

GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Third Sunday of Advent

THIRD SUNDAY

December 15, 2019

#### MASS Sunday

**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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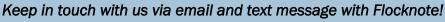
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## This Week

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				
MON 12/16	8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary-CH Senior Ministry Lunch & Games-LL PSR Choir-CH PSR Classes-CH Society of St. Vincent de Paul-REC Fishers of Men-LL (library)				
TUE 12/17	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 <sup>-LL</sup>				
WED 12/18	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 6 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Rosary-CH Senior Wednesdays-LL Quilters-LL Parish Holy Hour-CH Senior Ministry Core Team-REC ELC Christmas Concert-H Respect Life Mtg-REC Choir Practice-CH Boy Scouts-GYM Athletic Association Mtg-LL				
THU 12/19	8:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 4 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary- <sup>CH</sup> Jr. Girl Scouts- <sup>LL</sup> Daisies Troop 343- <sup>LL</sup> ACTS Men's Leadership- <sup>LL</sup>				
FRI 12/20	8:30 a.m. 10 a.m.	Rosary <sup>-CH</sup> Chair Exercises <sup>-LL</sup>				
SAT 12/21	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 12/22	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Men's Pickup Basketball <sup>-GYM</sup> Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life <sup>-AC</sup>				

CH—Church SC—School CAFE—Cafeteria
H—Parish Center REC—Rectory Lower Level
LI—Church Lower Level AC—Chapel

## **Special Events**

Dec. 23– Jan. 3 Christmas Break for School/ELC

Dec.24/25 Christmas Eve/Day \*Holy Day of Obligation\*

See Mass schedule below.

Dec.28 Holy Family Sunday—Family Consecration

after all Masses

Dec.31/Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

\*Holy Day of Obligation\*

See Mass schedule below.

Jan. 4 Epiphany of Our Lord—Blessing of Chalk for

the inscription on homes after all Masses

#### Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Dec. 24, 25, and 26. It will be open from 8:30 a.m.—12 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 23 and on Friday, Dec. 27. Thank you!



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

Christmas Day: 8 & 10 a.m.



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God A Holy Day of Obligation



## **Mass Times:**

December 31 / New Year's Eve: 4 & 5:30 p.m.

January 1 / New Year's Day: 8, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

## Mass Intentions †

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 †
December 16	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Mary Ann McHugh †
8 a.m.	Carol Kump
December 17	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Donald Smith †
8 a.m.	Mary Judith Birsche
December 18	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Jack Matlock †
8 a.m.	Jim Stechter †
December 19	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Dennis Delf †
8 a.m.	Mary Sherman †
December 20	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Jimmy Allen Jr 🕇
8 a.m.	Roy Ottenlips †
December 21	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Frank & Anna Kempf †
5 p.m.	Leonard Reinheimer & Debbie Lenz †
December 22	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Michael Manning
9 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Doris Mattli †
Noon	Donald Smith †
6 p.m.	Adam & Lucy Schamber †
	† denotes deceased

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

## In Our Prayers

#### THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Amy Hufker
Eileen Caldwell

Mary Ann Catalano
Ralph Cernich

Mary Ann Chalmere

Larry Chott

Jerome Coleman

Irene Collette

Peggy Connelly

John and Gen Deely

Tom and Barbara Deely

## OUR MILITARY \*denotes parishioner

Sister Amelia DeMarco

John Diethelm

Wendell Reiter USMC

Michael Faulkner USMC\*

Wyatt Flieg USN

William Florich USAR\*

Tracy Freeman USAR

Michael Fresenberg USA

Thomas Graham USAF

Josh Gregory USAR\*

Devon Harris USN

Jason Hawkins USMC

Chris Hemmelgarn USA\*

## Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 35:1-6, 10, Ps 146:6-10, Jas 5:7-10, Mt 11:2-11 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17, Ps 25: 4-9, Mt 21:23-27 <u>Tuesday:</u> Gn 49:2, 8-10, Ps 72:1-4, 7, 8, 17, Mt 1:1-17 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8, Ps 72:1, 2, 12, 13, 18, 19, Mt 1:18-25 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24, 25, Ps 71:3-6, 16, 17, Lk 1:5-25 Friday: Is 7:10-14, Ps 24:1-6, Lk 1: 26-38 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18, Ps 33: 2, 3, 11, 12, 20, 21, Lk 1:39-45 Sunday: Is 7:10-14, Ps 24:1-6, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-24

# HE IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

YOUR PARISH FAMILY WELCOMES YOU.
THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING WITH US
THIS HOLY SEASON.



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# Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

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

3 December 15, 2019

Victor Huber USA\*

Kaeli Kluesner USAF

## **#GivingTuesday**

Thank you, Assumption Parish!

