

GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

January 20, 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." - Jn 2:3-5

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MASS

Sunday: 7:30 a.m./9 a.m.
10:30 a.m./Noon/ 6 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m./5 p.m.

Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m./8 a.m.

CONFESSION

Sundays Before Masses

Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m.

Wednesdays 6-6:45 p.m.

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This Week

SUN 1/20	8 a.m.	TWB Gift Cards Available -LL
	10:15 a.m.	Living with Loss-LL
	11:30 a.m.	Young Adult Donut Social-LL
	2:30 p.m.	Living Rosary for Life-CH
	1 p.m.	Athletic Assoc. AFC Watch Party-H
	7 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC
MON 1/21	8:30 a.m.	Rosary-CH
	10:30 a.m.	Seniors Speaker Luncheon-LL
TUE 1/22	8:30 a.m.	Rosary-CH
	8:30 a.m.	Exercise-LL
	6:30 p.m.	Fatima Rosary-CH
WED 1/23	8:30 a.m.	Rosary-CH
	8:30 a.m.	Senior Wednesday Activities -LL
	9 a.m.	Quilters-LL
	10 a.m.	Chair Exercises for Seniors-LL
	6 p.m.	Parish Holy Hour
	7 p.m.	Adult Choir-LL
	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Thomas) -CAFÉ
	7:30 p.m.	Athletic Association Mtg-LL
THU 1/24	8:30 a.m.	Rosary-CH
	8:30 a.m.	Exercise-LL
	7 p.m.	Men's ACTS small group-REC
	7 p.m.	Women's ACTS team-ACTS Room
FRI 1/25	8:30 a.m.	Rosary-CH
	10 a.m.	Chair Exercises for Seniors-LL
SAT 1/26	8 a.m.	SVdP Collection-GARAGE
	8:30 a.m.	Rosary-CH
	4 p.m.	Confessions-CH
	4 p.m.	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner-CAFÉ
	4:30 p.m.	Rosary-CH
SUN 1/27	8 a.m.	TWB Gift Cards Available -LL
	10 a.m.	Assumption Schools Open House-CH
	7 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC
	7 p.m.	Men's Pickup Basketball-GYM
	7 p.m.	Lifenight-SALESIAN

CH—Church SC—School CAFÉ—Cafeteria
H—Parish Center REC—Rectory Lower Level
LL—Church Lower Level AC—Chapel

Funeral Luncheon Cooks Needed

Do you want to be able to comfort those who mourn? The Assumption Funeral Committee is looking for some additional kitchen assistants to cook for funeral luncheons. For more information, please contact Jerry Lesmeister at 314-487-7668.

Special Events

Jan. 20	Athletic Association's Adult's Only AFC/NFC Championship Watch Party
Jan. 20	Young Adult/Young Families' Social with Donuts after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Jan. 26	Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner
Jan. 27	Assumption Open House
Jan. 31-Feb. 3	Women's ACTS Retreat
Feb. 2/3	Bake Sale for Youth Choir
Feb. 16	Knights of Columbus Texas Hold 'Em Tournament
Feb. 22	Youth Choir sings at STL Ambush Game
Feb. 23	Athletic Association Trivia Night

Young Adult & Young Families Donut Social After January 20th's 10:30 Mass

Whether you are in your 20s and new to this whole "adulthood" thing or you are well into your 30s and bringing your kids to Mass (or somewhere in between), we welcome you to join us downstairs after the 10:30 Mass for some free donuts and fellowship!



All-You-Can-Eat

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Benefiting Boy
Scout Troop 169

01.26.19

4-8 pm | Saturday

\$10 (13 & Up)
\$5 (12 & under)

Spaghetti, Salsiccia,
Salad, & Bread
Assumption Parish

Meeting of Separated/Divorced/Widowed Catholics

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at the Saint Catherine Laboure parish cafeteria (next to the playground) 9740 Sappington Road, Sunset Hills, Missouri. After a short meeting, we will elect our SCDC officers and committee members for the upcoming year. We will also have refreshments and desserts afterwards. SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provides the opportunity to share your personal story with caring people. For more information please call Pat Lynch at (314) 537-5930 or Bill DeCoursey at (314) 894-0733.

