



## GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

June 2, 2019

The Ascension of the Lord

### MOST BLESSED PLACE ON EARTH



### ASSUMPTION PARISH PICNIC

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019**

PARADE BEGINS AT 11 A.M. | PICNIC BEGINS AT NOON  
OUTDOOR MASS AT 5 P.M.

#### PICNIC WILL INCLUDE...

Rides • Games • Chicken Dinner  
BBQ • Drinks • Live Music & More!!!

The night will end  
with an exciting  
**FIREWORKS** display!



#### 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.  
By Appt: Call Fr. Keller or Fr. Weber

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## This Week

<b>SUN</b> <b>6/2</b>	8 a.m.	<b>Good News Sunday</b> TWB Gift Cards Available-LL
	7 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC
	7 p.m.	Men's Pickup Basketball-GYM
<b>MON</b> <b>6/3</b>	8:30 a.m.	Rosary-CH
	6:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul-REC
	7 p.m.	Separated/Divorced Catholics-LL
	7 p.m.	ACTS Men Formation-ACTS
<b>TUE</b> <b>6/4</b>	8:45 a.m.	Rosary-CH
	8:30 a.m.	Exercise-LL
	6:30 p.m.	Fatima Rosary-CH
	7 p.m.	W.I.N.E. Book Club-ACTS Room
<b>WED</b> <b>6/5</b>	8:30 a.m.	Rosary-CH
	8:30 a.m.	Senior Wednesday-LL
	9 a.m.	Quilters-LL
	6 p.m.	Parish Holy Hour-CH
	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Thomas)-CAFÉ
<b>THU</b> <b>6/6</b>	8:30 a.m.	Rosary-CH
	8:30 a.m.	Exercise-LL
	7 p.m.	Men's ACTS Small Group-LL
<b>FRI</b> <b>6/7</b>	8:30 a.m.	Rosary-CH
	8:30 a.m.	First Friday Senior Pot Luck-LL
	10 a.m.	Chair Exercises -LL
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Pre-Picnic Party -PARKING LOT
<b>SAT</b> <b>6/8</b>	8:30 a.m.	Rosary-CH
	11 a.m.	Parish Picnic Parade
	12 p.m.	Parish Picnic--PARKING LOT
	4 p.m.	Confessions-CH
<b>SUN</b> <b>6/9</b>	8 a.m.	TWB Gift Cards Available-LL
	7 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC
	7 p.m.	Men's Pickup Basketball-GYM

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



### Vacation Bible School June 24-28

If you have a child ages 3 through 3rd grade, sign them up for our FREE Vacation Bible School by going to [assumptionstl.org/vbs](http://assumptionstl.org/vbs). VBS is free, but donations are appreciated.

## Special Events

June 2-7 AYM on Project Life Mission Week  
June 7 Adult-Only Picnic Pre-Party  
June 8 Parish Picnic  
June 14 YACHT Club Night at the Gateway Grizzlies  
June 20-23 Men's ACTS Retreat  
August 20-24, August 27-31  
September 3-6, September 10-14  
Parish Directory Photos taken  
Oct. 10-13 Women's ACTS Retreat  
Oct. 19 Assumption Gala & Auction



Friday, June 14th is

# YACHT CLUB NIGHT

AT THE

# GATEWAY GRIZZLIES



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**Tailgate at the park - 5:30 p.m.**  
(BYO dinner)  
**Game starts - 7:05 p.m.**

**Get tickets for the LEFT LAWN**  
(\$6 in advance, \$7 at the door)  
**which is next to the ballpark's playground.**

**Go to [assumptionstl.org/events/yacht-grizzlies](http://assumptionstl.org/events/yacht-grizzlies)**  
**for more info & to buy tickets online!**

**DON'T LEAVE THE VBS DIRECTOR STRANDED!**

**Volunteers needed: Adults**

**High School Students**

**Junior High Students**

**MARK YOUR**

**CALENDARS**

**NOW**



**VACATION BIBLE**

**SCHOOL**

**June 24-28**

**CONTACT :**  
**[STRINGERV@ASSUMPTIONSTL.ORG](mailto:STRINGERV@ASSUMPTIONSTL.ORG)**

## Mass Intentions †

June 2	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	M & J Gioia †
9 a.m.	Harold Sykora †
10:30 a.m.	William Fitzgerald †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Linda DeClue †
June 3	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Matthew Allen †
8 a.m.	Dennis Hageman †
June 4	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Helen Bell †
8 a.m.	James Sparetti †
June 5	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Dan Rogaczewski †
8 a.m.	Mary Donovan †
June 6	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Wilbert Eckstein †
8 a.m.	Craig Wnuk †
June 7	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Joyce Fick †
8 a.m.	Brett D. Grant †
June 8	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Dan Mueller †
5 p.m.	Margaret Behnen †
June 9	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9 a.m.	Wilbert Eckstein †
10:30 a.m.	Dan Connors †
Noon	Tom & John Williamson †
6 p.m.	Juanita Masterson †
	† denotes deceased