## on Giving Tuesday & raised over

for the installation of new safety features on our campus!

#### An Evening of Joyful Anticipation

This year's Advent by Candlelight brought together women of all ages, from Assumption and from our sister parish St. Nicholas, for a night of spiritual reflection to prepare for the advent season. Fr. Art Cavitt, pastor of our sister parish, came to speak (and sing!) about the unity and universality of the Roman Catholic faith and the audacity to have faith in our consumerdriven culture!





## December 1 Stewardship

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## 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.

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• 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.



**Parish** Mission

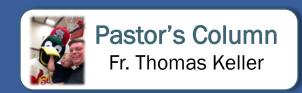
Our Mission:

-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!



#### Recent Priests from our Parish Serving Deployed Military

Fr. David Miloscia, our associate pastor from 2014-2018, who is currently serving at Ste. Genevieve Parish in Ste. Gen, Mo. recently received permission from Archbishop Carlson to serve in the Military Archdiocese. He had been seriously considering this move even when he was at Assumption. As you may know, the whole Miloscia family is very dedicated to the Church and our country; they have two sons who serve as priests and a son who has served in the military. While at Assumption, Fr. Miloscia served as a chaplain to our local St. Louis County Police precinct. I think that experience helped him develop a desire to serve full time as a chaplain.

Fr. Miloscia will be leaving St. Louis in January to begin his training to serve in the U.S. Navy as a Catholic Chaplain. After he finishes his training, it is planned that Fr. Miloscia will be assigned to the nuclear powered, super-carrier USS Ronald Reagan, which is currently serving in the Pacific Ocean near Japan, North and South Korea and the South China Sea.

Fr. Milosica is not the first priest from Assumption to discern a ministry to the Military Archdiocese. Fr. Ed Ramatowski also left St. Louis to serve as a military chaplain. Recently, he was serving oversees near combat areas.

Serving as a military chaplain is a very difficult assignment and those priests make tremendous personal sacrifices to minister to the men and women in the military.

The military is in dire need for Catholic chaplains. So priest chaplains serve for as long as they can depending on their health, abilities, and other circumstances. Just like other military personnel, chaplains are often in harm's way and may return to recover from injury or PTSD. Sometimes, chaplains return to their home diocese to serve in the Reserves after active duty. Ultimately, some day, God willing, Fr. Miloscia will return to St. Louis to serve in an archdiocesan parish again.

We wish Fr. Miloscia well in his new ministry and please remember to pray for him, Fr. Ramatowski and all the priests who have the enormous task of ministering to the Catholics and the others in the military.

If you want to send Fr. Miloscia a Christmas Card to wish him well, his address until Dec 31 is:

Reverend David Miloscia Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church 49 DuBourg Place Sainte Genevieve, MO 63670

If I receive information on how to contact Fr Miloscia after he leaves, or, if I find out Fr Ramatowski's current address, I will share them.

God bless, Fr Keller

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#### **Assumption Snow Policy**

#### 1. Regularly scheduled Masses

Regularly scheduled Masses are never cancelled. However, liturgical ministers and musicians are released from their responsibilities during a significant winter weather event. It should be noted that the obligation of attending Holy Mass is mitigated if it is unsafe to travel.

#### 2. Communication

Parish closures (including the parish office, youth/senior ministries, PSR, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, parish meetings and the Adoration Chapel) will be posted parish-wide on Flocknote and on the Facebook "Assumption Parish and School" page.

Grade School and ELC closures will be posted on FOX2, KMOV, KSDK and communicated to parents electronically by Brightwheel and FastDirect.

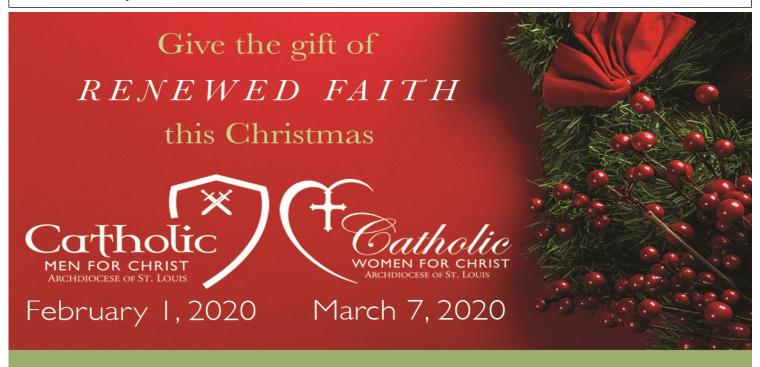
Athletic Association game cancellations can be found on the Assumption Athletics Twitter feed and the CYC website. Coaches communicate practice cancellations to their teams via email or text.

