



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2019



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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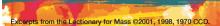
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"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek

and you will find; knock and the door will be

opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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This Week					
SUN 7/28	10:30 a.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Senior Ministry Retreat Ends with Mass & Social ^{-CH/LL} Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life ^{-AC} Men's Basketball ^{-GYM}			
MON 7/29	8:30 a.m.	Rosary-CH			
TUE 7/30	8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Exercise-LL Rosary-CH Senior Ministry attends Coalition for Life dinner-Queeny Park Women's ACTS Formation-REC Fatima Rosary-CH			
WED 7/31	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary-CH Senior Wednesdays-LL Quilters-LL Parish Holy Hour-CH "The Mass" Study & Prayer Group-ACTS			
THU 8/1	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary ^{-CH} Exercise ^{-LL} Men's ACTS Small Group ^{-REC}			
FRI 8/2	8:30 a.m.	Rosary-CH			
SAT 8/3	8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 12 p.m. 4 p.m.	Rosary-CH Auction Donation Collection-Knobbe House First Saturday Public Rosary-LAWN Confessions-CH			
SUN 8/4	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	*Good News Sunday* Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC Men's Basketball-GYM			

CH_Church SC_School CAFE_Cafeteria
H_Parish Center REC_Rectory Lower Level
LLChurch Lower Level AC_Chapel

Assumption Volleyball Parochial Tryout

Tryouts are August 6, 6:30-8pm.

The Assumption Gym will open at 6 p.m. for warm ups. Tryouts are open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls that either attend PSR at Assumption or Mary Mother or attend Assumption School.

For more information

email: volleyball.lay.director@assumptionsports.org



Visit the Parish Website to register today for Online Giving!

Special Events

Aug. 9 Children's Choir Cardinals Game

Aug. 10 Home & School Pool Party

Aug. 11 Blessing of the Backpacks Mass

Aug.15 Feast on the Feast Day

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Aug. 20-24, 27-31, & Sept. 3-6,10-14

Parish Directory photos taken

Aug. 24 AAA Golf Classic



First Saturday Public Square Rosary

WHAT: Praying the Rosary
WHERE: Along Mattis Rd,
near the Assumption sign
(Bring a lawn chair if you'd like.)
WHEN: First Saturday Aug. 3 at NOON.



Come celebrate

the feast of the Assumption with Holy Mass & Food Trucks!

Mass Schedule: 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., Noon, 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Food trucks

will be on the parking lot with savory food, ice cream, & shaved ice available for purchase from 6-8:30 p.m.



THURSDAY, AUG. 15TH

Assumption Soccer Camp In Association with the St. Louis Ambush

August 12, 13, 14, and 16. 6:30 - 8:00 pm Assumption Soccer Fields Grades K - 8

Cost \$70 per player - Includes Ambush T-Shirt and Free Ticket Voucher to Ambush Home Game To register, go to <u>www.assumptionsports.org</u>

Mass Intentions †

July 28	SUNDAY	
7:30 a.m.	Dan Mueller †	
9 a.m.	John & Helen Bennett †	
10:30 a.m.	Ruppe Family †	
Noon	People of the Parish	
6 p.m.	Helene Wanninger †	
July 29	MONDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Nicholas Koch †	
8 a.m.	Wilbert Eckstein †	
July 30	TUESDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Helen Bell †	
8 a.m.	Jack Camenzind †	
July 31	WEDNESDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Craig Wnuk †	
8 a.m.	Samuel Davis †	
August 1	THURSDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Richard Mueller †	
8 a.m.	Tom Renaud †	
August 2	FRIDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Joyce Fick †	
8 a.m.	Brett D. Grant †	
August 3	SATURDAY	
8 a.m.	Anne Stecher Skoff †	
5 p.m.	Elsie Kappesser †	
August 4	SUNDAY	
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
9 a.m.	Linda DeClue †	
10:30 a.m.	Maribeth Berghaltz †	
Noon	Mary Ellen Pisciotta †	
6 p.m.	Special Intention	
	† denotes deceased	

† Usual contributions for Mass offerings are now \$10. Please stop by the Parish Office during office hours to arrange to have a Mass said.

