



Assumption Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026



May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: First Sunday of Lent

The journey of Lent begins with Jesus being led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where He confronts temptation in its most subtle and alluring forms. Matthew 4:1–11 reveals not only the strength of Christ’s fidelity to the Father but also the pattern for our own spiritual struggle. In the silence of the desert, Jesus chooses obedience over power, humility over display, and trust in the Father over the false securities the world offers. His victory is not won through force, but through the steady, unwavering conviction that God alone is enough. This sacred passage beckons us to enter our own “wilderness” with honesty and courage. Lent invites every believer to examine the desires that shape our choices, the voices that influence our hearts, and the habits that may have quietly distanced us from God. Just as Jesus confronted the temptations of comfort, pride, and control, so too are we called to discern the temptations that visit us daily—whether in our pursuit of success, our longing for approval, or our fear of surrendering to God’s will.

The fasting, prayer, and acts of charity we undertake in this holy season are not mere religious practices; they are instruments of transformation. Through them, we learn to quiet the noise that distracts us, strengthen the virtues that elevate us, and rediscover the joy of living in harmony with God. May this Lenten season deepen our trust in the Father, renew our commitment to Christ, and open our hearts to the gentle, sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

Readings for Next Sunday,
March 1, 2026
Genesis 12:1-4a
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Saint of the Week... Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

On February 22 we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, which celebrates Christ’s choosing of Simon Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church, thus creating the first Pontiff of our Church (Pontiff comes from a Latin word, meaning “bridge builder”).

On this feast day, the universal Church acknowledges that St. Peter was the first pope and that his mission continues through the Holy Father today. Simply stated, that mission is to care for the people of God; to carry on the customs, rituals, teachings and truths of Jesus, and to uphold the unity of His Church. Moreover, the Church proclaims that the authority given to St. Peter by our Lord has been handed down to Peter’s successors for the past 2,000 years.

This day is not just about apostolic succession in respect to the pope and the bishops. Among the laity, it symbolizes an unspoken confidence that the Church of Jesus does not change from age to age; that the truths of the Gospel still form the basis of our faith; that these eternal truths are reflected in every Catholic parish and in every Mass. It is a confidence that the leader of our Church adheres to and will never deny the precepts and principles of the Church of Jesus.

Source: simplycatholic.com



Gerri Bennett, Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Kara Breedlove, Mickey Brooks, Darlene “Bitsy” Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Curtis Drew and family, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Sam Fazzalore, Scott Furey, Wanda Gahr, Marilyn George, Kathy Golaski, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Steve Grubbs, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Bob Harman, Shawn Hartman, Marion Hollingsworth, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Charity Jones Kasraoui, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwillie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Francly Lyons, Rhonda Martin, Margaret McGee, Blain McLaughlin, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Arjun Padha, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggleman, George Rosedale, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Toni Shillingburg, Esther Shockey, Crystal Snitz, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Barbara Tenney, Nick Trager, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock*, Barbara Willis.

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This Week's Birthdays

February 25	Chris Burgess Francly Lyons
February 28	Sara Fazzalore
March 1	Stephen Starcher

If we have an incorrect date or if we miss your birthday, please let us know so we can update our records! If you would prefer that your birthday not be listed, please contact the Parish Office.

The Three Pillars of Lent

PRAY FAST GIVE



We pray to help us be close to Christ and in constant dialogue with Him. We take time away from distractions to turn our focus back to Jesus throughout our day.



We fast to deprive ourselves from good and bad things that are keeping us from devoting our hearts to Christ. It can deepen our awareness of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.



We give in order to love others as Jesus loved us; to live our profession of faith not just through our words, but also through our actions to those around us each day.



