

#### GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Second Sunday of Advent

SECOND SUNDAY

December 8, 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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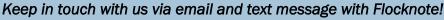
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## This Week

SUN 12/8	11 a.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Giving Tree Sorting <sup>-LL</sup> Men's Pickup Basketball <sup>-GYM</sup> Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life <sup>-AC</sup>
MON 12/9	8:30 a.m. 1 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary-CH Mother of Good Counsel-LL PSR Choir-CH PSR Classes-CH Home & School Mtg-SC Ladies of the Little Flower-LL Society of St. Vincent de Paul-REC Fishers of Men-LL (library)
TUE 12/10	8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Exercise <sup>-LL</sup> Rosary <sup>-CH</sup> Fatima Rosary <sup>-CH</sup> ACTS Men group <sup>-LL</sup>
WED 12/11	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Rosary-CH Senior Wednesdays-LL Quilters-LL Parish Holy Hour-CH Choir Practice-CH Boy Scouts-GYM
THU 12/12	8:30 a.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary <sup>-CH</sup> Cub Scouts <sup>-CAFÉ</sup> ACTS Men's Leadership <sup>-LL</sup>
FRI 12/13	8:30 a.m. 10 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Rosary <sup>-CH</sup> Chair Exercises <sup>-LL</sup> Brownies-Menendez <sup>-LL</sup> Brownies (3rd grade) <sup>-LL</sup>
SAT 12/14	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 4 p.m.	Coffee & Community <sup>-LL</sup> Rosary <sup>-CH</sup> Confessions <sup>-CH</sup>
SUN 12/15	10:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Living with Loss-REC Young Family Donuts Downstairs-LL Deanery Advent Reflection-LL Living Rosary-CH Men's Pickup Basketball-GYM Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC

CH\_Church SC\_School CAFE\_Cafeteria
H\_Parish Center REC\_Rectory Lower Level
LI\_Church Lower Level AC\_Chapel

## **Special Events**

Dec. 15

Bambinelli Blessing Sunday at the 10: 30 a.m. Mass
Dec. 15

Deanery Advent Reflection at Assumption
Dec. 24/25

Christmas Eve/Day \*Holy Day of Obligation\*

See Mass schedule below.

Dec. 28

Holy Family Sunday—Consecration after
all Masses

Dec. 31/Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
\*Holy Day of Obligation\*

Dec. 31 Masses: 4 & 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 1 Masses: 8, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

# Christmas Mass Times:

**Christmas Eve:** 4, 6, & 11 p.m.

Christmas Day: 8 & 10 a.m.



# Catholicism

Inside Catholicism is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith.

7-8:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH LOWER LEVEL

Don't miss the last one of the year!

Wednesday, December 11

#### Notice:

Please note, that the Feast of the Immaculate Conception — which normally falls on December 8th but this year has been moved to Monday, December 9th — is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

# 8th Grade Poinsettia Fundraiser Pickup

Poinsettia Pickup will be Saturday, December 7th after 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, December 8th after all Masses until 1:30 p.m.



#### Mass Intentions †

December 8	SUNDAY	
7:30 a.m.	Craig Wnuk †	
9 a.m.	John & Helen Bennett †	
10:30 a.m.	Steven Sherman †	
Noon	Odelia Stroup †	
6 p.m.	People of the Parish	
December 9	MONDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Nancy Bircher	
8 a.m.	Dan Mueller †	
December 10	TUESDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Mike Schweizer †	
8 a.m.	Robert Brush †	
December 11	WEDNESDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Vince Domagalski †	
8 a.m.	Craig Wnuk †	
December 12	THURSDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Helen Bell †	
8 a.m.	John Williamson †	
December 13	FRIDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Linda De Clue †	
8 a.m.	Mallissa Beckmann †	
December 14	SATURDAY	
8 a.m.	Vincent Robben †	
5 p.m.	Jack Camenzind †	
December 15	SUNDAY	
7:30 a.m.	Joseph Tocco †	
9 a.m.	Ruppe Family	
10:30 a.m.	Helen Schodroski †	
Noon	People of the Parish	
6 p.m.	Anna Schamber 🕇	
	† 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 Don Grant Clarence Bailey Jinny Bailey Vicki Baker Jacob Bartola Bernadette Bendall Gary Bergholtz Mary Ione Berry Daniel Brady Ina Braun Linda Breck Jim Brockmeyer Kathryn Burjeck