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mary Lou Distler
Wilma Dorsey
Mary Dreas
Fred Dulle
Tim Dunn
Timothy Dunn
Charles Eddy
Helen Enright
LeRoy Ettling
Caroline Fechner
Jim Fesler
Lorretta Fieser
Donna Fitzwilliam

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Daniel Parker USA				
Michael Rapp USN				
Derek Ryan				
Austin Shields				
John Siebert				
Todd Smick USN				
Aaron Staryak				
Robert Stockwood USMC				
Andrew Titus USN*				
Matthew Titus USN*				
Eddie Torres USAF				
Marti Torres USAF				
Brett Utz USCG				

PARISH HOLY HOUR

Wednesday from 6 —7 p.m. in the church.

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Mt 13:47-53 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12 Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-

Baptism

5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



Congratulations to Timothy on his Baptism on July 21st! Pictured with Timothy are his parents, Timothy & Rebecca, as well as Fr. Keller.



Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel Open 24/7. (Contact the Parish Office for the keycode.)



BACK-TO-SCHOOL MASS BRING BACKPACKS TO MASS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 AT 10:30AM



OPEN HOUSE 11:30-12:30PM:

- See your child/children's classroom & drop off supplies
- Stop by the HASA Volunteer Sign-ups (in lunchroom) for a Back-to-School treat
- Uniform Exchange Open

Notice:

Financial Stewardship numbers from the weekend of July 21 were unavailable at the time of print.

They will be included in next week's Good News Messenger.

Blessing of the Backpack Mass Collection

During this special Mass on August 11th at 10:30 a.m. for schoolaged children, we ask that families bring a NEW Child's item to donate for our parish auction. This doe not have to be a school item: any sort of kid's item, such as a game, toy, sports equipment, or a craft, would be appreciated. There will be someone collecting these items after Mass. Thank you for supporting our parish auction!

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!

Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller



This week Archbishop Carlson and the Archdiocese of St. Louis released the names of priests and deacons with credible and substantiated sexual abuse of minors allegations. "Credible and Substantiated" means that the allegation is more likely true than not true. The names were released online and in the St. Louis Review. He freely chose to release these names because some dioceses have had that list released as the result of law enforcement investigations and the Archbishop felt it was important to be completely transparent.

For the last 8 months, the Archdiocese of St. Louis permitted an independent, third party firm to review over 3,000 files dating back to 1950. The list includes the names of priests and deacons who were criminally tried, settled out of court, or were never tried because the statue of limitations ran out. It should be noted that some are deceased and never had a chance to defend themselves. No priest or deacon who appears on the list is in active ministry today. There may be names on the list that we did not expect or that we have known in the past and had no idea allegations were made against him.

It seems inconceivable to most people, or at least at one time it seemed inconceivable, that a priest would sexually abuse a child, but in retrospect, we see the all-too sinful side of trusted religious leaders. When I was growing up, I was with priests all the time and the furthest thing in anyone's mind was whether I was safe from predatory behavior. Luckily for me, they were good priests and I was always treated with respect and love. I realize now, not everyone had the same positive experience.

For many years, the bishops treated the issue as a moral failure and avoided bringing embarrassment on the Church by privately chastising and quietly reassigning those priests under the cover of regular transfers, hoping that the priest would not repeat the action. That was a terrible policy. It did not address justice for the victims. It left other children vulnerable, and it has only delayed the embarrassment until now.

As early as the 1980's, the bishops were aware of the psychosexual disorder of pedophilia and bishops attempted to detect and mandate treatment. But again, many priests were reassigned after treatment in the hope that they were safe to serve in public ministry. It did not work.

After revelations in 2002 of the magnitude of the problem, the bishops met in Dallas to create a charter holding priests accused of sexual abuse accountable to both civil and ecclesiastical justice.

It is terrible that anyone has been abused, that anyone's innocence has been lost, and that any priest may have received protection from justice for his crimes in the past.

It is important to know that today the Archdiocese of St. Louis and Assumption Parish has installed safeguards to protect children from incidents like this in the future. Our Safe Environment programming includes: Protecting God Children, Code of Conduct, Safe Touch Program, and Virtus Training.

