



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020

Why parents LOVE Assumption Parish School!



"There are so many days that I leave the parking lot after drop-off with a smile and praise God because this is where my kids are meant to be!"

"Assumption has a challenging curriculum that incorporates the latest trends in technology while giving the students many opportunities for hands-on learning."





"My kids look forward to spending their day at school and I love the excitement they have for learning."

"Assumption School has challenged our children academically and nurtured them as they grow in their Catholic faith, including the call to serve others."



Catholic Schools Week

January 26-31, 2020
Celebrating Assumption's tradition of Catholic eduction!

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 1/26	10 a.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	School/ELC Open House ^{-SC} Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life ^{-AC} Men's Pickup Basketball ^{-GYM}
MON 1/27	8:30 a.m. 1 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary ^{-CH} Mother of Good Counsel ^{-I,L} PSR Classes ^{-SC} Fishers of Men ^{-I,L}
TUE 1/28	8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Exercise Ladies-IL Rosary-CH Dominoes Players-IL Men's ACTS Retreat Team-IL Men's ACTS Small Group-IL Fatima Rosary-CH
WED 1/29	8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Rosary ^{-CH} Quilters ^{-LL} Saints Parade for Catholic Schools Week ^{-SC} Parish Holy Hour ^{-CH} Choir Practice ^{-CH} Inside Catholicism ^{-LL} Boy Scouts ^{-SC}
THU 1/30	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Rosary ^{-CH} Exercise Ladies ^{-LL} Men's ACTS Retreat Send-Off ^{CH}
FRI 1/31	8:30 a.m. 10 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Rosary-CH Chair Exercise for Seniors-LL Brownies (Menendez)-LL Daisies (Bailey)-LL
SAT 2/1	8:30 a.m. 12 p.m. 4 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Rosary-CH First Saturday Public Rosary-LAWN Confessions-CH Rosary-CH
SUN 2/2	8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Good News Sunday Youth Choir Bake Sale ^{-LL} ACTS Men Return Luncheon ^{-CAFÉ} Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life ^{-AC} Men's Pickup Basketball ^{-GYM}

CH_Church SC_School CAFE_Cafeteria
H_Parish Center REC_Rectory Lower Level
LI_Church Lower Level AC_Chapel

Special Events

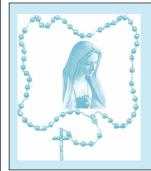
Jan. 26 DC March for Life participants return

Jan. 26 Parish School & AELC Open House

Jan. 26–31 Catholic Schools Week

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

Mar. 2, 3 & 4 Parish Mission with EWTN host, Doug Barry



<u>First Saturday</u> 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 Feb. 1 at NOON.



Youth Choir Super Bowl Bake Sale!

Please support the Assumption Youth Choir Super Bowl Bake Sale on Feb. 1 and 2 after all Masses. You can support the choir by **baking** some goodies for the sale or by **purchasing** some goodies for your family or for your Super Bowl Party!

PARISH HOLY HOUR

The Parish Holy Hour is open to everyone. It is intended as an opportunity for parishioners to spend time in prayer & adoration, as well as receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join us each Wednesday from 6 - 7 p.m. in the church.



Mass Intentions †

January 26	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Gerald Willett †
9 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Janet Dostal †
Noon	Krissie McGlothin †
6 p.m.	Danny Martin †
January 27	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Michael Landsdorf †
8 a.m.	Tim Dunn
January 28	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Joseph Kauffmann †
8 a.m.	Merle Federhofer †
January 29	WEDNESDAY
6 a.m.	Georgette Bayer †
8:30 a.m.	Michael Manning
January 30	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Dan Mueller †
8 a.m.	Patrick Noonan †
January 31	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Mary Florich †
8 a.m.	Russ Kelly †
February 1	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Sal & Eleanor Catanzaro †
5 p.m.	Marie Mudd †
February 2	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Craig Wnuk †
9 a.m.	William J. Sheahan †
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Noon	Vicki Rellergert †
6 p.m.	Mary Florich †
	† 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		
John Paquet		
Jim Penrose		
Ed Perniciaro		
Lois Pitchford		
Mary Ann Pizzo		
Bert Pohl		
Ron Pohl		
Ann Prasuhn		
Jerry Pyle		
Barb Radake		
Agnes Reichert		
Hubert Reichert		