## In Our Prayers

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Kent Kenniston
Debra Kersting
Ruth Kinsella
Shirley Klahs
Joan Klutho
Denny Krentz
Johanna Kubot
Cletus Lauer
Genevieve Lauer
Janet Leisure
Ray Leisure
Marietta Lewandowski
Marie LoPiccolo

### OUR MILITARY \*denotes parishioner

Derek Ryan
Austin Shields
John Siebert
Todd Smick, USN
Aaron Stryak
Robert Stockwood, USMC
Andrew Titus USN*
Matthew Titus USN*
Eddie Torres, USAF
Marti Torres, USAF
Brett Utz, USCG
Jenna Welchlen, USA
Steven Wodraska, USN

## Weekly Readings

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53  
7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26  
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33  
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a  
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19  
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26  
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19  
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf.7b]/Jn 21:20-25  
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.  
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [12]/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

## Rest in Peace

Maria Stonecypher  
Leonard Reinheimer  
Marie Mudd

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



## SUNDAE-FUNDAY on June 23rd

*Young Families & Young Adults welcome!*

Instead of our usual third-Sunday-of-the-month gathering, this month we will meet on the fourth Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Pack a picnic lunch for your family and join us in our outdoor classroom for Ted Drewes' frozen custard, crafts & fellowship!

**The Assumption Men's  
ACTS Retreat  
is June 20-23, 2019!**

For more information or to sign up,  
please contact retreat director  
Paul Hesse at [prhesse@swbell.net](mailto:prhesse@swbell.net).  
An ACTS retreat is a parish-based  
retreat that offers you the  
opportunity to strengthen your faith  
and to build lasting friendships.

**Parish School of Religion  
(PSR) registration**

Whether you are a **new family** or a  
**returning family**, you can go to the  
PSR section of our website  
([assumptionstl.org](http://assumptionstl.org)) for more  
information or to register!

**Stewardship  
May 26**

Fill the Gap - Parish School 2017	\$240.00
General Fund 2019	\$18,381.14
Maintenance Fund	\$30.00
Partners in Education	\$125.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$505.00
Retired Religious	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$639.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,930.14</b>



**Baptism**

Congratulations to Declan on  
his Baptism on May 19th!  
Pictured with him are his  
parents, Joseph & Kaitlyn.  
Welcome to the Church, Declan!

**Shuttle Bus for Seniors**



**Are you a senior  
who needs a ride to Mass?**

Our Assumption shuttle bus ministry  
is accepting riders!

To sign up, go to [www.assumptionstl.org/shuttle-for-seniors](http://www.assumptionstl.org/shuttle-for-seniors)  
or contact our Transportation Coordinator, Judy Talleur,  
at 314-487-7970 x 1228 or [shuttlebus@assumptionstl.org](mailto:shuttlebus@assumptionstl.org)

**Our Lady  
Help of Christians  
Adoration Chapel**



Open 24/7.  
(Contact the  
Parish Office  
for the keycode.)

**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 Rectory) 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.*



**Assumption  
Parish  
Mission**

**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!



**Visit the Parish  
Website to register today  
for Online Giving!**

## Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller



### Parish Fun-Raisers!

Every parish has events that raise money, but these events also give parishioners opportunities to work together, make friends, feel needed, and support one another. Annually, our biggest event is the Parish Picnic.

Catholic Parishes in the Midwest have a great tradition of picnics. They started out as a spring day when parishioners, after fasting and going to confession, received Holy Communion together (reception of Communion was infrequent in those days) followed by a big family-style picnic in the Church Yard. Men wore straw hats and women wore bonnets. Everyone sat around in the sun and ate and drank while some organized simple games for the children.

Then one day, somewhere, the pastor got a devilish idea and said, "Let's use the parish picnic to make money for the parish!" Dinners were prepared and sold in the church hall and booths were set up to play games of chance for children and adults. In some places, bingo was added. That pastor's idea caught on and spread from one parish to the next and eventually other pastors added parades, raffles, and traveling carnival rides and the modern parish picnic was born.

Assumption has a great parish picnic tradition. Our Chicken Dinners, BBQ and deserts are amazing. Our volunteers are tireless and cheerful. Regardless of the weather, a lot of people participate.

