



## GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019

May God Bless you  
this **Labor Day** weekend!

I know that there is nothing better for people  
than to be happy and to do good while they live.  
That each of them may eat and drink,  
and find satisfaction in all their toil -  
this is the gift of God.

**-ECCLESIASTES 3:12-13**

### 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> 9/1	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	<b>*Good News Sunday*</b> Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life- <sup>AC</sup> Men's Basketball- <sup>GYM</sup>
<b>MON</b> 9/2	8:30 a.m. 9 a.m.	<b>*Labor Day: School, ELC, Office Closed*</b> Rosary- <sup>CH</sup> Only Mass of the Day- <sup>CH</sup>
<b>TUE</b> 9/3	8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Exercise- <sup>LL</sup> Rosary- <sup>CH</sup> Junior Girl Scouts (Masson)- <sup>LL</sup> Women's ACTS Formation- <sup>ACTS</sup> Fatima Rosary- <sup>CH</sup>
<b>WED</b> 9/4	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Rosary- <sup>CH</sup> Senior Wednesdays- <sup>LL</sup> Quilters- <sup>LL</sup> Parish Holy Hour- <sup>CH</sup> Choir Practice- <sup>CH</sup> Boy Scouts- <sup>CAFÉ</sup>
<b>THU</b> 9/5	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary- <sup>CH</sup> Exercise- <sup>LL</sup> Home & School Open Meeting- <sup>SC</sup> Women's ACTS Speaking Circle- <sup>ACTS</sup> Men's ACTS Leadership Group- <sup>LL</sup>
<b>FRI</b> 9/6	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Rosary- <sup>CH</sup> Senior Ministry Pot Luck Breakfast- <sup>LL</sup> Chair Exercises- <sup>LL</sup> Faith in the Home Kickoff- <sup>LL</sup>
<b>SAT</b> 9/7	7 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 12 p.m. 4 p.m. 5 p.m.	ACTS Women's Day of Reflection- <sup>LL</sup> Rosary- <sup>CH</sup> Auction Donation Collection-Knobbe House First Saturday Public Rosary- <sup>LAWN</sup> Confessions- <sup>CH</sup> Class of 1969 Reunion- <sup>LL</sup>
<b>SUN</b> 9/8	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life- <sup>AC</sup> Men's Basketball- <sup>GYM</sup>

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

### Photo Directory Volunteers Needed

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](http://www.assumptionstl.org/photo-directory) or contact Cecilia at [detwilerc@assumptionstl.org](mailto:detwilerc@assumptionstl.org) or at 314-487-7970.

## Special Events

Sept. 2 Labor Day 9 a.m. Mass  
Sept. 3-6, 10-14 Parish Directory photos taken  
Sept. 24 Red Cross Blood Drive  
Oct. 6 Adoration Under the Stars  
Oct. 10-13 Women's ACTS Retreat  
Oct. 19 Assumption Gala & Auction

## Labor Day

There will only be one Mass of the day on Labor Day, which is Monday, September 2, at 9 a.m.  
The Parish Office will also be closed.



### 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](http://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. 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 †

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 †
September 2	MONDAY
9 a.m.	Loretta Paszkiewicz †
September 3	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Helen Bell †
8 a.m.	Barbara Reagan †
September 4	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Paul Schrumpf †
8 a.m.	Dan Connors †
September 5	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Magdalena Fischer †
8 a.m.	Wilbert Eckstein †
September 6	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Rose Marie De Rienzo †
8 a.m.	Brett D. Grant †
September 7	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Carol Schacht †
5 p.m.	Ron Halbach †
September 8	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Michael Manning
9 a.m.	Helen Krassinger †
10:30 a.m.	Daniel Martin †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Helen Wanninger †
	† 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

Jim Penrose
Lois Pitchford
Mary Ann Pizzo
Bert Pohl
Ron Pohl
Ann Prasuhn
Jerry Pyle
Barb Radake
Agnes Reichert
Hubert Reichert
Chris Roche
Linda Rositz
Kathryn Rothweil