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Chris Roche

Derek Ryan			
Timothy Scott, USMC			
Austin Shields			
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			

Rest in Peace

Joseph Fisch

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13 -14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30 <u>Tuesday</u>: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41 Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

<u>Dynamic Catholic, Alive!</u> Metanoia

Jesus invites us to an experience of μετάνοια, a Greek word that refers to repentance or a conversion of heart and mind. This process of μετάνοια can occur every day of our lives as we work to more closely adhere to the Lord of our lives by praying for grace to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. The Kingdom of God is present among us in the sacramental life of the Church, especially in the Holy Eucharist, and when we engage in acts of charity and the works of mercy. We can encounter Jesus Christ in our brothers and sisters in need. First, we must enter more deeply into prayer and encounter the Lord anew. Once our prayer matures, we can experience greater renewal and conversion. archstl.org/dynamic

PARISH MISSION 2020 with EWTN host, DOUG BARRY



Get fired up & strengthened for the biggest battle of your life — the spiritual battle! Are you battle ready?

Assumption's 2020 Parish Mission

will be held the evenings of
Monday, March 2—
Wednesday, March 4
inside the church and will be
presented by Doug Barry, host
of EWTN's "Battle Ready"!

All other parish meetings and events will be cancelled so that all may attend the mission.

There will be children's activities offered simultaneously in the church lower level.

Disposal of Blessed Palms

Do you have blessed palms from previous years? You can place them in the basket in the back of church until Sunday, February 23.



Women's Book Study Forming!

WINE: Women In the New Evangelization provides an environment that allows women to know and love Jesus Christ, an environment that allows women to learn about their dignity and vocation, allowing women to live their faith with confidence, with conviction and hope. Our new study will be on Tuesdays, from 2/4/2020 through 3/24/2020! Note—There will be no meeting on 3/3/2020 as the Mission will be taking place and we encourage all to attend this wonderful event. The book we will be reading is "The Grace of Yes - Eight Virtues for Generous Living" by Lisa M. Hendy. Books can be purchased at Pauline Media after 1/20/2020. Need further information? Contact Sally Giorgi at 314-941-3907.

January 19 Stewardship

\$200.00 \$50.00
\$50.00
\$985.22
\$21,794.61
\$120.00
\$75.00
\$45.00
\$53.00
\$50.00
\$25.00
\$45.00
\$2,513.00
\$970.00
\$55.00
\$26,980.83

Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel



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

Registering at Assumption

E-mail:

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:			

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.



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 Boy Scouts of Assumption's Troop 169 have a great tradition of supporting the parish. One of the ways they support Assumption is through Eagle Scout projects. As a Boy Scout progresses toward the rank of Eagle, he has an opportunity to design, fundraise, gather materials, and organize volunteers to construct the project. Assumption has benefitted from many years of Eagle Scout projects.

A few years ago, a very ingenious Assumption Boy Scout designed and installed a camera and microphone that transmits our Masses via the internet. Anyone with an internet connection can go to assumptionlive.com and participate in Holy Mass.

There are many ways to watch Mass. Other parishes have started live-streaming their Masses too and, of course, for many years EWTN has broadcast daily Mass from Birmingham, Alabama several times a day on their cable station. EWTN also broadcasts Papal Masses from the Vatican and during the pope's visits to various nations.

Once in a while it is good to revisit the conditions for participating in Holy Mass transmitted via a form of media.

