



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 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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"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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This Week

SUN 2/16	10:15 a.m. Living with Loss-REC 2:30 p.m. Living Rosary for Life-CH 7 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC 7 p.m. Men's Pickup Basketball-GYM
MON 2/17	8:30 a.m. Rosary-CH 11:30 a.m. Senior Ministry Speaker Lunch-LL 6:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting-LL 7 p.m. Fishers of Men-LL 7 p.m. ACTS Women Retreat Team-LL
TUE 2/18	8:30 a.m. Exercise Ladies-LL 8:45 a.m. Rosary-CH 6:30 p.m. Fatima Rosary-CH 7 p.m. WINE Book Club-LL 7 p.m. Men's ACTS Small Group-LL
WED 2/19	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. Respect Life Meeting-REC 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts-SC 7:30 p.m. Athletic Association Meeting-LL
THU 2/20	8:30 a.m. Rosary-CH 8:30 a.m. Exercise Ladies-LL 2:30 p.m. Girl Scouts-LL 6:30 p.m. ACTS-LL 6:30 p.m. Tiger Cub Scouts-CAFÉ
FRI 2/21	8:30 a.m. Rosary-CH 10 a.m. Chair Exercise for Seniors-LL 2:45 p.m. Daisies (Bailey)-LL 4 p.m. Brownies (Fank)-LL 5:45 p.m. AYM leaves for Spring Retreat-SALESIAN
SAT 2/22	4 p.m. Confessions-CH 4:30 p.m. Rosary-CH 7 p.m. AAA Trivia Night-GYM
SUN 2/23	12 p.m. AYM Spring Retreat Closing Mass-QAS 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. 26	Ash Wednesday —Mass at 6:30, 8, 10 a.m., 12 & 7 p.m.
Feb. 28	1 st Parish Fish Fry of the Lenten Season
Feb. 29	Men's Day of Recollection
Feb. 29	Young Family Movie Night
Feb. 29/Mar. 1	Lenten Challenge collection begins
Mar. 1	Young Adult/Youth Group Dinner & Talk with Doug Barry
Mar. 2, 3 & 4	Parish Mission with EWTN host, Doug Barry
Mar. 5	Red Cross Blood Drive



We need...
**ASSUMPTION
PARISH FISH FRY**
Volunteers



Sign up at
assumptionstl.org/fish-fry !

Mass Intentions †

February 16	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Joan Narzinski Sisco †
9 a.m.	Erin Schaper
10:30 a.m.	Krissie McGlothlin †
Noon	Linda DeClue †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
February 17	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Tom & Dorothy Figliola †
8 a.m.	Lee K. Hermann †
February 18	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Helen & Thomas Bujewski †
8 a.m.	Lisa Schaper †
February 19	WEDNESDAY
6 a.m.	Lois Berg †
8:30 a.m.	Marlene Kauffmann †
February 20	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Kenneth Kline †
8 a.m.	John & Frances Meagher †
February 21	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Catherine Kinworthy †
8 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
February 22	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Jan Czarnecki †
5 p.m.	John Held, Jr. †
February 23	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9 a.m.	Janet Dostal †
10:30 a.m.	Michael Langsdorf †
Noon	Richard & Joann Guenther
6 p.m.	Gregory Koch †
	† 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

Olive Wilke
Eric Wolf
Sheri Oldani Zambruski
Anna Zuellig
Joshua Allen
Karen Altnether
Josefina Antenor
Michael B.
Clarence Bailey
Jinny Bailey
Vicki Baker
Jacob Bartola
Bernadette Bendall
OUR MILITARY <i>*denotes parishioner</i>
Devon Harris USN
Jason Hawkins USMC
Chris Hemmelgarn USA*
Victor Huber USA*
Kaeli Kluesner USAF
Christopher Konrad USMC
Andrew Kremmel USMC
Justin Lock USA
Stephen Miloscia USN
Ryan Nardin
Todd Nicely USMC*
Ryan O'Neil USA
Jordan Osmack

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/ Mt 5:38-48

Congratulations!



Congrats to the 8th grade
Knights of Columbus
"Why I'm ProLife" essay contest
winners: Maggie (3rd place),
Kylie (1st place) & Alan (2nd
place). Kylie's essay will be sent
to the state contest!

Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel



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

ASSUMPTION PARISH MISSION

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



with ETWN host,
DOUG BARRY

Coming with Children?

There will be a Children's Mission for kids
PreK- 5th grade in the church lower level
during the Parish Mission!

Need a ride?

We will be offering rides to and from the mission
on our **Assumption Shuttle Bus** for anyone
who is in need of transportation!

Contact: shuttlebus@assumptionstl.org
314.487.7970 ext.1228

February 9 Stewardship

Ash Wednesday	\$60.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$5.00
General Fund 2020	\$22,788.69
Gift	\$100.00
Maintenance Fund	\$96.00
Partners in Education	\$305.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$50.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$660.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$10.00
Total	\$24,574.69



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, March 5th
3-7 p.m. in the
Church Lower Level

Register at
www.redcrossblood.org
Sponsor code:
AssumptionCC

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

Senior Ministry Update

Assumption Senior Ministry began with a request from the Parish Council in 2014. Since then, a special committee of parishioners researched different programs and set a direction for Assumption. Laura Benson moved from Adult Faith Formation to develop our Senior Ministry program in 2016. Since then, we started regular events for seniors including an annual retreat, monthly speakers with luncheons, First Friday brunches and weekly exercise classes and small group activities. One major milestone was when a parishioner donated the money for the Assumption Shuttle providing opportunities for parishioners to attend Mass and other events more easily.



We want to thank Laura for all her hard work developing our thriving Senior Ministry. She has created an amazing program. We hate to see her go.



But at the same time, we want to welcome Lynn Ewy and Stacey Macko. They will be splitting Laura's duties and building on her successes. Lynn recently worked at Regina Cleri, the retirement home for Archdiocesan priests. She took great care of the priests there and she is looking forward to working

with our seniors at Assumption. Stacey is a parishioner at Assumption and is a retired elementary educator, but her patience and compassion makes her perfect for the job. Thank you Laura, and welcome Lynn and Stacey!

Preserving Our Heritage

Since Fr. Seper's time, there has been a committee of parishioners who help the pastor understand and manage maintenance and facility issues in the parish. Believe it or not, in the 13 years of seminary training, we didn't get a lot of direction about replacing roofs, St. Louis County building codes, and the mechanics of an HVAC system. That's all on-the-job training. But my bachelors degree in Philosophy, Masters in Divinity and Masters of Arts in Sacramental Theology helps me ponder the eternal truths in my free time.

The Maintenance Committee meets monthly to discuss all facility issues with the pastor and our parish maintenance supervisor. They are a tremendous resource for the parish. Not only are they able to identify problems and find solutions, but they also are proactive in caring for the facilities to extend the life of individual buildings and systems and they predict when it is necessary to replace something before it causes greater expense or difficulties.

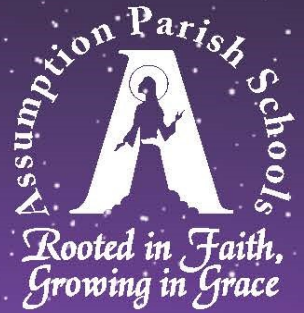
Together with the Maintenance Committee, Fr. Seper put together a special collection to assist the parish with maintenance issues. This collection is known as *Preserving Our Heritage* and in the past, I have used it to fund major facility projects recommended by the Parish Council and/or Maintenance Committee.

This year, we have two major issues to address:

1. To replace the primary components of the **Fire Detection and Alarm System** in the school and Parish Center. Unfortunately, we are in a difficult position. Parts of the current system are so old that they cannot be replaced without updating the entire thing. The problem is that if we wait until one of the parts breaks, we might be without a fire detection system for several weeks. During that time, the fire marshal will not permit us to use these buildings. Therefore, it is to our advantage to schedule the replacement of the obsolete parts during a break, in order to avoid a major interruption in our services. Estimated maximum cost is \$14,493.
2. To install a **disabled access assist device** on one set of doors to the Parish Center. These devices have proved to be very helpful to seniors with canes, walkers or individuals in wheelchairs who use them to enter the church. Since the Parish Center is the second most visited location on our campus after our church, installing them will make these facilities senior and disabled friendly. Estimated maximum cost is \$2,400.

