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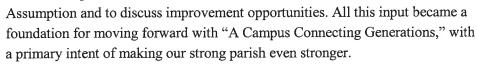
Today's Mass

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sunday Masses 8, 9:30, 11am, 12:30pm
- Saturday Masses 7:00am, 5:00pm
- Weekday Masses
 Monday through Friday
 7:00am, 12 noon
- Holy Day & Holiday Masses
 Please see weekly Mass schedule
- Confessions
 Monday through Friday,
 11:15-11:45am and
 Saturdays, 4pm
- Baptisms
 Sundays following the
 12:30pm Mass
- Matrimony
 Membership in parish for at least one year prior to marriage plans
- Devotions
 Mother of Perpetual Help
 Tuesdays & Sacred Heart
 on Fridays at 11:45am

An Invitation to Strengthen Connections

A couple of years ago, we began parish conversations on how we might strengthen connections among our parishioners and friends. We held feedback sessions and conducted a parish survey to recognize the strengths of



Archbishop Hebda and his team were also working toward building a stronger local church through the work of the Archdiocesan Synod. Last year, the Archbishop published a pastoral letter — "You Will Be My Witnesses" articulating the priorities for the local Church. Pope Francis has been doing something similar for the universal Church promoting what is called "Synodality" which in its simplest form, is understood as a way of walking together as Church.

A consistent theme that emerges in all these movements is the importance of strong and vibrant parishes where individuals and families experience a sense of belonging and feeling welcomed. With that goal in mind and with the restoration of our historic school almost complete, it is a perfect time to gather together to hear about some exciting parish opportunities planned for the upcoming year and beyond.

We invite you to join us on **Tuesday, October 10** from **6:30pm to 7:30pm** in the Lower Church for a conversation on the following topics:

- A progress report on what we learned from parish feedback and discussions on possibilities for the future.
- Thoughts on how we can reinvigorate current ministries and explore new ones for making stronger connections among current parishioners and friends, and attracting others to our parish family.
- Learn more about Archdiocesan initiatives relating to small group ministry and how Assumption can join this effort.

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Upcoming Events

- Baptism Preparation classes are held the first Sunday of the month following the 9:30am Mass in the lower church. The next class is Sunday, October 1. Call the parish office to schedule a baptism or to sign up for a class at 651-224-7536.
- Second Stork.

 Volunteers will assemble layette essentials for new parents in need on Thursday September 21, at 9:30am at Second Stork (130 Eva Street).
- The Catholic Social

 Teaching Roundtable meets
 the first and third Tuesday of
 every month. For more
 information please contact
 Colin Miller at 651-7896929 or via email at
 cmiller@assumptionsp.org.

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Please join us if you can. No RSVP is required, but it is helpful. If you have any questions or to RSVP, please contact Mary at mweyandt@assumptionsp.org or call her at 651-789-6921.

~ Fr. Paul Treacy

Please Donate Blood September 28

The Red Cross national blood supply has fallen by about 25% since early August. Right now, blood product distributions to hospitals are outpacing the number of blood donations coming in. The Red Cross is reminding donors that blood for patients can only come from volunteer donors. Please make time to give blood to ensure it's available for patients this fall. We need your help! Assumption will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, September 28 in the lower church. You can sign up for a donation appointment by visiting the Red Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org or by contacting Assumption parishioner Karee Lendway at klendway7@gmail.com or 651-894-4618. Please consider making a blood donation. Help save a life!

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary



To Assumption parishioners, Bob and Pat Miller, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary September 14. May God continue to bless you both with many more happy years together.

We Welcome into Our Community

The following children being baptized at Assumption:

Arthur Wayne Janssen and Frederick James Janssen, children of
Kenneth and Kristi Janssen; Rogan Joseph Janssen and Aria Dawn
Janssen, children of Robert and Kara Janssen.



Christianity and Politics Fall Course



This fall, Assumption's Center for Catholic Social Thought is offering a five week course on Christianity and Politics, taught by Colin Miller. The course will explore the topic by reading and discussing a new book by Andrew Willard Jones, *The Two*

Cities: A History of Christian Politics.

There are two options for class times: Mondays at 10:15am, October 2 through October 30 or Thursdays at 5:30pm, October 5 through November 2. The course is free of charge. For more information, and to register please visit catholicsocialthought.org, or contact Colin Miller (cmiller@assumptionsp.org or 651-789-6929). Classes will be held in the lower level of the Rectory.

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Catholic Social Difference Speaker Series

As part of the establishment of the new Center for Catholic Social Thought, Assumption is pleased to announce a fall speaker series on The Catholic Social Difference. This event features conversations with local Catholic leaders introducing the Church's social teaching and imagining how to practice it in our daily lives. The Speaker series will be on the topic, "The Church and Politics: The good, the Bad and the Ugly". The speaker will be Msgr. Martin Schlag, Professor of Catholic Social Teaching, University of St. Thomas (pictured above). The Speaker series will be Thursday, September 21 at 7:00pm. We will meet in the church at Assumption. For more information and to register, visit the Web site catholicsocialthought.org.

Weekly Mass Intentions		
Sunday, September 17	8:00am	†Lynn Merth
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	†Beth M. Whelan
	11:00am	Parishioners
	12:30pm	Kyle & Jennifer Beaudette
Monday, September 18	7:00am	†Kenneth D. Clark
	12:00pm	†Patricia Dethke
Tuesday, September 19	7:00am	†Ben & †Mary Jane Opitz
	12:00pm	Steve Lauinger
Wednesday, September 20	7:00am	†Tom Gunther
Saint Andrew	12:00pm	†Marie Mertz Scanlan
Thursday, September 21	7:00am	†Bob Gosselin
Saint Matthew	12:00pm	†Brigid Scanlan Eiynck
Friday, September 22	7:00am	†Liz Dorle
	12:00pm	†Russ Maisano
Saturday, September 23	7:00am	Vu Family
Saint Pius of Pietrelcina	5:00pm	Patricia Ann Weismiller Family
Sunday, September 24	8:00am	†Said & †Ann George
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	†Hugh Markley
	11:00pm	†Bud Faricy
	12:30pm	Parishioners



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