First, it is important to remember two things:

- 1. Watching Mass on TV or over the internet does not satisfy the obligation to attend Holy Mass.
- 2. One is released from the obligation to attend Holy Mass if:
- a) one is sick or homebound due to age, or illness,
- b) inclement weather makes it dangerous to attend Mass.
- c) one travels, but it is a good thing to attend Mass if it is available
- d) one is required to work in a profession that demands attendance on Sundays, although if a Mass is offered at a convenient time and at a reasonable distance, the obligation still stands, even if it is a sacrifice to attend.

So the service of broadcasting or live-streaming Mass is not intended to satisfy one's obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation or their vigils.

However, many Catholics love the Mass and feel its loss when they are not able to attend due to declining health. They are encouraged to watch the Mass as it is being celebrated. In doing so, they are able to receive the same graces offered at that moment to those physically present at Mass. At Assumption, we try to live-stream all our regularly scheduled Masses so parishioners can participate from home at a convenient time and hopefully at their favorite Mass.

We also keep the Masses archived for a while so parishioners who wish to hear a specific piece of beautiful music again, or re-listen to a gloriously inspired homily are able to do so, but unfortunately, watching the entire Mass at a different time is not the same as participating live.

So, I encourage you to share our livestream's website, <u>assumptionlive.com</u>, with anyone (they don't need to be parishioners) who is homebound and explain to them the importance of watching it live. Also, we are grateful for all our scouts (Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold Award recipients) who have enhanced our campus with their many gardens and other practical projects.

God bless, Fr. Keller

Join Msgr. Breier & Fr. Keller for a

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE & SPRIRITUAL RETREAT

OCTOBER 15 - 26, 2020



The trip includes round-trip airfare from St. Louis, all meals, stays at first-class hotels, professional Christian tour guides, and daily Masses at significant Shrines & churches!

Join us as we journey to the following cities & holy sites:

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Mt.Tabor + Jericho + Caesarea Philippi + Bethany

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Assumption Parish School Jenn Sykora Principal



Catholic Schools Week Activities!

- **1/26 School/ELC Open House** (10 a.m.– 1 p.m.)
- 1/27 Family Lunch—Parents & Grandparents are invited to bring lunch & eat with their family!
- 1/28 Student Appreciation Day—Students may dress out of uniform, participate in fun activities throughout the day, will receive a special treat, and there will be no tests or homework this day!
- 1/29 Service Day—Students will be making busy bags for hospitalized children for this year's service project!
- 1/30 Staff Appreciation Day—There will be an author visit for PK-4th grade, an afternoon game, and teachers will receive drawings or appreciation notes!
- 1/31 Spirit Day—Show your school pride by wearing an Assumption shirt or jersey! The staff & 8th grade will face off in the annual volleyball game at 1:45 p.m.



Senior Ministry
Laura Benson
Senior Apostolate Coordinator

Senior Ministry activities

- 1/27 Meeting of Daughters of our Mother of Good Counsel group, St. Marie Hall. We will finish the second half of "God's Mighty Servant" movie on Formed.org; popcorn & soda provided! All women who are interested may join us.
- 1/29 8:30 a.m. Coffee, hot tea and cocoa, juice and sweet treats, St. Marie Hall
 10 a.m. Chair exercises
 11 a.m. View Formed.org "The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends" movie for showing to your (great) grandchildren ages 8 and under (26 minutes). This short video documents St. John Bosco, whose feast day is 1/31.
- 1/31 10 a.m. Chair exercises, St. Marie Hall

January 27

SHOW AND TELL INVITATION



What I Love About Being Catholic!

In honor of
Catholic Schools Week,
all PSR Students can bring
something from home:
a photograph,
prayer book
or religious item
to share with their
classmates!

AYM Upcoming Events

- -PRAY FOR US! 54 teens and chaperones are headed to Washington DC to stand up for life from January 22-26th. Because of this, there will NOT be a life night on January 26th.
- SUPERBOWL SUNDAY (FEB 2) NO LIFE NIGHT.

Enjoy time with family and friends. We will see you back here next week for our next Real Talk night!