# OUR MILITARY \*denotes parishioner

Raymond Bast USN

Ryan Boedeker

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

#### **Rest in Peace**

Janice Becher Mary Fendler Emmett McDonald

### Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, Rom 15:4-9, Mt 3:1-12 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20, Ps 98:1-4, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11, Ps 96:1-3, 10-13, Mt 18:12-14 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31, Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, Mt 11:28-30 Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19, 12:1-6, 10, Judith 13:18-19, Lk 1:26-38 Friday: Is 48:17-19, Ps 1:1-4, 6, Mt 11:16-19 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Ps 80:2-3, 15-18, Mt 17:9-13 Sunday: Is 35:1-6, 10, Ps 146:6-10, Jas 5:7-10, Mt 11:2-11

#### **Pro-Life Holy Hour**

The Assumption Respect Life Apostolate will join the *National Night* of *Prayer for Life* with a holy hour in church tonight, Sunday, December 8, from 11 p.m.—midnight to pray for the sanctity of all human life. All are invited to come and pray with us!

#### <u>LIVING WITH LOSS</u> <u>Widow/Widower Support Group</u>

If you are widowed and are trying to learn how to Live with Loss, come and join others who truly understand what you are experiencing. You do not have to be newly widowed to attend, as we know that grief is ongoing. We also know that it is in sharing our stories that we help others to get through this most painful time.

Our next meeting will be Sunday,

December 15 in the Rectory basement (side door along Mattis) from 10:15-11:45 a.m. We will go to lunch at Dulaney's after the meeting to celebrate Christmas. Call Bobbi F. at 314-805-1827 for more information.



#### **Blessings of Generosity**

Your generosity is a blessing! Through your faithful support of our mission beyond your lifetime by

making a planned gift to one of Assumption's Endowment Funds with the Roman Catholic Foundation. In doing so, you will help ensure that Assumption-Mattese Parish continues serving the next generations for the Kingdom of God. To learn more, please contact the Roman Catholic Foundation, our planned giving partner, at 314-918-2890 or at giftplanning@rcfstl.org.

# Assumption Parishioners come up BIG!

Thank You!

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass Offertory Procession brought in record levels of Food and Monetary Gifts. Our collection was also supplemented by a mountain of canned goods from our school children. Assumption is truly a generous and caring parish. Your gifts help so many people meet their basic needs of food, shelter, medicine and utilities.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support,
Your St. Vincent de Paul Society

# November 24 Stewardship

All Saints	\$40.00
Archdiocese for Military	\$80.00
Christmas	\$5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$83.00
General Fund 2019	\$19,393.28
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Partners in Education	\$45.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$5.00
Pro-Life Foundation	\$28.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$250.00
Purgatorial Society	\$15.00
Retired Religious	\$109.00
Seminary	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,118.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$60.00
Year End	\$985.00
Total	\$22,231.28



# Registering at Assumption

Accumption Parish (Matteca)

Everyone needs a family.

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

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warmly welcomes you to our				
family of Faith!				
I/We wo	uld like to register at Assumption:			
Name:				
Phone:				
F-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



Assumption Parish Mission

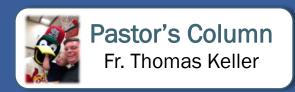
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-Worship God

-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!



#### 2020 Special Liturgical Ceremonies

# Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 9, 2019 Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Masses: 6:30 & 8 a.m.

#### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Thursday, December 12, 2019* 8 a.m. Mass: Children's reenactment of Juan Diego's appearance before the bishop

#### Bambinelli Blessing

Sunday, December 15, 2019
The blessing of Baby Jesus figures from your Crèche at home at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

#### Christmas Eve

*Tuesday, December 24, 2019* Masses: 4, 6 &11 p.m.

#### Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 Morning Masses: 8 & 10 a.m.

#### Holy Family Sunday

Sunday, December 28, 2019
Family Consecration to the Holy Family after all Masses

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/ New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 Vigil Masses: 4 & 5:30pm

Solemn Benediction and the conferral of the plenary indulgence: *Te Deum* after all Masses

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/ New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 Morning Masses: 8, 10 a.m., & 6:00pm Solemn Benediction and the conferral of the plenary indulgence: Veni Creator Spiritus after all Masses

#### Epiphany of Our Lord

Sunday, January 4, 2020 Blessing of Chalk for the inscription on homes after all Masses

#### Candlemas

Sunday, February 2, 2020 Blessing of Liturgical Candles at the 9 a.m. Mass

#### Feast of St. Blase

Monday, February 3, 2020 Blessing of Throats after all Masses

#### Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes/ World Day of the Sick:

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 Confessions and Rosary: 11 a.m. Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion: 11:30 a.m. Social: Noon

#### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 Masses: 6:30, 8, 10 a.m., Noon, 7 p.m.