- No priest can serve in any public ministry who has received a credible accusation.
- Tight control of the clergy is exerted through a system of permissions and reporting.
- Ongoing training and evaluations take place to make sure that priests are suitable for ministry.
- Guidelines regarding interactions between priests and minors are in place.
- Extensive background checks.
- These rules apply to all adults serving children including teachers, coaches, etc.

If anyone has suffered sexual abuse in the past, from a member of the clergy or anyone else within the Archdiocese, from a family member or other person, please seek assistance from the appropriate agency. Do not be alone and in the dark, but find help, justice, and peace. To report any suspicion of abuse by any Church personnel please contact local law enforcement, or call the Missouri Department of Social Services Child Abuse Neglect Hotline Number: 1-800-392- 3738. In addition, anyone who has knowledge of sexual abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis is urged to call the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 314-792-7704.

Assumption Parishioners have suffered greatly in the past, and certainly some past and present parishioners still suffer. Their families suffer too. We must, for their sake, pray for healing, work to protect children in the future and promise justice for those who have been harmed. Please pray for all victims and their families.

God bless, Fr. Keller

RECLAIMING MY CATHOLIC FAITH

Respecting the Holy Eucharist

An ancient tradition of the Church is to express bodily respect to the Holy Eucharist in the most solemn manner possible. The solemnity of the action expressed belief that God is present in the Holy Eucharist.

One could see how ancient Catholics expressed respect for the Christ in the Blessed Sacrament by the customs of some of the oldest religious orders. Benedictine and Byzantine monks expressed respect for the Blessed Sacrament through a solemn bow, while Carthusian monks would prostrate flat on the ground.

Catholics from Rome genuflected whenever they passed before the tabernacle. A genuflection is when one stops and lowers their right knee to the ground. Often, a genuflection is accompanied by the Sign of the Cross.

Much of our Catholic Faith has been forgotten since the 1960's. One of the great losses since the Second Vatican Council is the deep respect that Catholics once had for Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. People today barely turn to acknowledge the Sacrament or they may hastily nod their heads. No official document or pronouncement from the Vatican ever insisted or even suggested discontinuing the respectful postures that Catholics had once used to express their deep love for God and belief in the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Certainly, some people are unable to genuflect due to disability or age, but normally Catholics should reclaim this practice.

Questions for Reflection:

- Do I acknowledge Jesus Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament when I enter and leave the church?
 Do I take time to pray by focusing my attention of the Blessed Sacrament?
- 3. Do I genuflect when entering and exiting my pew or when I pass before the tabernacle in church?

Parish Photo Directory Update

Get your family's portrait taken and receive a complimentary directory and access to a mobile app version of the directory as well.

Dates of Photography:

Tues. August 20 - Fri. August 23 from 2-9 p.m. Sat. August 24 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tues. August 27 - Fri. August 30 from 2-9 p.m. Sat. August 31 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (More dates will be opened up in September once all August appointments are filled.)

How to schedule an appointment:

The link to register for your photo directory time-slot with your family is posted *online* at www.assumptionstl.org/photo-directory.

Volunteers will also be available to help parishioners make their photography appointments on Saturday nights & Sunday mornings after Mass in the *Church Lower Level*. This sign-up table will be there every weekend until the end of photography sessions.

Volunteer Opportunities!

We are looking for some volunteers to help out at these photography sign up tables after weekend Masses, as well as some people to assist us on the actual dates of photography.

If you can help, please email Cecilia at detwilerc@assumptionstl.org.



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Kindergarten- 8th grade EDGE

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, November 26, 2019
First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2020
Confirmation: Thursday, May 14, 2020



Sunday, July 28 Life Night: Otherworldly "If only I could hear God speak to me." God does speak. Are you ready to receive His Word? Join us as we continue our series on the Holy Mass!

Monday, July 29- Mass & Breakfast

Tuesday, July 30:

- Cleaning day @ 9am- Want to help make the youth room look nice again and get some service hours?
- Pray & Play @ 11am- It's our last play and pray of the summer! :(Join us for one final game of flickerball and some time in prayer to prepare our hearts for the coming school year!
- Altar Call @ 7pm- Hear Sr. Karolyn & Fr. Fallon talk about discernment tips, adoration and a bonfire to follow. Meet at the Kenrick Glennon Seminary!



Senior Ministry
Laura Benson
Senior Apostolate Coordinator

Senior Ministry Activities

No Senior Ministry activities Monday through Thursday this week due to Laura's vacation.

