



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020



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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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise
of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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This Week

SUN 2/2	8:30 a.m. Youth Choir Bake Sale-LL 11:30 a.m. ACTS Men Return Luncheon-CAFÉ 7 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC 7 p.m. Men's Pickup Basketball-GYM
MON 2/3	8:30 a.m. Rosary-CH 1 p.m. Mother of Good Counsel-LL 6:15 p.m. PSR Classes-SC 6:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting-REC 7 p.m. Fishers of Men-LL 7 p.m. ACTS Women Retreat-LL 7 p.m. Separated/Divorced Catholics-LL
TUE 2/4	8:30 a.m. Exercise Ladies-LL 8:45 a.m. Rosary-CH 4 p.m. Girl Scouts-LL 6 p.m. Lion Cub Scouts-SC 6:30 p.m. Fatima Rosary-CH 7 p.m. WINE Book Club-LL 7 p.m. Men's ACTS Small Group-LL
WED 2/5	8:30 a.m. Rosary-CH 9 a.m. Quilters-LL 6 p.m. Parish Holy Hour-CH 7 p.m. Choir Practice-CH 7 p.m. Inside Catholicism-LL 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts-SC
THU 2/6	8:30 a.m. Rosary-CH 8:30 a.m. Exercise Ladies-LL 3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts-LL 6:30 p.m. ACTS -LL
FRI 2/7	8:30 a.m. Rosary-CH 8:30 a.m. Potluck Breakfast-LL 10 a.m. Chair Exercise for Seniors-LL 5:30 p.m. Pack the Gym-GYM
SAT 2/8	9 a.m. Confirmation Retreat-LL 4 p.m. Confessions-CH 4:30 p.m. Rosary-CH
SUN 2/9	7 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC 7 p.m. Men's Pickup Basketball-GYM

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

Special Events

- Feb. 11 World Day of the Sick—Anointing of the Sick
(Rosary & Confessions at 11 a.m., Anointing at 11:30 a.m. & lunch at 12 p.m.)
- Feb. 16 Young Catholic Musicians lead music at the 10:30 a.m. Mass
- Feb. 29 Men's Day of Recollection
- Mar. 1 Young Adult/Youth Group Dinner & Talk with Doug Barry
- Mar. 2, 3 & 4 Parish Mission with EWTN host, Doug Barry

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.



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!



Abide is a new young adult ministry

which provides a space in South County for young adults to come together, share their Catholic faith, and find community.

Join us every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in St. Margaret Mary Alacoque's parish center.

Any and all young adults are invited! Follow Abide on Facebook or Instagram at @abidestl.



Visit assumptionstl.org
to register today
for Online Giving!

Mass Intentions †

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 †
February 3	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	George Trembath †
8 a.m.	Cloyce Andrew Nappier Jr. †
February 4	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Mary Ellen Vetter †
8 a.m.	Genevieve Selleck †
February 5	WEDNESDAY
6 a.m.	Wayne Hagensieker †
8:30 a.m.	Jimmy Allen Jr. †
February 6	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Mike Schweizer †
8 a.m.	Floyd Dunlap †
February 7	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Cornelius Brouk †
8 a.m.	Janet Dostal †
February 8	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Jean Natsch †
5 p.m.	Danny Martin †
February 9	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Helen Bell †
9 a.m.	Jimmy Allen Jr. †
10:30 a.m.	John Koelbel †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Ushupun Family
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Linda Rositz
Kathryn Rothweil
Patricia Rudolf
Dan S.
David & Teresa Samuels
Bill Schacht III
Lenore Schellhase
Debbie Schrum
Keith Schwartz
Madeline Seward
Urban Shocker
Jeanette Siebert
Patti Siebert
OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner
Nicole Wright USA
Joshua Zarr
Tim Andrews USCG
Isaiah Angeli USMC*
Davey Ardrey USAR
Raymond Bast USN
Ryan Boedeker
Kyle Bottorf
Justin Brock USA*
Robert Bryant III USAF*
Dustin Burnett USAF
Dominic Catalano
Dakota Chappel

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13 this is correct

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Assumption represents at the DC March for Life!