Mass Intentions †

January 20	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
10:30 a.m.	Philip Kratzert †
Noon	Sandra Stone †
6 p.m.	Helen Bell †
January 21	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Tom & Dorothy Figliola
8 a.m.	Danny Crimmins †
January 22	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Helen Bell †
8 a.m.	Tom Gasper †
January 23	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	John Walesky †
8 a.m.	Eleanor & Sal Catanzaro †
January 24	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Paul Manno
8 a.m.	Antonina & Emma Kauffmann †
January 25	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	Cissie Koprivica †
January 26	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Maribeth Bergholtz †
5 p.m.	Sr. Anne DeFebbo
January 27	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Roy Ottenlips †
9 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Carolyn Stockton †
Noon	Linda DeClue †
6 p.m.	Delores Bauer
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Betty Bresnahan
Jim Hercules
Sheri Oldani Zambruski
Ann Macke
Michael Manning
Ann Marie Marelli
Marilyn Massey
William McConnell
Arthur Miller
Carole Ann Miller
Debbie Moriarty
Mary Morrow
Mike Muckler

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Raymond Bast USN
Kyle Bottorf
Justin Brock USA*
Robert Bryant III USAF*
Dustin Burnett USAF
Dominic Catalano
Dakota Chappel
Lauren Chellis USN
Michael Cole
Sean Danaher USAF
David DiFranco USA
Kevin Deitz
Brandon Delrosa USA

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Baptisms



Congratulations to Penelope Lynn on her Baptism December 30th. Pictured with Penelope are her parents, Michael & Elizabeth, godparents Brennan & Margaret and Dcn. Bill Meister.



Congratulations to Ruth Elizabeth on her Baptism, December 30th. Pictured with Ruth are her parents Samuel & Claire, her godparents, Daniel & Sarah, and Dcn. Bill Meister.

† Usual contributions for Mass offerings are \$5. Please stop by the Parish Office during office hours.



Visit the Parish Website to register today for Online Giving!

Stewardship Jan. 13

Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$5.00
Christmas	\$60.00
End of Year: General Fund	\$203.00
End of Year: Where Most Needed	\$300.00
General Fund 2018	\$760.00
General Fund 2019	\$20,010.44
Giving Tuesday	\$28.00
Lifeline Coalition	\$410.00
Maintenance Fund	\$25.00
Parish Gift	\$325.00
Partner in Education	\$380.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$40.00
Retired Religious	\$100.00
Seminary	\$37.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$120.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$203.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$915.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$45.00
Year End	\$170.00
Total	\$24,136.44

Stewardship Jan. 6

All Saints	\$200.00
Christmas	\$145.00
Christmas Flowers	\$5.00
End of Year: Where Most Needed	\$260.00
General Fund 2018	\$7,520.71
General Fund 2019	\$16,770.26
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Lifeline Coalition	\$1,014.00
Partner in Education	\$50.00
Seminary	\$30.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$545.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$413.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,280.00
Year End	\$35.00
Total	\$28,277.97



Our Mission:
 -Worship God
 -Share the Good News of Jesus
 -Serve Christ in others
Our Vision:
 -Continue the work of Jesus Christ

Our Goal:
 Every parishioner— a saint!

Baptisms



Congratulations to McKenzie Rose on her Baptism, December 30th. Pictured with McKenzie are her parents Shaun & Lauren, her godparents, Matthew & Kelly, and Dcn. Bill Meister.



Congratulations to Jonathan William on his Baptism, January 6th. Pictured with Jonathan are his parents, Brandon & Kathleen, his big brother and sister, his godparents, Kevin & Ann and Fr. Jeffrey Maassen.



Congratulations to Eleanor, who was received into the Church on January 13th at her Baptism. Pictured with Eleanor are her parents, Laura & James, and her godparents, Samantha & Michael.

Registering at Assumption

Everyone needs a family.
 Belonging to a parish family unites us with people of all ages and backgrounds in the journey to Jesus Christ.

Assumption Parish (Mattese) warmly welcomes you to our family of Faith!

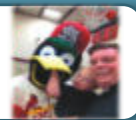
I/We would like to register at Assumption:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please return this slip to the Parish Office (located in the Rector's Office) or drop in the offertory basket, and we will be in touch soon to help you register here! You may also visit the office Monday-Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to register.



Catholic Funerals Are Different

Catholics are choosing cremation in greater rates than ever. Just a generation ago, cremation was unimaginable for a practicing Catholic, but the Holy See gave permission for Catholics to be cremated in good conscience.

However, there are still some provisions to remember because Catholic funerals should be different:

1. Catholics are not permitted to “scatter the ashes” of another Catholic.
2. Catholic remains must be buried, even if they are cremated. They may not be placed in a container or (multiple containers) and remain in a home or homes.
3. The body of a Catholic may not be disposed by a recent means called “flameless cremation” or Alkaline Hydrolysis.

