:10 The Dubuque Family |

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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

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.

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.



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