

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time October 26, 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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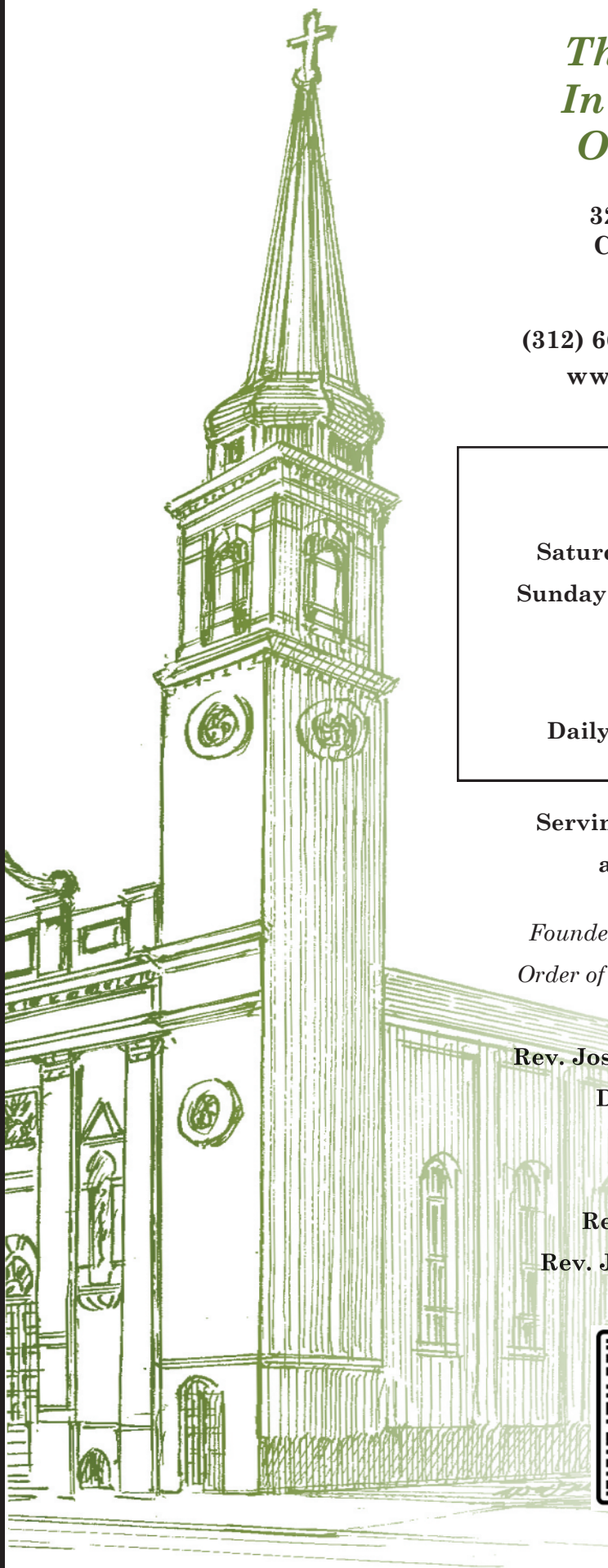
Rev. Joseph Chamblain, O.S.M., Pastor
Dr. Kevin Zajdel, Deacon

in residence:

Rev. John Fontana, O.S.M.
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CATCHIN UP WITH WHAT'S GOIN ON

In this week's bulletin we are including the annual financial summary covering the past fiscal year (July 2024-June 2025). As you can see, Sunday offerings have increased; but, to no one's surprise I am sure, so have expenses, perhaps most notably in salaries and benefits. As the level of activity has grown at Assumption, some job descriptions have had to be redefined and our part-time people are working more hours. It is a nice problem to have, and I deeply appreciate your generosity, both to the collection and to the special funds which support our ministries to the unhoused, the needy, and immigrants. And speaking of paying double, you were really good sports in responding to both Archdiocesan campaigns which were launched almost simultaneously this spring—the Annual Catholic Appeal and the capital campaign Generation to Generation. We exceeded our goal by a significant margin in both campaigns, and that directly helps Assumption.

The Italian Dinner is this week, and it is obvious that we have hit upon a venue that many people like, since we sold out in record time. The Italian Dinner has roots going back a century when this part of River North was largely Italian. For many decades the dinner was in the Parish Hall, with much of the cooking done on site and served by parishioners. When the renovations took place in 2017, the big gas stoves had to be removed because they were not properly vented. Our fall event bounced from place to place until landing very successfully at Coco Pazzo. Those who snagged a ticket can look forward to some good eats and some good fun.

What's our Pastoral Council been up to lately? Well, lots of things are in the works. It is past time to have a Welcoming Event for new members, and a committee is at work on that. Elsewhere in the bulletin is information about the Listening Sessions planned for November 15-16. In light of the recent shooting at the Catholic Church in Minnesota, the question came up: "Shouldn't we be better prepared for an emergency?" In 2019 the Archdiocese held a seminar on developing a Safety Plan, but the whole project got sidelined by the COVID pandemic. At the time we were told (and I think this is still true) that the biggest threat that churches face is not gunfire but weather (floods, tornados, and fires). Given our location, fire would be number one. So, a group of Council members are looking at issues of security as well as developing a plan for emergency evacuations in church. Since many of our ministries are short on personnel, the Council is working out the details of an effort to give all of us an opportunity to consider our call to service.