8/2 8:00 am First Friday Mass No Pot-Luck breakfast or chair exercises due to Laura's vacation.







The July Speaker Luncheon was very well attended, as seniors came to hear Police Officer Brandon O'Brien and Yago his canine companion demonstrate his strength and agility! Officer O'Brien answered many questions about a typical day on the job. We learned that Yago knows 16 commands in German, since all of the St. Louis police dogs are born and trained in Germany. This way the officer's commands cannot be not understood by the suspect being pursued!



DC March for Life Opportunity for Adults

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Griffin Council is sponsoring a bus for adults to go on the next DC March for Life in January 2020.

More information to follow. Questions? Call Tim at 314-807-0510.

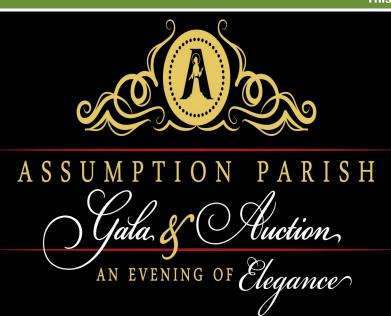


In appreciation for participating in our Raffle Ticket sales, **HOME & SCHOOL** is hosting a **FREE** event for **ALL** Assumption School, PSR, and ELC families!

Please bring refreshments/food for your family or to share! (No glass allowed!!) Concessions will be <u>NOT</u> be open to make purchases.

Dessert will be provided!!!

This is a family event, parents must be present with children.





In order to make it easy for you to drop off your donations for our upcoming auction, there will be someone outside the white house every Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon to collect donated items. All you have to do is drive around the back and we'll help you unload it from your car. If you have a bigger item that you need picked up, you can contact Mike T. at 314-852-1260 and he will arrange to come and get it. With every donation you can enter your name to win two free tickets to the auction! That drawing will be held on August 1. Thanks for your support. Your donations will help to make our auction a huge success!



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council,

the Fr. Griffin Council #3586, will be holding a membership drive at all Masses on August 3rd & 4th. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #3586 for local information.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

The process by which adults come into the Church has come to be known as "RCIA", which is short for "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults."

Who is RCIA for?

- 1. Unbaptized 2. Baptized but have not celebrated Confirmation or Eucharist
- 3. Those seeking full communion with the Church.

For additional information Contact Deacon David Schaefer (schaeferd@assumptionstl.org)

ASSUMPTION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION GOLF CLASSIC



August 24th The Prairies Golf Club 300 Tricentennial Ct. – Cahokia, IL 62206

Please help support the Assumption Athletic Association!

Grand Sponsorship - \$1,000 - includes foursome

Jr. Sponsorship - \$500 - includes beverage cart sponsor

Hole Sponsor - \$100

For more info contact:

Steve Menendez, Brian Tomlinson or

Tony Davis - golftournament@assumptionsports.org

Yes I would	like to Golf	Name: Cell # :	
Player Name	Player Names:		
			(Captain)
Yes I would	Grand Sponsor Jr. Sponsorship Hole Sponsor (\$	(\$1,000) (\$500) (\$100)	Name of Sponsor

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AAA Golf Classic Sponsorship Registration forms are available online at www.assumptionstl.org/events/aaa-golf-tournament.

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Good News Messenger

Issue Deadline (4 p.m.)

Aug. 4 & 11 July 26

Please note that the August 11th Good News Messenger deadline will be earlier than usual due to staff vacations.

- Please go to www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions and submit an online form to request event promotion and/or to book a room
- PDF files cannot be used
- .jpg files required

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In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our "Father" and just as a parent's love for their children is unlimited, so God's love and care for us unlimited.

Assumption Night with the Cardinals!

The Assumption Youth Choir & Students will be singing "Take Me our to the Ballgame" on August 9th at the 7:15 p.m. game against the Pirates. Field Box seats are only \$27! Ticket Order forms are in the Parish Office or online at assumptionstl.org.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



Edith Stein

Register for your FREE Formed account at assumptionstl.formed.org!

Love Conquers All Fear

Watch the powerful portrayal of Edith Stein: a Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr. It captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman who transformed her sufferings in Christ.