Lately, we've added a pre-party the night before for grown-ups, an outdoor Saturday 5 p.m. Mass on the fields (as well as the regular indoor Mass in church) and fireworks to finish the evening!

It certainly helps if we make a profit, but what makes the Assumption Parish Picnic a success is how we pull together to make this a fun and exciting event for everyone!

Another great tradition is our Assumption Fish Fry! Obviously, some entrepreneurial pastor in ages past said, "The parish picnic makes money; let's

monetize fish on Fridays too." Now, lots of parishes and Knights of Columbus halls have a Lenten fish fry. I've been a part of many parish fish fries, but nothing on the scale of Assumption's! Recently, it has blown up into a South County tradition! Just like the parish picnic, our fish fry each Friday of Lent is meant to be a fundraiser, but it is also a great community event that brings together parishioners of all ages, as well as Catholic and non-Catholic neighbors from all over South County.

Here's a quick report from our 2019 Lenten Fish Fry, courtesy of Josh Vautrain who kept track of this year's statistics:

- Fish Fry sales in dollars are up 28%.
- Concession sales increased by 9%.
- On our biggest night, we sold 1,364 meals.
- Total revenue this Lent was \$101,302.
- Carry Out meals were 19% of all meals.
- We reduced the average wait time in line to about 12 minutes.
- Orders paid by credit card made up 33% of all orders.
- We cooked 9,538 pieces of fish.
- We fried 11,232 shrimp.
- We served 18,560 hushpuppies.
- We fried 197,000 french fries.
- We served 620 lbs of coleslaw.
- We served 120 trays of Bartolino's pasta.
- We baked 135 pizzas.
- We diced 294 eggs for salad.
- We served 1,387 pounds of macaroni and cheese.
- We served 1,401 pounds of green beans.
- We prepared 10,063 desserts.
- Total profit to the parish from 2019: about **\$40,000**
- About **\$4.57** of every dinner was income
- Average income per week **\$5,714**

Thanks to all of our great parish volunteers who make Assumption the vibrant place it is!

God bless, Fr. Keller

# RECLAIMING MY CATHOLIC FAITH

## Reflection on Confirmation

One of the great tragedies of modern Catholic life is the lack of emphasis on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Admittedly, history has made this a difficult sacrament to explain. At one time it was administered with of the Rite of Baptism and First Holy Communion. So these three sacraments were easily understood when they were conferred together: Baptism makes you a child of the Father, Holy Eucharist unites you with Christ the Son, and Confirmation give you a share in the Holy Spirit.

Over the centuries they were split into our current form: Baptism usually at birth, First Holy Communion around 7 years of age and Confirmation, when one is in his or her teens.

Confirmation transmits the gift of the Holy Spirit to help the recipient live their Catholic Faith. Unfortunately, in an absence of good catechesis, a lot of wrong things have been taught about Confirmation:

1. Confirmation is not a so-called "Rite of Passage" to Christian adulthood because even an infant can be fully initiated into the Christian Faith
2. Confirmation is not one's time to "choose Christ" because it is Christ who chooses us we only can respond to His call.

"By the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1285)

The soul of the Confirmed person is strengthened by the Holy Spirit through the transmission of **Seven Biblically specified Gifts** (*Isaiah 11:2-3*) identified as attributes of the Messiah, but through the sacrament, are given to the members of the Church. They are known as the 'Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit'.

*These Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are:*

1. **Wisdom**, which detaches us from the world, making us delight in and love only the things of heaven.
2. **Understanding**, which helps us to grasp the truths of religion as far as is necessary.
3. **Counsel**, which springs from supernatural prudence, and enables us to see and choose correctly what will help most to the glory of God and our own salvation.
4. **Fortitude**, which gives us courage to overcome the obstacles and difficulties that arise in the practice of our religious duties.
5. **Knowledge**, which points out to us the path to follow and the dangers to avoid in order to reach heaven.
6. **Piety**, which inspires us with a tender and filial confidence in God, makes us joyfully embrace all that pertains to His service.
7. And lastly, **fear of the Lord** (wonder, awe), which fills us with a sovereign respect for God, and makes us dread, above all things, offending Him.

One of the most ancient prayers of the Church goes like this: "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the power of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth."

## Questions for Reflection:

Do I spread and defend  
the Catholic Faith by word and deed?

Do I cultivate the  
Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit in my life?

Do I invite the Holy Spirit  
into my life regularly?