Finally, the Council is hoping to orchestrate another event for married couples. As we developed our *Renew My Church* theme, "Welcoming, Accompanying, Sending," one area that we looked at in 2023-24 was offering something to support the couples who choose to marry at Assumption or have their children baptized at Assumption. We do marriage and baptism preparation, but what do we do to "accompany" couples after the celebration is over? The Young Families Group is a practical response to the need to minister to couples with small children. In the spring of 2024, we held a Saturday event for married couples, offering a personal invitation to couples married at Assumption (or through Assumption) within the previous five years. We had a special presentation for the "recently married" in the morning and then a luncheon and special Mass for all couples married at Assumption. It was well worth the effort. A number of couples unable to attend were grateful to know that we had not forgotten them and hoped to attend if we did this again. So, we made a decision to do this every second year. Expect to hear more about this event after the first of the year.

There was a good showing of parishioners at the presentation by Dr. Steve Millies in our Parish Hall on October 9. Dr. Millies' talk was one in a series sponsored by the Immigration Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In light of Operation Midway Blitz, the talk was timely. His talk offered some historical perspective on the Catholic Church's social teaching since the time of the last Pope Leo. The presentation has been uploaded on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel. To listen to it, go to YouTube and enter "Catholic Chicago Being Bridges."

Fr Joe

THE ITALIAN DINNER

It is Thursday, October 30 at Coco Pazzo, 300 West Hubbard. The doors will open at 6:00pm and dinner will be served promptly at 6:45pm, and the good times will last until 9:00pm. In addition to all the good eats, we have a number of auction items (including a 3 night stay in a modern condo in the heart of Nashville: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and sleeps 9), plus some “reverse auction” items, when you can help Assumption with something we really need (e.g. Christmas poinsettias, altar candles, Easter lilies). Although tickets are presently “sold out,” you can call the Parish office and ask to be placed on the waiting list. If your plans have changed and you will not be able to come, let us know, too, so we can make your seats available for someone else.

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.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

Saturday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints, the day we honor all the faithful departed from every time and place who share in the banquet of heaven. This feast is not observed as a holyday of obligation when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. Mass for All Saints will be celebrated at 7:30am Saturday morning. The 5:00pm Mass on November 1 and all the Masses on Sunday will be for the Feast of All Souls, a special day to remember and pray for our loved ones who have died, asking our Good Shepherd to welcome them into Paradise.

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.

HYMNS: #217, #338, #567 (except 5pm Sunday)

NEXT WEEKEND

On the weekend of November 1-2, there will be a second collection for our sharing parish, Our Lady of Sorrows.

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.

SERVING UP HOSPITALITY

Next Sunday November 2, 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. As the Ministers serve Communion at Mass, they are eager to serve you next Sunday.

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 OCTOBER 25, 2025

Sat	25th	5:00 Assumption Parishioners
Sun	26th	7:30 † Lloyd Eoff
		9:00 † Felix Pimentel
		10:30 Delphine Michalik
		12:15 † Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
		5:00 † Richard J. Guzior
Tues	28th	7:00 Dubuque Family
		12:10 Joan Hayes (b'day)
Wed	29th	12:10 † Bradley A. Mueller
Thurs	30th	7:00 † Stephen Sullivan
Sat	1st	7:30 † Betty Persichetti

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.

ONE OF THREE HUNDRED: This past January we initiated an appeal to find 300 people willing to donate \$10 a month to Assumption's charities. We have not yet met our goal. Three hundred such donors would fund our Saturday morning sandwich group, our refugee assistance ministry, and enable us to increase the value of the food coupons we offer the poor and homeless on the first Wednesday. To help us reach our goal, use the marked envelopes in the back of church or donate online to "Assumption Shares."

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

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ASSUMPTION CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Sunday and holyday collections	\$536,637	\$501,185	\$481,572
Christmas collection	65,133	76,929	66,837
Easter collection	45,458	29,839	45,047
Other collections	0	500	500
Fundraising	32,040	30,241	31,291
Stole fees (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals)	58,315	51,910	65,821
Vigil lights	17,465	12,035	11,058
Gifts	0	28,470	18,994
Shares Coupon Donations	46,891	12,094	13,837
Bequests	0	0	0
Room and Board	35,100	46,800	42,900
Annual Catholic Appeal refund	193,762	200,722	181,801
Project Refugee	<u>9,862</u>	<u>50,970</u>	<u>13,409</u>
	\$1,040,663	1,041,695	\$973,567
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Salaries, benefits, extra priests	\$409,735	\$373,371	\$377,651
Liturgical supplies	19,042	17,202	66,040
Office expenses	35,930	28,571	27,769
Transportation & Parking	2,000	3,400	2,800
Food	30,772	28,327	33,577
Utilities	69,895	74,694	60,578
Maintenance and repairs	130,966	125,163	145,305
Furnishings	70	0	360
Archdiocesan Assessment	74,976	76,560	72,592
Property and casualty insurance	55,705	39,581	56,426
PRMAA Assessment	16,242	16,800	14,573
Assumption Shares	15,000	12,000	23,694
Adult faith programming	5,690	5,890	621
Garage Maintenance Fee	34,573	16,848	22,240
Project Refugee	9,762	23,388	19,568
Miscellaneous	<u>21,400</u>	<u>24,603</u>	<u>7,862</u>
	\$931,758	\$866,398	\$931,656
	<u>\$108,905</u>	<u>\$175,297</u>	<u>\$41,911</u>
<u>Restoration Fund</u>			
Donations	\$36,950	\$ 81,482	\$76,324
Expenses	<u>4,325</u>	<u>295,283</u>	<u>69,405</u>
	\$32,625	(\$213,801)	\$ 6,919

Generation to Generation

Funds Available 6/30/2025: \$34,627