Catholic funeral customs are different because they are dictated by our belief in the bodily resurrection of the dead.

Unlike the funerals of statesmen and celebrities which are designed to be viewed on television and include entertainment and informative aspects, the Catholic Funeral is intended as a supplication before God for the soul of the deceased and as comfort to the mourners.

Catholics should plan that the Mass be central to their funeral rites. Nothing benefits the soul of the deceased more than the offering of Holy Mass. The graces of Mass, the prayers of the clergy and mourners and the unity with Christ in His death and resurrection benefit the souls of the dead more than any other action or monument.

In a world where anyone who dies is naively and immediately assumed to be in heaven with God, Catholics understand the truth of the sinful human condition and the extent of God's Divine mercy. We understand that prayers for the dead are important and how we treat the remains of the deceased expresses our belief in Jesus Christ.

Unbelievers usually eulogize the dead in an attempt to extend or even shape the memory of a loved one. Their accomplishments are listed, funny antidotes are told and special memories are shared. But hopefully Catholics realize that the dead stand now before God in need of His mercy and our prayers. While the eulogy is not antithetical to the Catholic understanding of the Funeral Mass, it is not always appropriate.

Catholic Funerals are different because we believe differently from the world.
That's okay, we hold the truth and we should act like it!

God bless,
Fr Keller

Holy Land Highlights!

Here are some snaps that Fr. Keller & friends have sent us from their pilgrimage!
Continued on page 6.



Church of the Annunciation
(Nazareth)



Alongside the
River Jordan



The Dead Sea



Mount of the Beatitudes

RECLAIMING MY CATHOLIC FAITH

Week 8 Meditation on Hope

Last week we reflected on the Theological Virtue called faith. The theological virtues are supernatural gifts that God bestows on specific individuals of His choosing. The supernatural virtues of faith, hope, and love lead to eternal happiness.

Faith is a childlike trust in God. Hope is derived from Faith. Trusting in God necessarily leads to a supernatural hope in a reward for that trust. Hope is a trust that God will save us from sin and death. Faith leads us to the Gospel. The Gospel leads us to hope in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Resurrection of Jesus gives us hope that He will raise us up from the dead.

Hope is a gift from God by which the intellect is illuminated to the knowledge that God will give us the grace necessary to attain everlasting life. Ultimately, hope brings happiness to the soul, contentment to the mind, and resignation to the will, for each action that a person filled with hope performs is directed toward attaining heaven. When Jesus promised His disciples that he would “give a peace that the world cannot give” He was referring to the supernatural gift of hope.

Hope can be distorted into presumption. It is not uncommon for a person to presume God will forgive a sin, this is another sin called presumption. Hope makes us vigilant to avoid sin, presumption lets us fall into sin without compunction or remorse.

Other virtues derived from Hope

Joy – a disposition flowing from trust in God’s ultimate goodness.

Prayer – a sense that God will hear us in our need.

Penance – a sense that God forgives the repentant soul.

Peace – a sense that everything that begins with Christ will end with Him.

Questions:

Do I presume God’s mercy without true amendment of life?

Do I hope for eternal happiness over earthly happiness?

Do I have inner peace?



Couples renewing their vows at the Church of the Wedding Feast in Cana



Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem



Petra, Jordan



Caves near Shepherd's Fields in Bethlehem

Assumption Parish Schools

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday,
January 27, 2019
10 am - 1 pm

4709 Mattis Road
314-487-6520



All current and potential families
are welcome to attend!



Senior Ministry

Laura Benson
Senior Apostolate
Coordinator

Senior Ministry News!

Do you have family or friends out of town who use Skype video via their home computers or smartphones to communicate? Maybe you do not have a computer or smartphone to use this fun program with them. Well, now you can set up an appointment here in the Senior Ministry office to use our laptop Skype to see and talk with them!

I will be showing seniors how it works next Weds. Jan. 23 and also the following Senior Weds. Jan 30 after the 10 a.m. chair exercises. Come try the chair exercises to work your muscles and help your heart! Then stay to "see and visit" with a surprise special friend from our parish past using Skype!!

1/23 and 1/30 Senior Weds.

8 a.m. Mass

8:30 am.. Coffee, Hot Tea/Cocoa, Fruit & Treats

10 a.m. Chair Exercises

11 a.m. Skype session with "Surprise Friend"
from our parish past

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Questions?