**Elementary  
Religious Education**  
Valerie Stringer  
Director



Before school students departed for the summer each homeroom from Preschool through eighth grade received statues of Mary. Each grade will learn about a different title of Mary and accompanying saint each year. Third graders were excited to learn about Our Lady of Fatima. These statues were part of a grant from the Knights of Columbus to add images of saints to the classrooms.



**Senior Ministry**  
Laura Benson  
Senior Apostolate Coordinator



### **Grant's Farm Field Trip this Wednesday, June 5th!**

We will leave Assumption (carpool or shuttle— if available) at 9:30 a.m.

Join us and ride the tram to various parts of the park, watch a free animal show and feed the animals, if you like (\$1.50)! Lunch will be available for purchase (approx. \$8). We will return to Assumption at 2 p.m. **Please RSVP to Laura Benson 314-487-7970 Ext 1228 by Monday, June 3.**

### **Senior Ministry Activities**

- 6/5** No Chair Exercises (Grant's Farm field trip!)
- 6/7** 8:00 a.m. First Friday Mass  
8:30 a.m. Pot-luck breakfast, St. Marie Hall  
As a reminder, please bring one of the following to share: Last names starting with M - Z, bring an egg casserole or other hot breakfast dish like french toast, waffles, bacon, sausage, etc. Last names starting with A - L, bring a fruit salad or cut-up fruit OR some type of bread: cinnamon rolls, biscuits, muffins, or bagels. Coffee, tea, juice and condiments will be provided. A cart will be next to the elevator to hold your dishes during Mass.  
10:00 am - Chair exercises

# AYM SUMMER EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Sunday, June 2: NO LIFE NIGHT**

**Saturday, June 8- Parish Picnic:**

AYM is hosting a booth and needs volunteers.  
2 hour shifts, Noon-9 p.m.  
Interested? Contact Caitlyn Chickey

**Sunday, June 9- Life Night: Same Wavelength**

Jesus wants to start something new every time you walk through the Church doors for Mass.



# PRE-PICNIC PARTY

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7**

**6:30 - 10 PM**

**GAMBLING BOOTHS OPEN**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**BBQ & DRINKS  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**



## ASSUMPTION PARISH PICNIC RAFFLE



**Grand Prize is  
\$5,000!**

**Ends June 7, 2019**

**\$25 ea./Buy 4, Get 1 Free**

### Parish Picnic Raffle!

Our Parish Picnic raffle is in full swing! You may have received an email from GoRaiseDough.com.

It's real! It's legit! We made some changes—the price per ticket has changed as well as the prizes.

Please use the link that you were emailed to support our Parish picnic.

If you did not receive an email about the raffle, we will be selling tickets on Picnic Day, after some Masses, at [assumptionstl.org/raffle](http://assumptionstl.org/raffle) & in the Parish Office.

Tickets are \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00.

Prizes - \$5,000, \$1,000, and (5) \$100.00

### Parish Picnic Updates!

#### Picnic Pre-Sale Items Available ONLINE

Avoid the rush --order your Picnic Essentials TODAY and pick them up before the picnic!

Pre-Sale Items:

- **Ride Bracelets** - \$25 Presale Price (\$35 Day of the Picnic)
- **Chicken Dinner Tickets**
- **Assumption Game Booth Tickets**

Get these sweet deals at  
[assumptionstl.org/picnic](http://assumptionstl.org/picnic)

before the pre-sale closes on June 6th at 10 p.m!

#### Dessert-Makers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help make desserts for our chicken dinners. Please drop off your dessert in the Parish Center the morning of the picnic.

Thank you! Questions? Contact Paul  
@ 314-450-3363.

#### Picnic Parade starts at 11 a.m.

If you have a **special vehicle** you would like to be in our Disney-themed parade, please email Staci at [smaloney@centene.com](mailto:smaloney@centene.com) to add your name to the lineup.

We will meet on the West Parking Lot at 10:15 a.m. (behind the White House).

### Parish Picnic Full Schedule!

**June 6** 10 p.m. **Picnic Pre-sale closes**

**June 7** 6:30-10 p.m. **Pre-Picnic Party**, Grown-ups only!

**Live Music**—Samurai 5

Gambling, Beverages, & a Scout-Sponsored BBQ

**June 8** 8 a.m.-Noon **Dessert drop-off** in Parish Center

10:15 a.m. Parade vehicles meet on the West Parking Lot (behind the white house)

11 a.m. **Parade begins!**

Travels from the West Parking Lot to Mattis to Telstar to Skyridge, to Valmeyer to Mattis to Assumption.