Some of our 8th graders with former St. Louis Archbishop, Cardinal Burke!



Fr. Weber and a few of our AYM teens marching for life on the National Mall.

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

ASSUMPTION PARISH MISSION

**Mon., March 2
- Wed., March 4
6:30 - 8 p.m.**



**with ETWN host,
DOUG BARRY**

Think you can't make the parish mission?

**We will be offering
CHILDCARE & TRANSPORTATION!**

That's right! There will be a Children's Mission for kids PreK-5th grade & if you a ride, you can sign up to be picked up by our Assumption Shuttle!

Go to www.assumptionstl.org/parish-mission-2020 for more info!

January 26 Stewardship

Ash Wednesday	\$25.00
Christmas	\$25.00
Flood/Disaster Relief	\$2.75
General Fund 2020	\$13,569.35
Lifeline Coalition	\$20.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$10.00
Seminary	\$35.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$200.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$735.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$530.00
Total	\$15, 152.10

Notice:

The online giving contributions from last weekend were not available at the time of print. They will be included in the next possible bulletin. Thank you!

Assumption's World Day of the Sick Prayer Service on February 11th

11 a.m. Rosary & Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church

11:30 a.m. Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

12 p.m. Hot buffet lunch catered in the church lower level (Free will offerings accepted.)

Questions? Contact Dcn. David Schaefer at schaeferd@assumptionstl.org or at 314-487-7970 ext. 1254.

Our Lady Help of Christians

Adoration Chapel



Open 24/7.

(Contact the Parish Office for the keycode.)

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

Surprising News

For Catholic Schools Week (Jan 26 – January 31) the Archdiocese of St. Louis released a list of **the 10 oldest continuously operating parish elementary schools in the Archdiocese**. To my surprise, Assumption Grade School is the oldest!

For a little context, there are different kinds of Catholic schools. A private school is owned and operated by a religious order. An archdiocesan school is operated by the archdiocese. A parochial (parish) school is supported and operated by a parish.

Catholic education began in St. Louis in 1818 when Bishop DuBourg opened St. Louis University, Fr. Rosati opened the seminary, and St. Philippine Duchesne opened Sacred Heart Academy. St. Louis opened its first public elementary school in 1838. Assumption (Mattese) parish was founded in 1839 by the missionary, Fr. Edmund Saulnier and in 1848, Fr. Simon Sigrist opened the school at Assumption. That makes our school 172 years old!

While I am aware of Assumption's rich history, I had no idea that we are the oldest parochial school. All the more reason to preserve it and strengthen it! Of course, many Assumption families have had multiple generations graduate from our grade school. We have a lot of very enthusiastic and supportive Assumption graduates.

Fr. Sigrist also built a brick church for the parish in 1848 and he used the old log church as a classroom. Our current school facilities are actually a series of connected buildings built in recent decades. The oldest existing building is from 1950, so it is relatively recent, but like all our buildings, it requires much care and constant updating. Coincidentally, soon we will announce a number of repairs and improvements that we hope to make to the school buildings and Parish Center. I hope the parish continues its unwavering support.

God bless,
Fr. Keller

10 Oldest Continuously Operating Catholic Parish Elementary Schools In the Archdiocese of St. Louis

- 1848 Assumption, Mattese
- 1849 St. Alphonsus, Millwood
- 1849 St. Francis Borgia, Washington
- 1849 St. Ferdinand, Florissant
- 1849 St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles
- 1850 St. John the Baptist, Gildehaus
- 1855 St. Gertrude, Krakow
- 1857 St. Ann, Normandy
- 1860 Most Holy Trinity, St. Louis
- 1863 All Saints, St. Peters



*Join Msgr. Breier
& Fr. Keller for a*

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OCTOBER 15 - 26, 2020

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Assumption Parish School

Jenn Sykora
Principal



This past Tuesday, during Catholic Schools Week, students were part of a Eucharistic Procession from the church through the school building after Holy Mass!