#### **Daily Lenten Masses**

Monday-Friday Masses 6:30, 8 a.m., & 5:30pm

#### Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent 2:15 & 7 p.m.

#### Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary

Thursday, March 19, 2020 Blessing of St. Joseph's Bread after the 8 a.m. Mass

#### Holy Thursday

*Thursday, April 9, 2020*Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 p.m. Altar of Repose until Midnight

#### **Good Friday**

Friday, April 10, 2020 Stations of the Cross: Noon Confession: Noon-3 p.m.

Movie—The Passion of the Christ: 1 p.m.

(in the church lower level) Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 7 p.m.

#### Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 11, 2020 Blessing of Easter Baskets /Easter Egg Hunt: 10 a.m. Confessions: 4-5 p.m. No 5 p.m. Mass Easter Vigil: 8 p.m.

#### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Masses: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m., & Noon

#### Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday April 19, 2020

Holy Hour - Chaplet, Confessions, and conferral of the plenary indulgence: 3-4 p.m.

#### Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10, 2020 May Crowning at 10:30 a.m. Mass Blessing of Mothers at all Masses

#### Memorial Day

Monday, May 25, 2020

Mass - 9 a.m. followed by Scout flag raising & prayers for the fallen servicemen and women

#### Pentecost

Sunday, May 31, 2020 Conferral of the plenary indulgence: Veni Creator Spiritus after All Masses

#### Corpus Christi

Sunday June 14, 2020 Eucharistic Procession after the 6 p.m. Mass

#### Father's Day

Sunday, June 21, 2020 Blessing of Fathers at all Masses

#### Feast of the Sacred Heart

Friday, June 19, 2020

Act of Consecration after 8 a.m. Mass

#### Independence Day

Saturday, July 4, 2020

Mass: 9 a.m.

#### Sunday before Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Investiture with the Brown Scapular after Masses

#### Portiuncula Privilege

Sunday, August 2, 2020 A plenary indulgence is granted to all who visit a parish church this day

#### Sunday before the Academic Year

Sunday, August 9, 2020 Blessing of Students - 10:30 a.m. Mass

#### Novena in preparation of the Assumption

August 6-14

After 8 a.m. Masses

#### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

#### **Labor Day Mass**

Monday, September 7, 2020

Mass: 9 a.m.

#### All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1, 2020 Normal Sunday Mass Schedule

#### All Souls Day

Monday, November 2, 2020

8 a.m. Mass followed by a procession to the cemetery 7 p.m. Purgatorial Mass remembering deceased friends and family

#### Christ the King

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Act of Consecration at the end of all Masses

#### Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26, 2020

Mass: 9 a.m.

Thanksgiving Brunch: 10 a.m.

Assumption
Parish School
Jenn Sykora
Principal





Our students did an amazing job bringing in items to donate for the parish's St. Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving collection. To transfer all the food to the pantry in the church lower level, we made a human chain throughout the school and across the parking lot. The students had a great time passing the cans & boxes of food along and working together as a school community to assist those in need!





Senior Ministry
Laura Benson
Senior Apostolate Coordinator

#### Senior Ministry activities

- 12/8 Buffet chicken dinner and the Assumption's Children's Choir performance at <u>Our Lady of the Snows shrine</u>. Includes ride through Way of Lights display. See separate ad below.
- 12/9 12 p.m. Lunch and Meeting of Daughters of our Mother of Good Counsel group, St. Marie Hall. Final session on "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" video series on Formed.org. All women who are interested may join us.
- 12/11 9 a.m. Charles Glenn holiday concert at the Sheldon Concert Hall and lunch afterwards at Fitz' SoCo restaurant. 9 a.m. 2 p.m.. For ticket availability, call the SM office at 314.487.7970 Ext. 1221.
- 12/13 10 a.m. Chair Exercises



# Senior Ministry Trip to Our Lady of the Snows on December 8th!

3:30 p.m. Leave Assumption Parking Lot via Shuttle &/or Car Pool

4 p.m. Buffet Dinner at Our Lady of the Snows Restaurant (Dinner \$10—\$15)

5 p.m. Assumption Youth Choir Performance 6:15 p.m. Drive through the "Way of Lights" 8 p.m. Return to Assumption

Call the Assumption Senior Ministry Office at 314.487.7970 ext. 1228 to RSVP.



#### **Donuts Downstairs**

for Young Families & Young Adults

#### Sunday, December 15

following the 10:30 a.m. Mass! Join us for coffee, donuts & fellowship! We'll also have a craft table for the kids!