### OUR MILITARY

*\*denotes parishioner*

Timothy Scott, USMC
Brett Utz
Jenna Welchlen
Steven Wodraska
Nicole Wright
Joshua Zarr
Tim Andrews
Isaiah Angeli
Davey Ardrey
Raymond Bast
Kyle Bottorf
Justin Brock
Marti Torres, USAF

## Weekly Readings

**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  
**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37  
**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44  
**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11  
**Friday:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39  
**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

## Thank You!

### A Heartfelt Thank You to our Assumption Family:

Adrianna Thomas was blessed to have our entire faith community praying for her, both in the School and in the larger Parish Family. We thank you wholeheartedly! Your prayers contributed to a surprising turn around, allowing her to come home without a PICC line. Thank you for supporting us, and especially her, during this rough journey! Your prayers made a HUGE difference! May God Bless You!

-The Thomas Family



### 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 September 7th at NOON.

  
**ASSUMPTION PARISH**  
*Gala & Auction*  
 AN EVENING OF *Elegance*

**Featured Live Auction Item:**

**'Low Country' Shrimp Boil &  
 Sunset Boat Ride on Lake St. Louis  
 with Fr. Weber on June 6, 2020**

**\*Terms & Conditions apply**

**Auction Sponsors!**

Thank you to Auction Sponsors **BARTOLINO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT**  
 (Premier Sponsor), **HANDYMAN HARDWARE** (Big Paddle Sponsor), &  
**RUSSELL FLORIST** (Gold Sponsor) for their support of the Gala & Auction.  
 Your generosity is greatly appreciated by our parish community! If you are interested in  
 becoming a sponsor, please contact Mike Talleur at mctalleur@gmail.com.

**August 25  
 Stewardship**

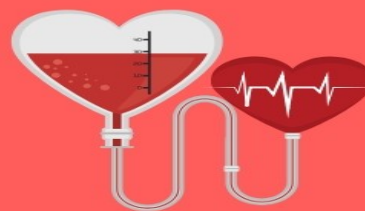
Assumption	\$115.00
General Fund 2019	\$16,273.54
Latin American Apostolate	\$59.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Parish Gift	\$100.00
Partners in Education	\$30,796.73
Preserving our Heritage	\$5.00
Retired Religious	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$650.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,014.27</b>

ALL ARE INVITED TO  
*adoration  
 under the stars*

10.6.19 AT 7:15 PM ON  
 THE SOCCER FIELD

JOIN US FOR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION  
 FOLLOWED BY PRAISE AND WORSHIP  
 & ADORATION UNDERNEATH GOD'S BEAUTY.

*Save the date!*  
**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**



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

**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



### The New “Faith in the Home” Project

Today, maybe more than ever, parents need help handing on the Catholic Faith to their children. The influences of a sinful world surround us, and without solid Catholic family customs, God can be forgotten in our daily life. A lot of families want to live their Catholic Faith, but many parents feel like they have to stretch outside their comfort-zones to do it. We want to make it easier.

Fr. Keller, Miss Valerie Stringer, our Director of Elementary Religious Education, and Miss Cecilia Detwiler, our Coordinator of Evangelization are creating a program called “*Faith in the Home*” to help parents adopt treasured family traditions and accept specific challenges to live the Catholic Faith at home on a regular basis. The aim is to help parents live the Catholic Faith and help children to receive the Catholic Faith.

*Faith in the Home* will celebrate saints, introduce different forms of prayer, revive old family traditions and lay out challenges for families to live their faith. *Faith in the Home* will provide content for the whole family to experience; we will offer “deeper” content for moms and dads so that they will begin to feel like the experts on religious subjects.

Some challenges will be for families to do in their homes and some will be events hosted here at Assumption. Fr. Weber and I would love to be a part of some experiences in the homes! Opportunities to invite us will be built into the program.

