



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2019



Feast of St. Louis, King of France

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 8/25	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life- ^{AC} Men's Basketball- ^{GYM}
MON 8/26	8:30 a.m. 1 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary- ^{CH} Mother of Good Counsel- ^{LL} Fishers of Men- ^{LL}
TUE 8/27	8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Exercise- ^{LL} Rosary- ^{CH} Dominoes Players- ^{LL} Women's ACTS Formation- ^{ACTS} Fatima Rosary- ^{CH}
WED 8/28	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 pm.	Rosary- ^{CH} Senior Wednesdays- ^{LL} Quilters- ^{LL} Parish Holy Hour- ^{CH} Choir Practice- ^{CH} Boy Scouts- ^{CAFÉ}
THU 8/29	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary- ^{CH} Exercise- ^{LL} Women's ACTS Speaking Circle- ^{ACTS} Men's ACTS Small Group- ^{REC}
FRI 8/30	8:30 a.m. 10 a.m.	Rosary- ^{CH} Chair Exercises- ^{LL}
SAT 8/31	8:30 a.m. 8 a.m. 9 a.m. 4 p.m.	Rosary- ^{CH} SVdP Donations-SVdP Garage Auction Donation Collection-Knobbe House Confessions- ^{CH}
SUN 9/1	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	*Good News Sunday* Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life- ^{AC} Men's Basketball- ^{GYM}

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



Photo Directory Volunteers

We are looking for some volunteers to help out at the photography sign up tables after weekend Masses, as well as some people to assist us on the actual dates of photography. To let us know you can help, please go **online** to www.assumptionstl.org/photo-directory or contact Cecilia at detwilerc@assumptionstl.org or at 314-487-7970.

Special Events

Aug. 27 Feast of St. Monica Evening Mass at 7 p.m.
 Aug. 20-24, 27-31 & Sept. 3-6, 10-14
 Parish Directory photos taken
 Sept. 24 Blood Drive
 Oct. 6 Adoration Under the Stars
 Oct. 10-13 Women's ACTS Retreat
 Oct. 19 Assumption Gala & Auction



Parish Directory Photos!

Get your family's portrait taken during a FREE professional photography session and be featured in our parish photo directory! You will receive a FREE 8x10 standard print, a complimentary directory, access to a mobile app version of the directory, plus a free gift with purchase!

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 the photography sessions.

Dates of Photography:

New Dates are now open for registration!!!

Tues. August 20 - Fri. August 23 from 2-9 p.m.
 Tues. August 27 - Fri. August 30 from 2-9 p.m.
 Tues. September 3—Fri. September 6 from 2-9 p.m.
 Tues. September 10—Fri. September 13 from 2-9 p.m.
 Sat. September 14 from 9:30-4:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions †

August 25	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	William Beseda †
9 a.m.	Dan Mueller †
10:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Pete Detwiler †
August 26	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Dan Rogaczewski †
8 a.m.	Dan Connors †
August 27	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Mallissa Backmann †
8 a.m.	Hubert Heimos †
7 p.m.	Fallen Away Catholics
August 28	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Joseph Schager †
8 a.m.	Norman Becherer †
August 29	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Paul Schrupf †
8 a.m.	Roy Ottenlips †
August 30	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Vince Domagalski †
8 a.m.	Nicholas Koch †
August 31	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Craig Wnuk †
5 p.m.	Helene Wanninger †
September 1	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9 a.m.	Ruppe Family
10:30 a.m.	Angela Sherman †
Noon	Tom & John Williamson †
6 p.m.	Tom Aleto †
	† denotes deceased

† Mass Offerings are \$10 and can be arranged in the Parish Office during office hours.

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Sloane Toppmeyer

Bob McHugh

Ann Marie Marelli

Marilyn Massey

William McConnell

Charlie McFarland

Arthur Miller

Carole Ann Miller

Debbie Moriarty

Mary Morrow

Mike Muckler

Rosalyn P.

John Paquet

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Jordan Osmack

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

Rest in Peace

Thomas Creley
Joseph Marino

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Save the date!
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



**September 24th
3-7 p.m. in the
Church Lower Level**



Saturday Auction Donation Drop-offs!

Every Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon, there will be someone at the white Knobbe House to collect donated items. If you have a bigger item that you need picked up, you can contact Mike T. at 314-852-1260. Thank you!



ASSUMPTION PARISH

Gala & Auction
AN EVENING OF *Elegance*

Featured Live Auction Item:

**Cathedral Basilica Tour
& dinner at Kemoll's for 6 people
with Fr. Keller!**



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!

