

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time August 10, 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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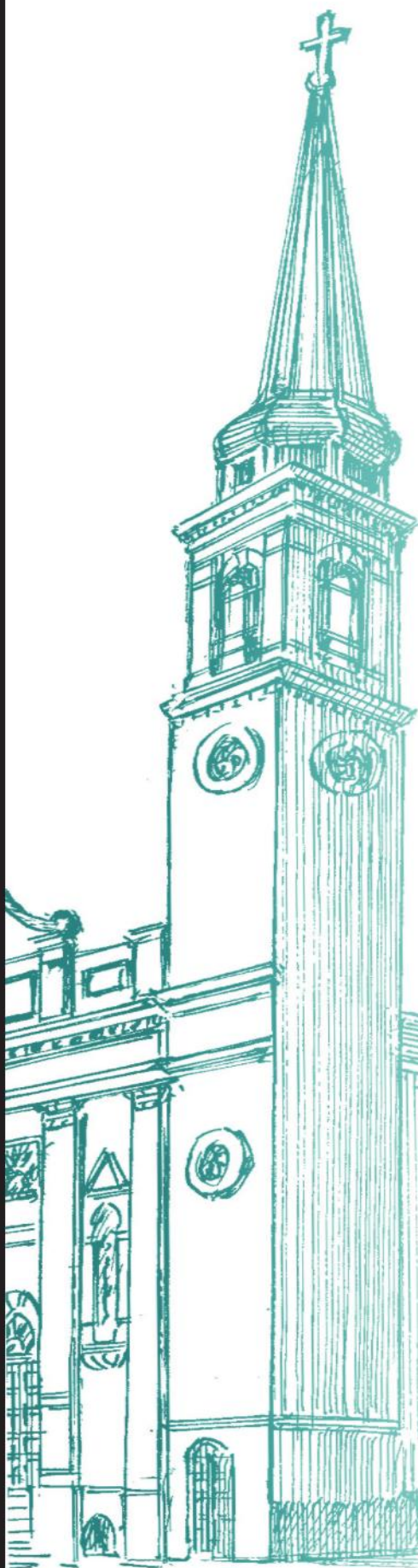
Rev. Joseph Chamblain, O.S.M., Pastor
Dr. Kevin Zajdel, Deacon

in residence:

Rev. John Fontana, O.S.M.
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

How time flies! The very first Mass at Assumption was celebrated in what is now the Parish Hall on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1881. This date is historic for more than one reason. Our first Mass took place during the very brief presidency of James Garfield. Garfield was inaugurated on March 4, 1881 and was assassinated 79 days later. Carter Harrison, a native of Kentucky, was mayor of Chicago in 1881. In the 1880 census Chicago had a population of 503,185 and was the nation's fourth largest city. By the time of the 1890 census the population of Chicago had doubled to over 1 million and it had become our nation's "second city," a position it held until the 1990 census (when it dropped to number three). Such prodigious growth happened in spite of waves of epidemics that afflicted our city during the 1880's. In that year of 1881, for example, a smallpox epidemic took the lives of 1180 Chicagoans.

Many other landmark events occurred across our nation in 1881. The Barnum and Bailey circus debuted in New York City, the American Red Cross was founded, Booker T. Washington established Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, and Sitting Bull surrendered to the U.S. Army (essentially ending the Indian Wars). Still, the Wild West was still pretty wild in 1881. Billy the Kid was shot by Sherriff Pat Garrett on July 14 of that year, and the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral took place in Tombstone, Arizona on October 26. And the Chicago Cubs set an all-time record for meager attendance: On September 27 the Cubs played Troy in front of a crowd of only twelve people.

Work began on the present church of Assumption in 1884, with the first Mass celebrated on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15, 1886. 1886 was a great year for inventions. Coca-Cola, using a formula combining caffeine and cocaine, was sold for the first time in an Atlanta drug store. The first dishwasher was produced that year, as was the first linotype machine (which allowed newspapers and other publications to set type very quickly). The typewriter ribbon went on the market that year, and Karl Benz in Germany produced the first gasoline powered automobile (It had only three wheels). Chicago, experiencing a rapid growth of population, was becoming a center of labor unrest. The Haymarket Riots, sparked by a rally in support of striking workers from the McCormick Harvesting Company, began on May 4, 1886.

In 1890 the Italian born population of Chicago was only 5,685. By 1900 it had grown to 16,008. During the 1890's, Assumption's pastor, Fr. Moreschini, arranged to have the Servite priests from Assumption conduct instruction classes for Italian Catholics living in five of our neighboring parishes, in the growing Italian community on the West Side, and in Melrose Park. He also invited Mother Cabrini to open a school in the parish. Assumption School on Erie Street opened in 1899 with 500 students, a number that soon grew to 850.

