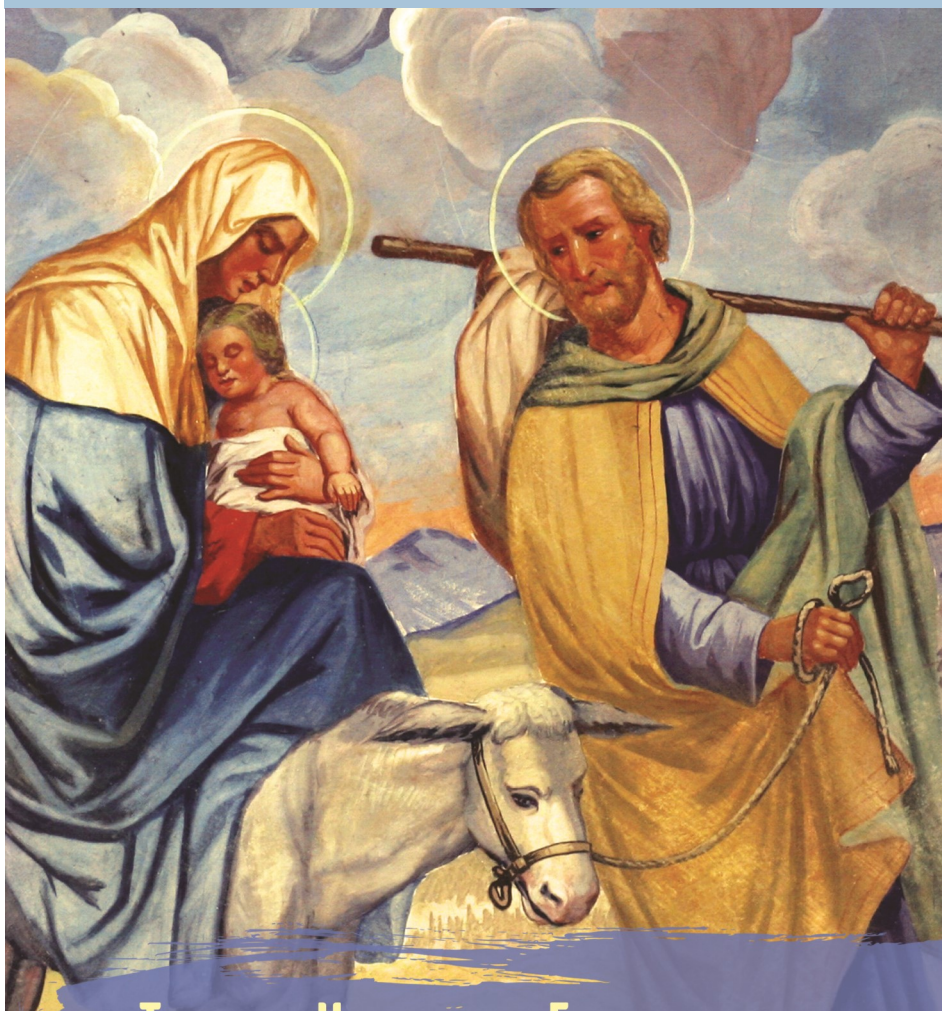




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2019



THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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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

SUN 12/29	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Men's Pickup Basketball-GYM Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC
MON 12/30	8:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary-CH Fishers of Men-LL (library)
TUE 12/31		*Eve of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation* 8:30 a.m. Exercise-LL 8:45 a.m. Rosary-CH
WED 1/1		*The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation*
THU 1/2	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary-CH Exercise-LL ACTS Men's Group-LL
FRI 1/3	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10 a.m.	Rosary-CH Senior Ministry Potluck Breakfast-LL Chair Exercises-LL
SAT 1/4	8 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 4 p.m.	First Saturday Public Rosary-LAWN Rosary-CH Confessions-CH
SUN 1/5	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	*Good News Sunday* Men's Pickup Basketball-GYM Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC

Special Events

Dec.31/Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation See Mass times below.

Jan. 4 Epiphany of Our Lord—Blessing of Chalk for the inscription on homes after all Masses

Jan. 33-26 Youth Ministry attends March for Life

Jan. 26 Catholic Schools Week Open House (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Jan. 30-Feb. 2 Men's ACTS Retreat



Updated Holiday Hours:
The Parish Office will be closed on December 31 & January 1. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. on January 2 -3.