*Faith in the Home* will integrate **three technology platforms** to deliver this program:

1) The resources will be archived on our parish *website*, [assumptionstl.org/faitH](http://assumptionstl.org/faitH). Everything will be easily accessible and you will be able to share it with family and friends.

2) We will share the content via a new *Public Facebook Group*, [Assumption Faith in the Home](https://www.facebook.com/AssumptionFaithintheHome). This way, parents can share their experiences through posts or photos and interact with each other as a little online Assumption Parish community.

3) Research shows that faith is something handed down by BOTH parents, each in their unique way, so, *Faith in the Home* will use *Flocknotes*, which is a text and email platform, to communicate and to link you to new *Faith in the Home* content!

- **Dads** if you would take out your cell phones and text FAITHDAD (one word) to 84576.

- **Moms** if you would text FAITHMOM (one word) to 84576.

Flocknote automatically creates groups to link content that can be sent to all parents or specifically to moms or dads.

There's a lot of great Catholic content, specifically for Catholic dads and moms, out there on the internet! We want to make sure Assumption families have opportunities to grow in their Faith. The stronger the parent's faith, the stronger their children's faith will be.

God bless,  
Fr. Keller



### 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!

# RECLAIMING MY CATHOLIC FAITH

## Blessings

A blessing is a gift of God's grace. Blessings originated in the Old Testament. An example is when Aaron, the first high priest, raised his hands to bless the people. Blessings increase the holiness of the recipient. Blessings also protect the recipient or blessed object from evil.

The pope imparts certain special blessings, known as the Apostolic Blessing and the Papal Blessing. A plenary indulgence is granted to those who receive the Apostolic Blessing known as the *Ubi et Orbi* after the pope's election and annually at Christmas and Easter. It is granted to those who attend the *Ubi et Orbi* in person at St. Peter's Square, or who even watch the live broadcast on TV or over the Internet. Ordinarily, a simple Papal Blessing was imparted at the end of the Pope's Mass, after his weekly audience, or after his public Angelus. There is a tradition of asking for a Papal Blessing to be imparted to a loved one on the occasions of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Ordination, Religious Profession or secular consecration, or on Anniversaries (10, 25, 40, 50, & 60 years) or birthdays (18, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100 years of age) Catholics can request the parchment commemorating the blessing at [www.elemosineria.va](http://www.elemosineria.va) to be given to a loved one as a gift.

Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops grant special blessings known as Pontifical Blessings. These special blessings are offered at the end of their Masses. Bishops of a diocese offer a special Pontifical Blessing that grants a plenary indulgence on Christmas and Easter and on another occasion of the prelate's choosing.

One is most likely to receive a blessing from a priest. He offers a blessing at the end of Mass, over meals, and for many other occasions. As part of the "Last Rites", each priest is delegated permission to impart a special blessing known as the "Apostolic Pardon" to a dying individual to remit temporal punishment due to sin. Priests are able to offer unique blessings for specific Rosaries, Miraculous Medals, and Brown Scapulars. Also, priests can offer the blessing/exorcism for St. Benedict Medals.

Newly ordained priests offer a special blessing known as a "First Blessing." Customarily, it is given to the new priest's parents, family, and friends after his ordination and First Mass, but it can be given to any Catholic for up to a year.

A priest or deacon can offer a solemn blessing with the Blessed Sacrament simply known as "Benediction." A priest or deacon can also offer blessings over religious articles called "sacramentals." These include crosses and crucifixes, images of Christ, the Blessed Mother, or saints. A priest or deacon can bless everyday objects like homes and vehicles.

Sometimes, we say an object is "blessed" by touching it to a holy place. In the Holy Land it is common to touch a Rosary or other objects to the place of Christ's birth in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and to the places of His death and resurrection in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Similarly, if an object is touched to the reliquary of a saint, it becomes considered "blessed" and becomes known as a "third class relic."