Sheila Sue Golden

Born into Life
February 19, 1947
Born into Eternal Life
February 12, 2026

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May Sheila's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



The Sacrament of *Anointing of the Sick*

Fr. Thomas will offer the Anointing of the Sick to those dealing with chronic illness or impending surgery following both Masses next weekend.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Mass on Fridays is at 6 p.m. (instead of 9 a.m.) and will be followed by the Stations of the Cross. Leading the stations this week are members of the Ladies Guild.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 21	4:00 pm	Soul of Dorothy Barrick.....	The Barrick Family
		Soul of Gina DeMasi	Her Loving Family
		Souls of Maureen, Elizabeth & James Lupis.....	Bill Lupis
Sunday, February 22	8:30 am	Soul of Al Martin	Lynn McQuinn
		Soul of Richard Gibson	Kathleen Gibson
Monday, February 23	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 24	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 25	5:00 pm	Souls of Ed & Della Arnold.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Marsha Gifford & Chuck Riggelman	Margaret McGee
Thursday, February 26	12:00 pm	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs	Karen & Howard Barrick
		Intentions of Joanne Stickley.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, February 27	6:00 pm	Soul of Jerry Marsh.....	Darlene Brown
		Intentions of Linda Marsh.....	Margaret McGee
Saturday, February 28	4:00 pm	Intentions of Mike & Joanne Stickley.....	Jeff & Kelley Kuhn
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families	Dean & Kathy Alt
Sunday, March 1	8:30 am	Soul of Leroy House.....	Tammy & Larry Dale
		Soul of Sheila Golden.....	Assumption Parish

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.

NEWS FROM
Assumption Ladies Guild

Baked Potato Sale

The Ladies Guild is sponsoring a baked potato sale the weekend of March 7-8. Loaded baked potatoes with the toppings of your choice will be available for eat in or carry out on Saturday, March 7 after the 4:00 Mass and for carry out on Sunday, March 8 after Mass/CCD. Cost is \$5 each. A sign-up sheet is available in the Vestibule; orders can also be placed by contacting Robin McDowell (304-813-0790).

Your Faithful Stewardship

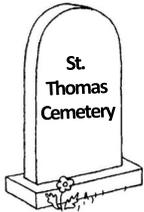
February 14-15, 2026

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,996
Loose Donations.....	\$645
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$30
Total.....	\$3,671

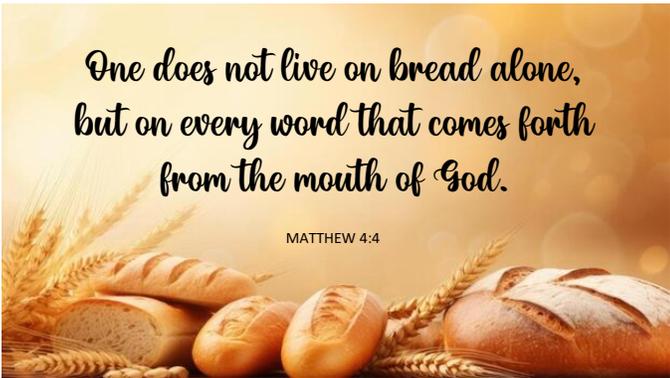
Attendance

Saturday, 2/14.....	77
Sunday, 2/15.....	113
Total.....	190



Cemetery Flowers

If you have Christmas or winter flowers at St. Thomas Cemetery that you would like to keep, please remove them by March 7. Thank you!



Our sincerest thanks to all the wonderful people of Assumption Parish for the kindnesses shown to us and for always being so welcoming! We wish you a most holy Lent and look forward to being with you again.

Fr. Giles and Henry 🐾

Warm the Children Donations

Did you know? The Knights of Columbus accepts new winter clothing donations year round for the Warm the Children organization and stores the items until next year's campaign.



Now is a great time to purchase these items since coats and other items are being marked down to very low prices. It's also a great way to get a head start to your Lenten almsgiving! Items can be left in the Vestibule or at the Parish Office.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 28

- Lector: Kerri Wittman
- Servers: Sue Harber, John Gustafson & Morgan Gustafson
- EMs: Eric Hatfield, Bill Lupis (c), Mary Wagoner (c)
- Cantor: Mike Dupuis
- Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, March 1

- Lector: Derek Stephen
- Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole
- EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Charlotte Delilo (c), Jane Placka (c)
- Cantor: Julie Alt
- Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

Saturday, March 7 (Knight's Mass)

- Lector: Doug Minnich
- Servers: Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan
- EMs: Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c), Alan Taylor (c)
- Cantor: Linda Marsh
- Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, March 8

- Lector: Michael Stanislawczyk
- Servers: Lucas & Liam Dupuis
- EMs: Beverley Iser, Dave Minnich (c), Pam Williams (c)
- Cantor: Patrick George
- Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

- February 26 Cindy Alt
- March 7 Jean Harber/Bob Konka