PARISH HOLY HOUR

There will be no parish holy hour this Wednesday, as it falls on January 1st. All are welcome to join us for Mass, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God!

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

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 29	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Tim & Helen Cracchiolo †
9 a.m.	Carol Schacht †
10:30 a.m.	Raymond Sherman †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Marilyn Zinselmeier †
December 30	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Jimmy Allen Jr. †
8 a.m.	John & Frances Meagher †
December 31	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Joseph Frisella †
8 a.m.	Pat Noonan †
4 p.m.	Ina Braun †
5:30 p.m.	Helen & Tom Bujewski †
January 1	WEDNESDAY
8 a.m.	People of the Parish
10 a.m.	Maria Stonecypher †
6 p.m.	Mary Fendler †
January 2	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Marie Mudd †
8 a.m.	Cloyce Andrew Nappier Jr. †
January 3	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Carol A. Campell †
8 a.m.	Ed Deters †
January 4	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Linda De Clue †
5 p.m.	Leonard Reinheimer & Debbie Lenz †
January 5	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Michael Manning
9 a.m.	Hilda & James Armstrong †
10:30 a.m.	Ruppe Family
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Janet Dostal †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Donna Fitzwilliam
Pamela Gebauer
Don Grant
Greg Guidry
Connie Hartman
Charlotte Heisserer
Theon Heisserer
Jacqueline Helberg
Bill Henzey
Sheree Henzey
Henry boys
Jim Hercules
Mary Beth Hercules

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

John Siebert
Todd Smick, USN
Aaron Staryak
Robert Stockwood, USMC
Andrew Titus USN*
Matthew Titus USN*
Eddie Torres, USAF
Marti Torres, USAF
Jenna Welchlen, USA
Steven Wodraska, USN
Nicole Wright, USA
Joshua Zarr
Tim Andrews, USCG

Rest in Peace

Ina Braun

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Spiritual Leadership

Joseph is a model of spiritual leadership. Humility and obedience are not things that are praised in our culture today. But, remember, our goal is not possessing more things on earth, rather our goal is eternal life with God! Spiritual warfare is real. Through silence, we are able to discern God's will for us and our families. Studies show that when dad takes his faith seriously, so do his children. Men, the best thing we can do for our families is to be the men God is calling us to be, to be the spiritual leaders for our families. The best gift we can give our families is to teach them how to pray. archstl.org/dynamic

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

"Abide"
Catholic Young Adult Ministry
Coming Soon to South County!

The parishes of Assumption, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, and Queen of All Saints are excited to introduce a new young adult ministry: Abide. Abide was created to provide a space in South County for young adults to come together, share their Catholic faith, and find community. Beginning January 9, 2020, Abide will meet every Thursday evening from 7 - 8 p.m. in St. Margaret Mary Alacoque's parish center. Any and all young adults are invited and encouraged to join whenever they are available! More information to come soon or please contact Cecilia at detwilerc@assumptionstl.org with any questions. Follow them on Instagram @abidestl.



Notice:

Please note that our amounts For Financial Stewardship were not processed in time for the printing of this publication, due to holiday office closings. They will be posted in the Good News Messenger as soon as they are available. Thank you!

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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 Jan.4 at NOON.

**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

Consecrating Our Families to the Holy Family

At the end of Masses this weekend, we had the opportunity to consecrate our families to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The consecration has a two-fold effect: to ask for their powerful protection and to recommit ourselves and our families to a Christian way of life.

Why is the family consecration important? Because terrible forces threaten the family and the Consecration is a powerful way to counteract these evil forces. These forces are found in the spirit of the age we live in.

Today, maybe more than ever, families are pulled away from God and each other by the spirit of our age. This age promotes radical individuality, replacing true love for selfishness. This age promotes sexual freedom, replacing responsibility and respect. This age encourages material consumerism and a certain absorption of our attention into the internet, replacing authentic friendship and intimacy. This age redefines family life itself, replacing God's will for the human race with sinful lifestyles that are contrary to God's will. Along with many other dysfunctions of our age, these forces lead family members into sin. Sin tears us apart from God and from each other.

The Holy Family Consecration helps us to refocus ourselves and open our hearts to God's grace. The grace offered through the example and intercession of the Holy Family transforms us and unites us with God the Father.