Senior Ministry

Laura Benson
Senior Apostolate Coordinator

Senior Ministry Activities

- 2/3** 8 a.m. Mass with St. Blaise blessing of the throat
- 2/5** 8:30 a.m. Coffee, hot tea & chocolate, juice & sweet treats, St. Marie Hall
10 a.m. Chair exercises
11 a.m. "Return" video session and discussion, "Start the Conversation". 40 minutes with take-home handout and references for more reading.
- 2/7** 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 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

SPRING RETREAT

February 21-23
Redemption Ranch
\$75.00

Sign up online at:
[assumptionstl.org/
high-school-lifeteen](http://assumptionstl.org/high-school-lifeteen)

Sign ups due by
Feb. 10th



aym Upcoming Events

-- 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 (FEB 9)
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!



LIFE TEEN

ZECHARIAH

Witness to Catholic Men



Not by
might,
nor
by power
but by
My Spirit

Zechariah Men's Prayer Breakfast

Zechariah Men's Prayer Breakfast is focused on sharing the story of an encounter with Christ, one man at a time. Come to breakfast Saturday, February 22, 2020 at the May Room, Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive in Shrewsbury (63119), 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Our speaker **FR. WILLIAM DOTSON** has been the pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St. Charles since 2017. He also serves as a member of the Public Policy Committee of the Missouri Catholic Conference and as a chaplain for the St. Charles City Police Department. Breakfast reservations (\$15 at the door) may be made by email to gary.whitlock@att.net, by phone to **636-296-2903**, or online at **STLRENEWAL.ORG/ZPB**. Information is at the **Catholic Renewal Center** website, **ARCHSTL.ORG/RENEWAL**.

Gospel Reflection for February 2, 2020

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be.

It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissention. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus’ proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications.

It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to see but shows us where we need to be.

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Fiat Women's Group

All women are invited to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Drive, 63119) on the third Thursday of each month for prayer and a talk. The next meeting will be on **February 20th, 2020**. The speaker will be **Father Paul Hoelsing, Vice Rector for Formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary**. The

Rosary will be prayed at 8 a.m., and Father Hoelsing will speak from 8:15 a.m. until 9 a.m. Coffee will be offered afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30 a.m. For more information or to watch videos from past Fiat talks, see: www.kenrick.edu/fiat.

PARISH HOLY HOUR

Wednesdays from

6 — 7 p.m.

in the church.

Calling all Knights & Men of the Parish
For a Knights of Columbus
Men's Day of Recollection



**Saturday, February 29, 2020
8 a.m.—2 p.m. at
Assumption-Mattese Catholic Church
Led by Bishop Robert Hermann,
Retired Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis**

All men are invited to join the Knights for a day of recollection, which will include Holy Mass, spiritual conferences, Eucharistic adoration, the rosary, and opportunities for confession. Admission is free, however, free will offerings will be accepted. RSVP is required. RSVP to Tim Hessel by Monday, February 24 by calling 314-804-0510. Please note that RSVPs will be accepted on a first come, first served basis due to limited seating.

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 ww.assumptionstl.org/events/kofc-poker. Hope to see you there!



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.

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Good News Messenger

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February 16	February 7

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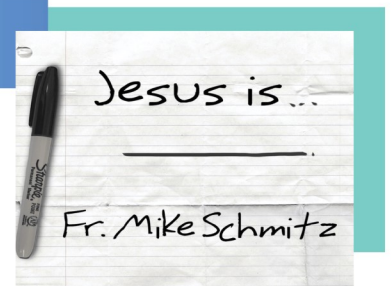
PICK OF THE WEEK

In this talk by Fr. Mike Schmitz, he reveals the incredible implications of the question that Christ asks all of us: "Who do YOU say that I Am?"

Jesus is...
By Father Mike Schmitz

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