**NOON Picnic officially opens!**

Rides & game booths open

Golf cart parking lot shuttle for seniors begins

**Live Music**—Pete & Mary Kate Buncher

1-7 p.m. **Chicken Dinners** served Parish Center

3-5 p.m. **Live Music**—Shangeri-La

5 p.m. **"Mass on the Grass"** on the field and Mass in the church, as usual

7-11 p.m. **Live Music** — Hulapoppers

Around 9:30 p.m. **Raffle** winners announced!

Grand Prize \$5,000

**Fireworks!**

## Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all?

Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and grow closer to that special someone who loves you, and whom you love. A special WWME weekend away is Jun. 21-23, 2019 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL; or Aug. 9-11 at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call 314.649.7317.

## **Assumption raises over \$500 for STL Help**



helped us make this donation possible!

On April 28th, the Fr. Griffin Council of the Knights of Columbus and the ACTS community hosted a pancake breakfast in the school cafeteria to benefit St. Louis HELP, which collects medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, walkers and much more, to be loaned to those in need for free. On Thursday, May 16th, a check for \$564.65 was presented to St. Louis HELP. Seated in the front row from L to R are Laura Cannon Singer, executive director of St. Louis HELP & Tim Hessel from the Knights. In the back row are Judy Budrovich & Diane Hildebrand, from Assumption ACTS, and a St. Louis HELP employee. Thanks to everyone who

## **ASSUMPTION PARISH HOLY HOUR**

Join us for prayer, adoration, and confessions each Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the church.

## **ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS**

### **Mass on Memorial of the Ugandan Martyrs**

Come and join us for Mass and veneration of relics sponsored by the St. Charles Lwanga Center on the Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions. This year we will gather on Monday, June 3, 6:30 p.m. St. Nicholas Catholic Church, (701 N. 18<sup>th</sup> St., St. Louis, 63103.) Call the Center at (314) 367-7929 if additional information is needed.

## **Annual LOVE & LIFE Mass and Dinner**

On Saturday, July 13, 2019, the Archdiocese is celebrating God's Loving Design for Marriage, Families and Life. Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship and fun on Saturday, July 13, 2019 in celebration of the 51st anniversary of the release of *Humanae Vitae*. Connect with friends from around the St. Louis area for this anticipated annual event sponsored by the Office of Natural Family Planning. Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis by Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, followed by a dinner catered by Pasta House and children's entertainment in Boland Hall. Adult: \$12 • Children (Ages 3-11): \$6 {or a maximum of \$60 per household}. Purchase tickets: [bit.ly/HVDinner2019](http://bit.ly/HVDinner2019) by July 7.

For more info: 314.997.7576 or [stlnfp@archstl.org](mailto:stlnfp@archstl.org)

## **Parish Missionary Disciples Training Course**

This 10 month training open to individuals as well as parish teams. Learn how to: Pray more effectively and teach another to pray; share the Gospel with another; Share personal testimony; accompany others on their Catholic Discipleship journey. Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dates: 8/10/19, 9/24/19, 10/12/19, 11/2/19, 12/7/19, 1/11/20, 2/8/20, 3/14/20, 4/4/20, and 5/2/20. For more information, please call Julie Bostick at 314-792-7180 or email [juliebostick@arcshstl.org](mailto:juliebostick@arcshstl.org).

## **Save the Date for Kujenga Days!**

Our youth leadership conference will be held on Friday, July 12 from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday, July 13 from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. The hosting site will be St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church Parish Hall (1118 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63106).

Applications available from the St. Charles Lwanga Center and youth minister representatives from the sponsoring parishes.

## **Bible Study**

The Lwanga Center's on-site Bible Study continues on Wednesdays through June 5 at 1:00 p.m. We are praying and exploring with the Book of Job. Please bring a Bible. The New American Edition is preferred. There is no charge for the sessions.

Free will offerings are always welcome. Contact us at (314) 367-7929 for additional information.

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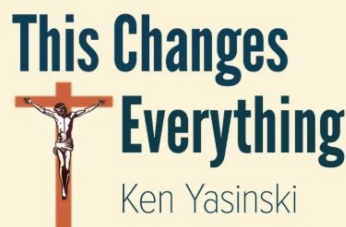
Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples ... and now through us. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.



**Save the Date :**  
**Parish Directory Photos!**  
**August 20-24, August 27-31**  
**September 3-6, September 10-14**

As your making your plans for summer, please keep in mind that we are updating our parish directory! Get your family's portrait taken and receive a complimentary directory and access to a mobile app version of the directory as well. More information to follow!

## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



Many religions make contrasting claims about Jesus. Even different Christian denominations can't decide what they believe. So how do we know what's true? In this talk, Ken Yasinski gets to the heart of the issue by looking at what Jesus said about himself and the impact this has on us.

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