#### 3. Snow removal

Usually, snow will not be removed until the storm ends, unless weekend Masses are affected, in which case, we will try to keep the sidewalks and the lot open. If the school or PSR closes, expect all activities to cancel to give themaintenance crew the opportunity to safely clear the sidewalks and lot.

#### 4. The Adoration Chapel

Adoration is suspended during any significant winter weather event. Snow and ice accumulate quickly on the entrance ramp. Therefore, adoration is suspended when precipitation begins to fall and normally resumes the next day at 9 a.m. in order to give the maintenance crew time to remove the snow or ice from the parking lot and ramp.



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# Early Learning Center Shelly Michael Director





Did you know we have 7 teachers in the AELC that send their children here? That's a total of 10 children! The youngest child in this group is 8 months and the oldest is in Pre-K. AELC teacher Liz Kelly said that "having the opportunity to work at Assumption is not only a privilege but a true blessing! To see my children grow and learn in such a loving community makes it feel like home." Not pictured is Mrs. Tripp and Mrs. Foerstel. We are so thankful for this group of wonderful moms, who are great teachers!

## Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the Giving Tree and Sponsor-A-Family! We also want to thank all of our volunteers who helped us carry the great number of gifts downstairs, as well as all who sorted and distributed them!



#### Senior Ministry

Laura Benson
Senior Apostolate Coordinator

#### **Senior Ministry activities**

12/16 11:30 a.m. Christmas luncheon by Krause Katering. Free will offering appreciated. If you haven't RSVP'd, call the SM office, 314.487.7970 x1221 Monday morning for availability.

12:15 p.m. Rob your Neighbor Dice Game.

Bring a wrapped \$10 gift suitable for male or female. You will bring a different gift home!

12/18 8:30 a.m. Coffee, tea, juice, & sweet treats 9 a.m. Bingo with prizes 10 a.m. Chair Exercises

12/20 10 a.m. Chair Exercises



#### **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

or contact our Transportation Coordinator, Judy Talleur at 314-487-7970 x 1228 or shuttlebus@assumptionstl.org.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Christmas Movies, Hot Chocolate and Games** 

Wear an ugly Christmas sweater & come celebrate with us!



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## 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="www.assumptionstl.org/events/kofc-poker">www.assumptionstl.org/events/kofc-poker</a>. Hope to see you there!

#### 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 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 <a href="mailto:higginsd@assumptionstl.org">higginsd@assumptionstl.org</a>.

## <u>Dynamic Catholic, Alive!</u> – Gaudete Sunday

Gaudete Sunday—Rejoice! But true joy comes by way of true repentance, so John the Baptist reminds us. The desire for holiness, the pursuit of genuine freedom from sin and death—these are the things that inspire us first to renounce evil and then to prepare a way for Christ to enter our hearts, minds, and souls to bring not only mercy, forgiveness, healing, consolation, and peace—but also the authentic Christian joy arising from redeeming grace. (CCC 523-524, 719-720) archstl.org/dynamic



## New Year's Eve Dinner Dance at St. Matthias Parish

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

6:30 p.m. - Doors Open 7:30 p.m. - Dinner is Served 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. - The music of:

# THE SCOTT LAYTHAM and KARL "Trickee" HOLMES DUO

\$30 per person - includes dinner, favors, snacks, set-ups, champagne toast.

BYOB or beer and wine available at \$2.00 per drink.

#### St. Matthias Parish Center, 800 Buckley Rd. St. Louis, MO 63125

For tickets or further information: Call Sandy (314) 544-2162 after 3 p.m. or the Parish Office (314)892-7500 or email smaevents 2017@yahoo.com.

#### Ecumenical Prayer Service for the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity"

Sun. January 26, 2020 @ 7 p.m. at St. Monica Church 12132 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Join Christians from many traditions in prayer for unity while reflecting on welcoming the stranger and showing "unusual kindness" Acts 28:2.



## ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR REMARRIED OF ALL AGES

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed, and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, December 19th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Saint Catherine Laboure parish cafeteria (next to the playground) 9740 Sappington Road, Sunset Hills, Missouri. SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provides the opportunity to share your personal story with caring people. Our entertainment at this meeting will be Rick Zelle playing Christmas music plus we will have a pot luck dinner for \$3 unless you bring a dish.

For more information please call Michelle Wack at (314) 540-7400 or Bill DeCoursey at (314) 894-0733.

#### Donations for the Christmas Flowers on our altar were made in memory of ...

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and in honor of...

Debbie Jernigan

The Priests of Assumption

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#### Good News Messenger

\*Please note:

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

December 22 December 11
December 29 December 18

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PICK OF THE WEEK



#### Prepare the Way of the King

Dr. Scott Hahn

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