I encourage everyone to consecrate their family often in order to place our families under the Divine Protection and encourage us, through God's grace, to always do His will.

God bless, Fr. Keller

Consecration to the Holy Family

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth, you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you.

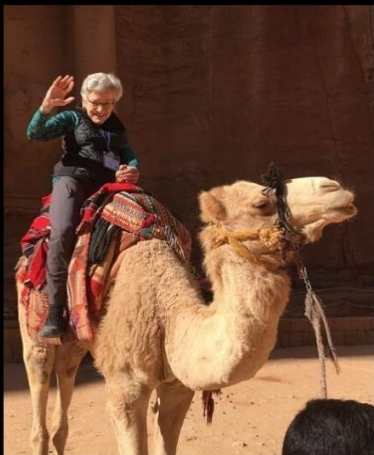
O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days.

Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

2019 in review!

2019 brought with it so many blessings and opportunities for our parish family to grow in faith and in love of God and neighbor! Here are just a few of our favorite moments from the past year!



Early Learning Center

Shelly Michael
Director



This year in the Pre- K classroom, we had an Elf On The Shelf show up in our classroom. All of the students were so excited to name him and welcome him into our classroom. We chose the name Rudolph by

voting using our pictures and then counting to see which name had won. Rudolph did some crazy things while being in our classroom. He climbed on our trees and left us some goodies around the room. He also had a grand ole time in the Elf Ball Pit. Our classes favorite was when he was eating a big Hersey's Kiss he fell in and got stuck inside the wrapper. Soon he will be leaving our classroom for the North Pole, but we hope he is giving good reports back to Santa each night.

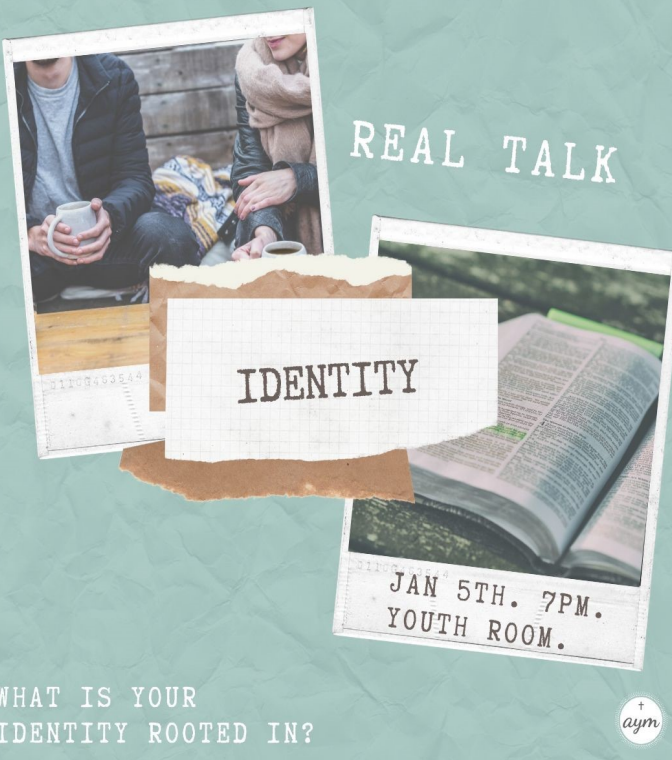
Senior Ministry

Laura Benson
Senior Apostolate Coordinator



Senior Ministry activities

- 12/31** NYE Masses: 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., SM office closed
- 1/1** Happy New Year ! Masses: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 6 p.m. The Senior Ministry office will be closed.
- 1/3** 8 a.m. First Friday Mass
8:30 a.m. **Pot-luck breakfast**, St. Marie Hall
As a reminder, please bring one of the following to share: Last names starting with A - L, bring a fruit salad or cut-up fruit OR some type of bread: cinnamon rolls, biscuits, muffins, or bagels. Last names starting with M - Z, bring an egg casserole or other hot breakfast dish like french toast, waffles, bacon, sausage, etc. 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**
12 p.m. The Senior Ministry office closes.



aym Upcoming Events

-- Life Night (Dec 29)- NO LIFE NIGHT- Happy New Year!