Parents and godparents can give a blessing to their children. This is done during the Rite of Baptism but it can be a part of every Catholic family's daily traditions. This is usually done before the child goes to bed. The parent gives the blessing by tracing his or her thumb or finger on the forehead of the child, often followed by a kiss on the forehead.

When we enter or leave a church or chapel, there is an opportunity to bless ourselves with Holy Water. Holy Water can be taken home in a small bottle and one can bless oneself or one's home with the Holy Water anytime.

### Questions for Reflection:

1. Do I miss opportunities to receive God's blessings in my life?
2. Are my Rosary or other religious articles blessed?
3. Do I thank God for the blessings in my life?



## JOIN THE **flocknote** GROUPS NOW

Moms, text the  
keyword: faithmom

- or -

Dads, text the  
keyword: faithdad

**TO: 84576**

Want helpful tips on  
living out your  
Catholic faith at home?

**Faith**  
FAITH IN THE HOME

RSVP to [StringerV@assumptionstl.org](mailto:StringerV@assumptionstl.org)

Faith in the Home Kickoff

## POTLUCK FAMILY DINNER

Friday, September 6, 5:30 PM  
St. Marie Hall (Church Lower Level)

**Faith**  
FAITH IN THE HOME



**Senior Ministry**  
Laura Benson  
Senior Apostolate Coordinator

### Senior Ministry Activities

- 9/2 Labor Day; office closed  
9/4 8:30 am Coffee, juice and sweet treats  
10 a.m. Chair Exercises  
11 a.m. Ideas & demo for intergenerational activities to share with grandchildren in preparation for Grandparents Day on Sept 8.  
9/6 8 a.m. First Friday Mass  
8:30 a.m. Pot-luck breakfast in the St. Marie Hall.  
As a reminder, please bring one of the following to share: Last names starting with A - L: bring an egg casserole or other hot breakfast dish like french toast, waffles, bacon, sausage, etc. Last names starting with M - Z: bring a fruit salad or cut-up fruit OR some type of bread: cinnamon rolls, biscuits, muffins, or bagels. Coffee, tea, juice and condiments provided. A cart will be next to the elevator to hold your dishes during Mass.  
10 a.m. Chair Exercises

## Assumption Youth Ministry

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Do you love working with middle schoolers and want to be on the Edge Core Team?
- Tootsie Roll Drive (Oct. 12): Help the KofC pass out Tootsie Rolls at Dierbergs!
- Auction (Oct. 19): Help at the Gala & Auction by being a runner or spotter between tables! 10 teens needed!

Contact Caitlyn at  
[chickeyc@assumptionstl.org](mailto:chickeyc@assumptionstl.org) to sign up!



 **LIFE TEEN**

Invitation from  
the Associate Pastor  
Fr. Weber



Dear Assumption Parishioners,

When I entered the seminary after high school, during my first days of orientation, something that was repeatedly stressed was that seminarians ought to be men deeply rooted in a daily habit of prayer. As a seminarian, I was required to make a daily holy hour in chapel and was highly encouraged to pray throughout the day as well. I remember that it made sense to have these requirements of prayer, but at the same time, I was a little intimidated by them. During my high school years, I learned how to pray by attending youth ministry and other parish events, but I had never had such a high expectation put on me as this one! However, while the seminary put this expectation forward for me, they also helped me understand how I could not just fulfill it, but come to love it as well.

One way of praying that I was introduced to in the seminary goes by a few names— The Liturgy of the Hours, the Divine Office, and the Breviary. These three names all refer to the same thing: a set of daily prayers and readings based around the psalms which are said at different times throughout the day. Since being introduced to the Liturgy of the Hours, it has become an integral part of my life. As a priest, one of the promises I took at my ordination was to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. However, over the years, it has become not just an obligation, but something that roots and sustains me during my day.

The Liturgy of the Hours is not simply a prayer for priests and religious, however. I would love to introduce the practice of praying the Liturgy of the Hours to a wider group of people here at Assumption. For those interested in learning to pray these prayers, I will be holding an informational meeting on September 19 at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the rectory. If you cannot attend this meeting but are interested, please feel free to email me at [weberr@assumptionstl.org](mailto:weberr@assumptionstl.org) and we can make other arrangements.