- REAL TALK: PORNOGRAPHY

Guest speaker, Phill, from the REAP team is going to help us have some #realtalk on the topic of pornography. We will learn about how it effects the brain, tips on how to avoid it, and much more, before ending the night by offering ourselves in prayer to Mary and Joseph. See you at 7 p.m!



OLIFE TEEN

Calling all Knights & men of the parish!



"Faith in Action" Day of Recollection for Knights of Columbus & Men of the Parish

Saturday, February 29, 2020 8:00 am-2:00 PM at Assumption Church—Mattese 4725 Mattis Rd, 63128

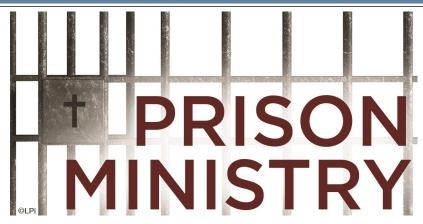
- Holy Mass—8:00 AM, followed by:
- Spiritual Conferences
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Rosary
- Opportunity for Confession/Sacrament of Penance
- Lunch included!
- · Admission is free, however free will offerings will be accepted
- Reservations are required!

Must RSVP by Monday, February 24, 2020 to Tim Hessel at 314.807.0510 First come, first served due to limited seating!



Let us deepen our appreciation for our Catholic Faith and strengthen our bond as Knights of Columbus.





REC Prison Retreat Ministry Seeking Volunteers

It is the purpose of Missouri Residents Encounter Christ (REC), through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to provide an opportunity for the incarcerated to personally encounter Jesus Christ within themselves and others by witnessing and experiencing Christian community, the sacraments, and Pascal Mystery. Residents Encounter Christ is a three-day retreat weekend based on the Pascal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Participants experience the message of Christ through participation in music, discussions, talks, prayer, scripture, liturgy and celebration. The REC Community is made up of ordinary men and women who are Catholic and Protestant, over the age of 21, and who feel called by the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel to the incarcerated. If you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you, please contact Joe Knaebel at 573-268-1252 or at joe.knaebel@midambuilding.com.

Upcoming Retreat Locations and dates are as follows: **Bonne Terre:** Feb 15-17, 2020 **Pacific:** Mar 6-8, 2020

Farmington: May (dates to be determined)

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.

All information and links can be found on the parish website on the Education & Activities for Children tab under Safe Environment. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Higgins at (314) 487-6520 ext. 1236 or email higginsd@assumptionstl.org.

Important Announcement Regarding the Upcoming Diaconate Ordination of Mr. Michael Thompson

Canon 1029 - "After all circumstances have been taken into account in the prudent judgment of the proper bishop or the competent major superior, only those should be promoted to orders who have an integral faith, are motivated by a right intention, possess the required knowledge, and enjoy a good reputation, good morals, and proven virtues, and other physical and psychological qualities which are appropriate to the order to be received."

The above is what Canon Law says about one who petitions the Archbishop to be ordained a Deacon. Canon 1029 make it clear that becoming a Deacon is not about fulfilling requirements, it is about an integrated lifestyle of love for Jesus Christ and of service to the Church.

Following the age-old custom of the Church, as maintained by Canon Law (Canon 1051, paragraph 2), it is my privilege to announce publicly that Mr. Michael Thompson, a member of Assumption-Mattese parish, is a candidate for the major order of Sacred Diaconate, to be conferred on June 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica.

Anyone who knows any reason why this candidate should not be ordained is bound to disclose this immediately.

Please join me in prayer for Mr. Thompson that his ordination will be a time of extraordinary grace and abiding peace. -Fr. Thomas Keller

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Good News Messenger

Issue Deadline (4 p.m.) February 2 January 24

February 9 January 31

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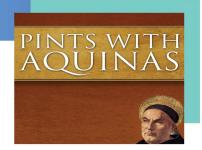
January 28 is the feast day of Saint Thomas Aquinas. In celebration, Matt Fradd sits down with Peter Kreeft as he shares 12 quick stories about Saint Thomas Aquinas.

PICK OF THE WEEK

Pints With Aquinas

12 Stories about Aquinas

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