August 15 Stewardship

Assumption	\$1,290.00
General Fund 2019	\$1,203.53
Latin American Apostolate	\$10.00
Partners in Education	\$850.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$20.00
Total	\$3,373.53

August 18 Stewardship

Assumption	\$612.00
Feast of the Assumption 8/15/2017	\$218.00
Fill the Gap	\$50.00
Flood/Disaster Relief	\$100.00
General Fund 2019	\$17,723.39
Latin American Apostolate	\$150.00
Maintenance Fund	\$205.00
Parish Gift	\$120.00
Partners in Education	\$10,990.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,155.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$55.00
Total	\$31,378.39

Happy Anniversary!



Congratulations
to Michael & Michelle Thompson
on 25 years of marriage!

They are pictured here with
Dcn. Dave Schaafer, who led a
prayer service on July 30th to
celebrate this special anniversary
with Adoration/Benediction,
a blessing of rings, and a
consecration to the Blessed Mother.

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.

Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller



St. Louis, King of France

According to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, August 25th is the feast of St. Louis, the King. St. Louis died on August 25, 1270.

When we think of medieval monarchs, we may imagine greedy, self-centered men on a throne expecting the world to serve them. This may be true for some kings, but others were true examples of the Christian life. Louis IX was canonized a saint in 1297. Sanctity was an aim of Louis's family. St. Louis' mother was Blessed Blanche of Castile and his first cousin was St. Ferdinand of Castile. St. Louis' wife, Margaret of Provence, was a devout woman whom Louis loved. They enjoyed being together, particularly by listening to music, riding horses, and reading.

St. Louis devoutly attended Holy Mass daily. Inspired by Christ's charity, St. Louis often invited the poor to dine with him. St. Louis became a Third Order Franciscan and performed acts of penance. St. Louis also supported the work of the Dominicans as they founded the first university, the Sorbonne in Paris. St. Louis was Catholic first, then a ruler. A great quote of St. Louis is, "I think more of the humble church of my baptism than the cathedral where I was crowned king."

St. Louis was a crusader. Today, opponents of the Church mischaracterize the crusades as a war of religious ideologies and they lay blame at the feet of Catholics. This is not true. The crusades were a response to the rise of Muslims who were charged by Mohammad to conquer by the sword and force the conquered to convert to Islam. European Christians defended their faith and homelands as well as the defenseless Christians in the Holy Land from forcible conversion or death. What made the "crusades" a holy war to the Christians was that they felt they were fighting a defensive war against Satan himself. St. Louis participated in the Seventh Crusade and the Eighth Crusade.

The Seventh Crusade was fought in Egypt. It was a disaster for St. Louis and the other crusaders, ending in Louis' capture. After his release, St. Louis remained in the Middle East helping the crusaders rebuild the defensive fortresses of the Holy Land. The Christians entrusted St. Louis with Christ's Crown of Thorns to take to safety in France. (It was in the Notre Dame during the recent fire, but was saved from harm by a priest serving with the Paris Fire Department.)

St. Louis also participated in the Eighth Crusade. His army camped in Tunis, North Africa and secret negotiations with the Sultan almost led to the Muslim leader's conversion to Christianity. But Louis fell ill and died before the Sultan could be baptized and the army disbursed, leaving without achieving any goal.

Before his death, St. Louis wrote a letter to his son who would succeed him as king. In it, St. Louis encouraged him to be just, side with the poor, attend Holy Mass devoutly, and most of all, avoid mortal sin. St. Louis saw his life as king as a true vocation.

In 1764, French fur traders led by Pierre Laclède and August Chouteau named a small trading post after the French Saint, Louis IX, hoping it would attract attention and financial support of the current king, Louis XV. Catholics in the City of St. Louis were proud to have such a fine example of fatherhood, piety and zeal as their patron. We should be equally inspired by St. Louis the King!

God bless,
Fr. Keller

RECLAIMING MY CATHOLIC FAITH

Spiritual Communion

St. Thomas Aquinas defined Spiritual Communion as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.”

Why would one want to make a Spiritual Communion?

A Spiritual Communion provides, to some extent, the same spiritual benefits that come from the graces of physically receiving the Most Holy Sacrament.

Some infirm people make a Spiritual Communion when watching Holy Mass broadcast on TV (EWTN) or live-streaming over the Internet (assumptionlive.com).

Some Catholics cannot attend Sunday Mass due to distance from a church or due to the responsibilities of employment. They can make a Spiritual Communion stemming from a deep desire for attendance at Mass.

Some people make a Spiritual Communion while attending Mass because some moral reason prohibits them from physically receiving Holy Communion, such as, missing the one-hour fast before Communion, or some serious sin impedes them from receiving before they confess. Even those who are married outside the Church and cannot receive Holy Communion, can make a Spiritual Communion.