God bless, Fr. Weber

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?

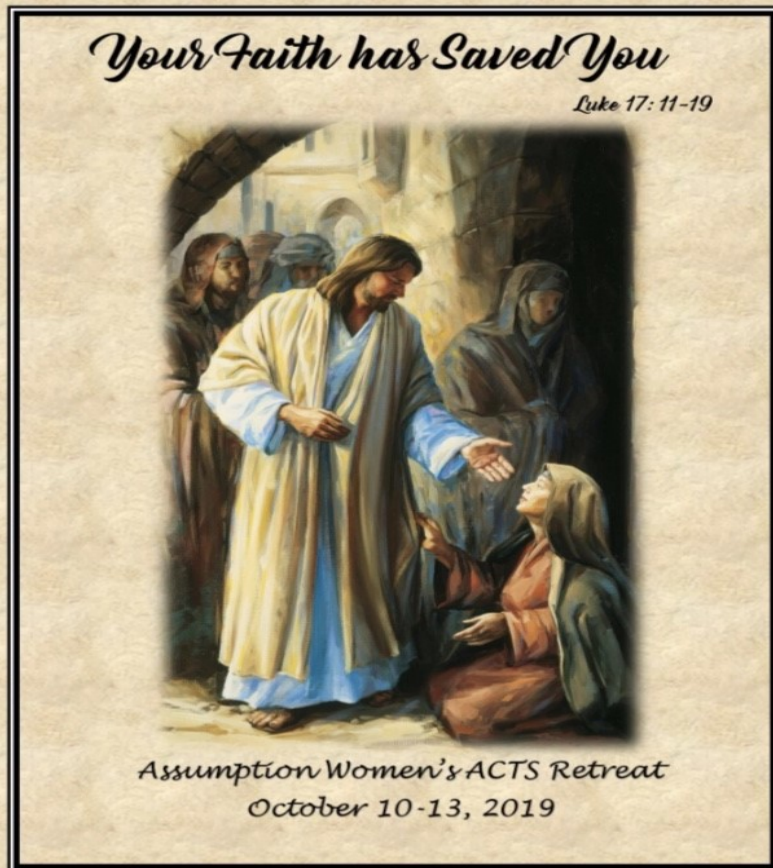
1. Unbaptized
2. Baptized but have not celebrated Confirmation or Eucharist
3. Those seeking full communion with the Church.

For additional information, contact Deacon David Schaefer ([schaeferd@assumptionstl.org](mailto:schaeferd@assumptionstl.org)).

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](http://www.assumptionstl.org/ACTS)  
Financial assistance is available.

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





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

### Collection Weekend:

### Auction Collection Item of the Week:

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

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

The Assumption Parish Gala & Auction will be held  
on Saturday, October 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Go online to [assumptionauction.org](http://assumptionauction.org) to purchase your tickets today!

Tickets are \$45/person or \$450/table of 10 and includes dinner and bidding accessibility.

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## Good News Messenger

**Issue**      **Deadline (4 p.m.)**

September 8      August 30

September 15      September 6

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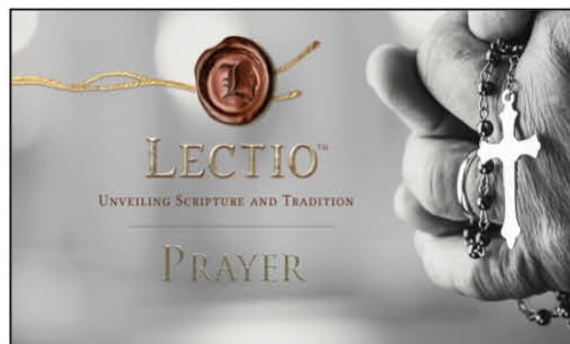
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### Lectio: Prayer Session 1: Prayer

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