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aym upcoming events:

Jan. 20TH- NO LIFE NIGHT!

I know that everyone slept like a baby on the bus back from DC, but just in case, no life night tonight. See you next week!

Jan. 27TH- ALONE

Have you ever felt alone before? We will unpack the difference between isolation and solitude to help us move from being alone to being with God and others.

FEB. 3RD- INVITED

Jesus chooses you, invites you, and pursues you. Join us after Mass for a night on God's invitation to enter into community.



LIFE TEEN



Presents:

AFC/NFC Championship Watch Party



- Watch the Games on the NEW 20-foot Big Screen in the Gym!
- Sunday January 20th, 2019 @ 1:00 PM Until Games End
- \$20 Admission includes Beer & Soda.
- Football fare will be available for purchase.
- This Event is for **ADULTS** only.

Bring your cash for the all the Side Games!

- Bags
- Squares
- Cards
- 50/50
- Prop Bet



Trivia Night!— Saturday February 23rd

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. & Trivia is at 7:00 p.m.

\$200 per table of 8 includes beer & soda.

Outside food & drink is allowed.

Register at www.assumptionsports.org.

For information on Sponsorship Opportunities,
send an email

to trivianight@assumptionsports.org.

Please join us
to pray a

Living Rosary
for Life

Sunday,
Jan. 20,
2:30 pm

Honoring
St. John Bosco &
St. Dominic Savio

We will gather in
Church

Light refreshments
following!



Assumption Youth Choir Super Bowl Bake Sale

February 2 & 3

- After all Masses downstairs
in the St. Marie Hall
- Donations support the
Assumption Youth Choir!



Assumption Day with the AMBUSH!

Friday, February 22, 7:35 p.m.

Kick back with St. Louis Ambush Soccer
at the Family Arena!

Cheer on the

Assumption Youth Choir

as they sing "God Bless America!"
at the St. Charles Family Arena,

Tickets only \$15! (Regularly \$22)



For more information, contact Mary Meyer:

314-607-9596, or meyomey@yahoo.com

To get your tickets, go to www.assumptionstl.org/special-events
to print the registration form. Please return the form to the
Assumption School or Parish Office by Feb. 11!



Knights of Columbus Poker Tournament

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a
Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament 02/16/19!
Tourney will be held in the church lower level
(St. Marie Hall).

Cost is \$25 and gift cards for the
winners. Interested? Contact Steve at

valksr@yahoo.com or go to

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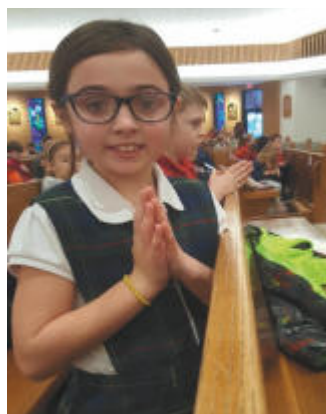
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an hour with our Lord!



“...we get to go to STEM in the Innovation Lab and learn how to program robots.”
- CeCe, 3rd grade



“...we have an outdoor classroom and chickens, cluck, cluck!”
- Jack, 2nd grade



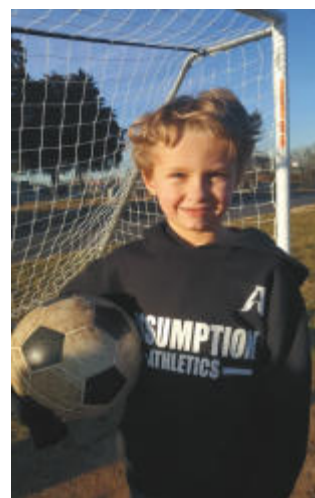
...we get to go to church.”
-Addisen, 2nd grade



“I *love* Assumption because...”



“...I love the teachers.”
- Mimi, Kindergarten



“...we get to play soccer on our new field.”
- Logan, 2nd grade



“...there are so many kind people.”
- Adri, 1st grade



“...we get to do fun things, like go to PE, art, and play on the playground.”
- Carter, 1st grade

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**Thank
You!**



Special thanks to
Ava Johnson,
Assumption Class of 2016,
who celebrated her birthday by
asking friends who came to her
party to bring canned goods for
our St. Vincent de Paul
food pantry.

Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
Jan. 27	Jan. 18
Feb. 3	Jan. 25

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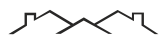


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