Through a Spiritual Communion, the soul receives the graces it is capable of receiving. So a soul in a state of grace receives similar graces as one who physically receives Holy Communion, while the person in a state of mortal sin receives special graces urging him or her to confess and be reconciled with God.

How does one make a Spiritual Communion?

St. Alphonsus Liguori offers an easy formula to remember:

“My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.”

Really, any similar sentiments or words are sufficient to make a Spiritual Communion. For those who cannot make daily Mass, it is possible to add a Spiritual Communion to your daily prayers.

Questions for Reflection:

1. Do I recognize the presence of Jesus in the gift of Holy Communion?
2. Do I open my heart to receive the graces of Holy Communion?
3. Do I spend sufficient time in prayer preparing for and thanking God for the graces of Holy Communion?

**Assumption
Parish School**

Jenn Sykora
Principal



Partners in Education Fund Drive

Thank you for your generosity & for your support of our church through Catholic education! We truly appreciate anything you are able to give during our ongoing "Partners in Education" Drive!

Senior Ministry

Laura Benson
Senior Apostolate Coordinator



Senior Ministry Activities

- 8/25** 9:40 a.m. Meet at Assumption back parking lot near upper fields to carpool to **10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Nicholas Parish**, 701 N. 18th St., 63103. RSVP to Deacon Dave, 314.487.7970 x1254 if you plan to attend.
- 8/26** 1 p.m. **Meeting of Daughters of our Mother of Good Counsel** group, St. Marie Hall. All women who are interested may join us.
- 8/28** 8:30 a.m. Coffee, tea, juice and sweet treats
10 a.m. Chair exercises
11 a.m. **Documentary on St. Augustine of Hippo**, 1 hour viewing. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Iced tea, lemonade, water available.
- 8/30** 10 a.m. Chair exercises

aym Upcoming Events

- **Life Night (Aug. 25): XLT.**
Adoration, praise & worship music, and a talk on our new theme for the year by Mary Kate Buncher! Come and enjoy some time with Jesus!
- **NO LIFE NIGHT (Sept. 1): Labor Day weekend.**
Enjoy time with your family! We will see you next week!
- **Life Night (Sept. 8): Immaculata**
We are going to spend the month of September talking about a woman who showed us how to daily live with a rooted trust in the Lord, no matter her circumstances. Join us as we start diving into the life of Mary!



LIFE TEEN



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Faith
FAITH IN THE HOME



Each weekend,
Assumption will be collecting
the following items for our
Parish Auction & Gala
before every Mass.
Thank you for your support!

Collection Weekend:

Auction Collection Item of the Week:

September 1-2



Children's Items

(Games/Toys/Bikes/
Sports Equipment)

September 8-9



Outdoor Items

(Sports/Camping/Grilling/
Professional Sports Items)

September 14-15



**Wine
or any bottles of liquor**

September 21-22



Home/Kitchen Items

(Appliances/Linen/ Furniture/
Home Improvement)

September 28-29



Gift Cards or Cash

October 5-6



Last Call for ANYTHING ELSE
you think we can use!

Our Parish Auction & Gala will benefit the various ministries,
facilities, and charitable efforts of Assumption Parish,
as well as Assumption Parish School, PSR, and AELC.

Women's ACTS Retreat this Fall

Register now for the Assumption Women's Acts Retreat to be held **Oct. 10-13, 2019**. Simply fill out and mail in the registration form, found in the church foyer. You can also register and pay your deposit online at: www.assumptionstl.org/ACTS
Financial assistance is available.

For more information or questions about the retreat contact: Debbie Staed at 314-494-4779

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)

Your Faith has Saved You

Luke 17: 11-19



*Assumption Women's ACTS Retreat
October 10-13, 2019*

**Tickets for the
Assumption Parish
Gala & Auction
are on sale now!**

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your tickets today!**



ASSUMPTION PARISH
Gala & Auction
AN EVENING OF Elegance

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019
6:30 PM | PARISH CENTER

RESERVATIONS OPEN AUGUST 15
\$45/PERSON (\$450/TABLE OF 10)
Includes dinner and bidding accessibility.

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Good News Messenger

Issue **Deadline (4 p.m.)**

September 1 August 23

September 8 August 30

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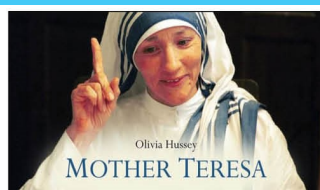
In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others.



Our Lady
Help of Christians
Adoration Chapel

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

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



"Amazing! I love it. It lights a flame in your heart that can never be extinguished."

—Jennifer C., St. Louis, MO

Mother Teresa

An Indomitable Force of Love

One woman founded a religious order, won the Nobel Peace Prize, and became one of the most popular figures of the 20th century. Follow the selfless missionary of Calcutta who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor.

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