# The Word Was Made Flesh and Dwelt Among Us

Join others in the **South County Deanery** for an Advent reflection on **Sunday, December 15,** from **2:30-4:30 p.m.** at **Assumption-Mattese Parish.** 

The afternoon will include a reflection by **Michelle Chronister**. In addition to the reflection, enjoy fellowship and a light offering of sandwiches and snacks. There will also be an opportunity to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society by buying available gift cards to donate. Questions? Email holiness@archstl.org or call 314-792-7370.

To register, visit www.catholicfaithstl.com/catholic-faith-stl-adults.



# Annual Knights of Columbus Poker Tournament

The Poker Tournament will be held at Assumption-Mattese Catholic Church on Saturday, February 15, 2020. Proceeds will support spiritual youth education and other parish activities. Doors open at 6 p.m., the tournament starts at 6:30 p.m. There will be gift card prizes for top finishers. We will have light snacks, beer, and soda. The cost is \$25 per person. Interested? Let Steve know at 314-680-3393 or go to <a href="https://www.assumptionstl.org/events/kofc-poker">www.assumptionstl.org/events/kofc-poker</a>. Hope to see you there!

#### **CHRISTmas IN PRISON**

Jesus said "when I was in prison, you visited me". Our parish contributes donations towards a "Christmas feast" on Saturday, December 14 for the Catholic prisoners at the Potosi MO prison. They only receive this large meal once a year if each man attends monthly prayer services and pays a required fee. Many of these men are facing capital punishment by lethal injection. You can help by providing any of the items on this flyer. Please return the
form as soon as possible to the Parish or School Office in an envelope marked "PRISON MINISTRY". Questions?
Call Sue Engel at home: 314 487-9898 or cell: 314 662-2992.
Name
Phone
To celebrate Christmas, my family will provide:
\$ for the meat
bags of salad mix
salad dressing
vegetable tray
cookies
brownies
pies (pecan, pumpkin, apple, chocolate)
cakes
Please return in an envelope marked PRISON MINISTRY to Parish office by Friday, December 13th.  Sue Engel will be in the Church parking lot accepting donations of food on
Friday, December 13 from 2-3 p.m. and Saturday morning, December 14 from 8-9 a.m. Thank you!





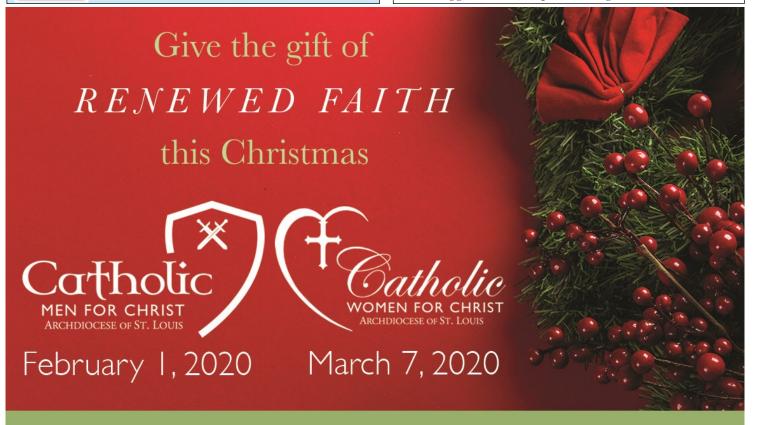
Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life's Living Rosary for Life December 15th at 2:30 p.m.

> Come pray a rosary with us at 2:30 p.m. in the Church!

#### Important Announcement Regarding "Protecting God's Children"

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults in the Archdiocese are required to register in the new system. This includes all clergy, employees and volunteers who are who are currently in compliance and those new to service. All new registrants will need to attend a Protecting God's Children workshop. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition, everyone will register for an updated background screening, view two online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct.

Please go to www.preventandprotectstl.org to register. All information and links can also be found on the parish website under the Education & Activities for Children tab. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Higgins at 314-487-6520 ext. 1236 or email higginsd@assumptionstl.org.



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#### Good News Messenger

\*Please note:

Some deadlines are earlier than normal due to the upcoming holidays.

Issue Deadline (4 p.m.)
December 15 November 26
December 22 December 11

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We may know a lot about the Blessed Virgin Mary—celebrating her Immaculate Conception, her birth, the Annunciation, her glorious Assumption, etc. How can we sum it up? This way: Mary is the only human creature who shows us that God's original plan for us—that we could always choose in accord with His Divine Will—was possible. Think about it—without Mary, how many of us would be wondering if any of us could even get close? Let her "yes" inspire us. (CCC 484-507) archstl.org/dynamic

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The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December of 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak). This gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image and the continued relevance of this Marian apparition to the modern world.

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