This was truly the heyday of River North as an Italian neighborhood. After World War I, many of the Italian families began moving west. Homes were replaced by factories and office buildings. As the twentieth century progressed, Assumption became a neighborhood church of a different kind, ministering to and largely supported by those who worked in the neighborhood but who lived elsewhere. For Sunday Mass, Assumption welcomed back some of the old time families and other people who had come to like Assumption because of its beauty or because almost everything at Mass was done "the old way." Today, as we celebrate our church's anniversary and our feast day picnic, we are once again a residential neighborhood—made up of people of many nations and many nationalities.

So many generations of Chicagoans have found a "home" at Assumption, that when we celebrate an anniversary, I always feel both proud and humbled: humbled by the faith, the generosity, and the love of those who have gone before us; but also proud of who we are today, a community of people serving God and their sisters and brothers. The 1880's were a time of change and innovation, but we know that our world is changing more rapidly than ever, and that will certainly impact us. I look back on Servites like Fr. Tom Ferrazzi, who became pastor in the 1930's when the parish was essentially broke, who managed to generate funds to keep the church alive during the Great Depression and for many decades afterward when the church had no actual parishioners. Then there was Fr. Gus Kulbis in the 1990's, who implemented many of the liturgical changes introduced in most parishes thirty years earlier, so that we could be a more welcoming place to new residents. We have made it this far by God's grace, and with God's grace we move into the future.

Fr. Joe

FEAST DAY PICNIC

It is happening this Sunday August 10 following the 12:15 Mass until 3:30 in the Garden and in the Parish Hall. \$10.00 dogs and brats, with chips, cookie and drink. Church tours at 2:00 and 2:30pm.

CHICAGO HELP INITIATIVE

Assumption will be providing the meal for the homeless and needy for Chicago Help Initiative this Wednesday August 13 at Catholic Charities on LaSalle & Huron. If you would like to help serve, contact chicagohelpinitiative.org and identify yourself as a member of Assumption. Volunteers need to be present from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

PART-TIME COOK

The four priests who live in the Assumption Priory/ Rectory are looking for a very part-time cook. We are in need of someone to prepare dinner two days a week (Wednesdays and Thursdays). Dinnertime is 5 PM. If you know someone who might be interested, please have them contact the parish office, and we will be happy to share more details and to set a time for an interview. Thank you much!



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On Friday August 15 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption, our parish feast day and a holy day of

obligation. We celebrate as an article of faith that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory, the first among us to share fully in Christ's redemptive act. Masses on August 15 will be at 7:00am, 12:10pm, and 6:00pm.



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. There will be an information session about OCIA Sunday, August 24 at 11:30 in the Rectory.

HYMNS: #443, #574, #209 (except 5pm Sunday)

JULY DONATIONS

Sunday Collection -	35,429
Sharing Parish -	2,238
Mission Co-Op -	7,622

(includes electronic giving)

GENERATION TO GENERATION

Thanks to all who made a pledge to the Archdiocesan Campaign *Generation to Generation*. Our parish pledges came to \$909,965 or 117 % of our goal. 50% of funds received will return to us at Assumption to support our Restoration Fund and our Faith Formation programming.

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 25. 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.

WEDDINGS:

JOSEPH FONTANA & EMILY BURDA
CARL-PHILIP MAJGAARD & ALLYSON VANEK
OWEN MELIA & KATHERINE KARNOSH
GAVIN FAUST & JENNA CARROLL

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 AUGUST 9, 2025

Sun	10th	7:30	† Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfister & Jenkins Families
		9:00	† Margaret Munster
		10:30	† Anthony Passanante
		5:00	Assumption Parishioners
Mon	11th	7:00	† Dr. & Mrs. Theodore J. Dubuque, Jr.
		12:10	† Yolanda Duña
Tues	12th	7:00	Special Intention
Wed	13th	7:00	The Dubuque Family
		12:10	† Edward & Dorothy Brennan
Thurs	14th	7:00	Poor Souls in Purgatory
		12:10	Janet FitzGerald (for healing)
Fri	15th	7:00	Fr. John Fontana (b'day)
		12:10	Susan Campbell
		6:00	† John McEneaney

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.

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.

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE GROUP: Assumption's Refugee Assistance Group has helped support several refugee families from other nations. Most recently they have been assisting a large Mexican family who are in Chicago as humanitarian refugees, as one of their children undergoes treatment at Lurie Children's Hospital. Donations can be made to "Project Refugee." To become personally involved, email refugee@assumption-chgo.org.

<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>	
 <p><i>Coco Pazzo</i> 300 W. Hubbard • 312.836.0900 cocopazzochicago.com Celebrating 30 years</p>	<p>If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. - Mother Teresa</p> 	<p>Gene & Georgetti CHICAGO'S STEAKHOUSE SINCE 1941 We offer weekend brunch, lunch, catering and takeout. Great options for private events, including rehearsal dinners. GENEANDGEORGETTI.COM 312.527.3718 500 N FRANKLIN ST</p>	
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