



June 22, 2025

WHO BELONGS HERE?

Last Saturday, two major events took place in Chicago. On the South Side, in Rate Field, approximately 30,000 people gathered for a special Mass celebrating the first Pope from Chicago, Pope Leo XIV. Down in the Loop more than 20,000 people marched in the No Kings Demonstration. Both happenings were mostly peaceful! There were Assumption parishioners at each event. Where was I? Back at church. There were two weddings.

Although the No Kings demonstration included groups protesting or demonstrating for many different causes, the central theme was the Administration's policy of arresting and deporting or imprisoning migrants who are not presently legal citizens of our country. I use the word "presently" because the rules have changed since some of them arrived. About a half million people were admitted under what is called "Temporary Protected Status." It is an humanitarian program that allows individuals from designated countries experiencing a crisis to enter the country without threat of deportation. Last month the Administration revoked the protected status for about 500,000 of these individuals, including people from Afghanistan. You might remember that Assumption helped sponsor a family from Afghanistan who were humanitarian refugees, and helped them to adjust to life in the United States.

During the last few years of the Biden administration, so many people seemed to be just walking into the United States without much screening, were showing up by the busload in places like Chicago without resources and without family members to welcome them, that it led to a huge backlash and a demand for greater border security. Why were these new arrivals being provided with food and shelter, when people who were born here and had been on long waiting lists for social services still left waiting. But is what we have what we wanted? People arrested who are gainfully employed? Families separated? People imprisoned or deported to foreign jails without due process? Even the Administration has had to recognize that arresting people on the job is counterproductive.

At the Mass in Rate Field, Cardinal Cupich addressed this issue in his homily for Trinity Sunday and received a rousing ovation: "Without question, countries have the right to protect their borders, to protect their citizens from crime and violence, and to enact reasonable rules for immigration. At the same time, it is wrong to scapegoat those who are here without documents, for indeed they are here due to a broken immigration system, and it is a broken immigration system which both parties have failed to fix. The task before us at the moment as Christians is to call each other to live with authenticity, as authentic persons, rejecting language which demonizes or degrades the dignity of others, that pretends that some people are unworthy to be connected to us. That is foreign to our calling to be persons in the image and likeness of God, and it is also dishonest, because many of the undocumented have been for decades connected to us. They are here not by invasion but by invitation: our invitation to harvest the fruits of the earth that feed our families, an invitation to clean our tables, homes, hotels, and hotel rooms, an invitation to landscape our lawns, and, yes, even an invitation to care for our children and our elderly. I have no doubt that if we are honest about our connections to one another, we can respond to this moment and reclaim our calling to live in the image of the divine persons."

In Los Angeles, which has been to this point the epicenter of both Immigrations and Customs Enforcement activity and sometimes violent demonstrations, Archbishop Gomez said, "We all agree that we don't want undocumented immigrants who are known terrorists or violent criminals in our communities. But there is no need for this government to carry out enforcement actions in a way that provokes fear and anxiety among ordinary, hard-working immigrants and their families. I urge Congress to get serious about fixing our broken immigration system that leads so many to seek to cross our borders illegally. Other nations have a coherent immigration policy that respects the natural rights of people to emigrate in search of a better life and also ensures control of their borders. America should too. It's been almost 40 years since the last reform of our immigration laws. That's too long, and it's time to do something about it."

Fr. Joe

ATTENTION YOUNG FAMILIES

We are planning a new Young Family Group at Assumption. If you are a family with children under the age of 10 and are interested in joining, we'd love to hear from you. Please email ayf@assumption-



chgo.org to express interest. We'll follow up to learn more of what you would like to see within this group, For our debut event, we will meet in the Garden after the 10:30 Mass on June 29 and walk over to Ward Park (a ten minute walk) for playtime and conversation at the playground. We will plan events after other Masses to accommodate all families. We look forward to hearing from you!

PRAYER WALK JUNE 29

The Evangelization Team invites you to a Parish Prayer Walk on Sunday, June 29 after the 10:30 Mass. Prayer Walks are a centuries-old tradition that merge walking with prayer and contemplation of God's presence in the world. The walk will take approximately 45 minutes, traveling 1.3 miles or 3000 steps and involves crossing streets and walking up and down stairs. We will begin in the Garden and walk to three different locations nearby to pray and reflect on various intentions. Join the group for some fun, spiritual exercise!



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You can now listen to podcasts of homilies from the 9:00am Mass. Visit our website and click on the title that inspires you.





COMING THIS FALL—ALPHA

Assumption will begin our next Alpha series this September. Alpha is a weekly gathering on Thursday nights, during which we watch a film about faith and life and then share food and conversation. Alpha is

a place where people can safely explore the big questions of life. Alpha is for those who are curious about faith, those who want to grow deeper in their faith, and for those who are interested in discovering or rediscovering the basics of Christianity. All are welcome. Watch for more details.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next preparation session for parents (and, if possible, godparents) will be Monday, June 23 from 7:00—8:15pm in the Rectory. This session is for new parents and for those who have never before attended a preparation session. Ca office to register. Infant baptisms normally



before attended a preparation session. Call the parish office to register. Infant baptisms normally take place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:15pm and on the first Sunday of the month during Mass.

ASSUMPTION YOUNG ADULTS

Assumption Young Adults will gather in the Parish Hall after the 5:00pm Mass Sunday, June 22 for Chinese food. In addition to the meal, there will be time to plan service and faith formation activities. The cost for dinner is \$15/person. Venmo @Rosana_Murphy or pay with cash that night. AYA is for anyone in their twenties or thirties, married, single, or coupled. Email assumptionaya@gmail.com.

BAPTISMS:

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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 JUNE 21, 2025

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Sun	22nd	7:30 The Dubuque Family
		9:00 Assumption Parishioners
		10:30 † Patricia Ann Petricca
		12:15 † Michael & Rose Marie Sopko,
		Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko,
		Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
Mon	23rd	12:10 † Eric Penick
Wed	25th	7:00 Priests & People of Assumption
Fri	27th	
Sat	28th	7:30 † Mike Patrick

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

- ♦ July 6 Garden Blessing
- ◆ August 10 Anniversary Picnic (dogs, brats, and beer)
- October 30 Italian Dinner at Coco Pazzo

GENERATION TO GENERATION

If you have not yet returned your pledge form for *Generation to Generation*, please deposit it in the blue box in the back of church this weekend or next weekend. *Generation to Generation*, distinct from the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, seeks to address long-term needs of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Just as we have been blessed by the generosity of past generation, so we can be a blessing to generations to come. 50% of pledged money received is returned to us at Assumption.

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 past year we ran a special OCIA group for those 8 to 18, and will have one again this year if there is a need. Contact Fr. Joe for more information.



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