- Life Night (Jan 5)-REAL TALK: IDENTITY

Kicking off a semester long series on hot topics in today's culture. We will spend the first night diving into identity: What do you put your identity in? Also, something will be different when you return to the youth room. You don't want to miss this!



 LIFE TEEN

Kick Off Catholic Schools' Week at Assumption Parish Schools!



Assumption Open House

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Sunday,
January 26
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Marriage on Tap STL : Finding Joy in Our Sacraments in Today's World

All married couples are invited to enjoy an evening of marriage enrichment with a talk by Fr. John Vogler.

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
The Pasta House Company ~ Party Room
8213 Delmar Blvd, University City, MO 63130
(just east of I-170)

\$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per couple
includes buffet dinner featuring

Pasta House Salad,
Baby Loaves of Bread, Chicken Parmesan,
Sicilian Grilled Pesce (Fish),
Pasta Primavera and Broccoli.
Price also includes tax and tip.

Cash bar available.

This evening is open to all married couples.
Visit us on Facebook: Marriage on Tap STL
RSVP required; please respond by 1-17-20
to marriageontapstl@gmail.com

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Coming Soon — Assumption Men's ACTS Retreat

The next Men's ACTS retreat will be January 30 - February 2, 2020! An ACTS retreat is centered on how we as Catholics can improve our relationship with God and build a better, stronger faith community. For more information or to register, go to www.assumptionstl.org/acts.

Questions? Please email Ben at grijalvab1@gmail.com.

"An ACTS retreat is a wonderful experience, especially if you feel your faith has stagnated and you are looking for some enrichment. It is also a great place to speak to other men who discuss their faith and are experiencing the same types of issues you are."

*"I'm closer to my wife, closer to God.
I believe I am happier than I've been in a long time."*

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 higginsd@assumptionstl.org.

2020 Pilgrimage to POLAND

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birth of St. John Paul II
in the city of his birth!

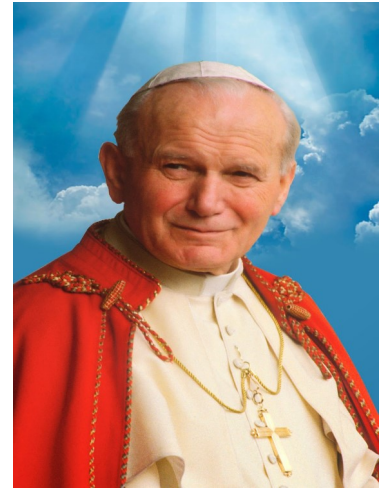
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For additional information, please contact
St. Agatha Church at **314.772.1603**
or visit the December bulletin on the parish website
at www.polishchurchstlouis.org

\$200 non-refundable deposit due by January 31, 2020



Thank You from our Prison Ministry!

Thank you very much to all Assumption parishioners who either donated money or food to benefit the Catholic Christmas Feast that was held on Saturday December 14 at Potosi Correctional Center. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. The men who participated provided a card of appreciation to the parish and these are some of their words:

"Thank you so much for all the wonderful food and for supporting our Catholic Community here at Potosi Correctional Center. Have a very Merry Christmas and God Bless you all." —(Mike)

"From the bottom of my heart, thanks so much for all the acts of compassion you do on our behalf. You inspire us all to be better people. God bless you all!" —(Chris)

"Some of us don't get many visits and your generosity provides us with that visit of the Holy Spirit. Thank You!" —(Ryan)

"Sending Christmas cheers and may the Lord bless and keep you all as I keep you in my prayers. Thank you for everything you do for us here." —(Bryan)



***Additional donations
for the Christmas Flowers
on our altar were
made in memory of ...***

Mallissa Beckmann
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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.)
January 5	December 18
January 12	January 3

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows

by Kimberly Hahn



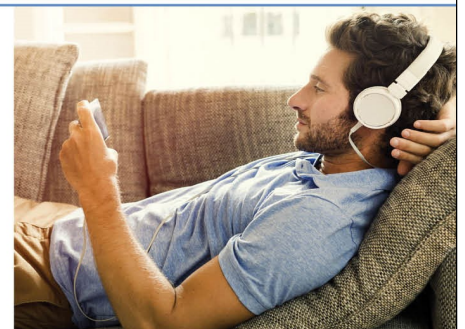
Walk with Mary

Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.

"Speechless ... I have cried so many tears hearing this."

—Charity L., Anderson, SC

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