Would you consider making a sacrificial donation to help us keep Assumption facilities safe, secure and accessible?

God bless, Fr. Keller



ASSUMPTION

Lenten Challenge

2020

Each week during Lent,
we will be collecting a different
category of items to donate to:

20th ANNIVERSARY
angels' arms
SUPPORTING FOSTER FAMILIES

The items should be dropped off in the front of church by the Baptismal font.
Thank you for your generosity!

FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 1

BABY ITEMS:

Pull-ups- Size 2t, 3t, 4t, 5t
Diapers - Size 4 and 5
Baby Wipes

MARCH 7-8

PAPER GOODS:

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels and Kleenex

MARCH 14-15

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

Laundry Detergent
Fabric Softener

MARCH 21-22

TOILETRIES:

Deodorant (men and women),
Body Wash (no bar soap), Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Feminine Products (maxi pads)

MARCH 28-29

NON-PARISHABLE ITEMS:

Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks
Crackers(cheese or peanut butter)
Pop Tarts, Cheez-Its and Goldfish Crackers

Assumption Parish School
Jenn Sykora
Principal



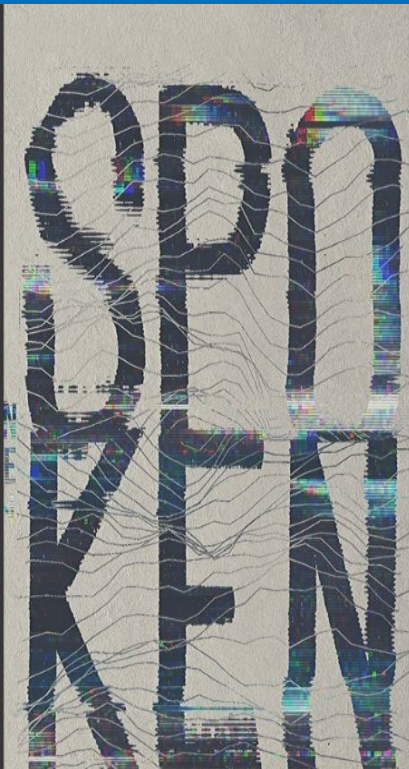
On February 3, the feast of St. Blaise, Fr. Keller visited with the toddlers after Mass to give out some drive-thru throat blessings!

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



Senior Ministry
Laura Benson
Senior Apostolate Coordinator

Senior Ministry Activities

- 2/17** 11:30 a.m. Join us for our monthly Speaker Luncheon with speaker, Dr. Beth Templin, who is a Geriatric Physical Therapist! Our luncheon will be catered by Krause Katering. Free will donations appreciated. Please call the SM office, 314.487.7970 x1228 to ask about availability.
12:15-1 p.m. Fitness 101 Workshop
- 2/19** 8:30 a.m. Coffee, hot tea & chocolate, juice & sweet treats, St. Marie Hall
10 a.m. Chair exercises
- 2/21** 10 a.m. Chair exercises

aym Upcoming Events

- **REAL TALK: EMOTIONAL VIRTUE (FEB 16)**
Most of us have heard the words "emotional virtue," but what does that actually mean? Join us for a Valentine's Day themed night and a talk from our very own, Beth!

- **NO LIFE NIGHT (FEB 23)** With most of us just getting home from Spring Retreat that day, we will not have youth group this Sunday.

- **LIFE NIGHT: MEET DOUG BARRY (MAR 1)**
Join us for a special evening in which we get a small group experience with the EWTN host, Doug Barry. This is an awesome opportunity for teens to meet Doug, who will then be the speaker for this year's parish mission! Dinner provided.



 **LIFE TEEN**

**ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED,
WIDOWED, AND REMARRIED**

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, February 27, 2020 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. At this meeting our guest speaker will be Tod Dehart from Directions Tours. Later we will have our annual election of officers and committee positions with snacks to follow. For more information please call Michelle Wack at (314) 540-7400 or Bill DeCoursey at (314) 894-0733.

**Dynamic Catholic, Alive!
- Reconciliation**

With whom do you need to be reconciled in life? Maybe you have sinned against the law of God through anger, lust, dishonesty, gossip, or other evil actions. Jesus reminds us that the Christian life calls for higher standards. It is essential to keep in mind that we can live up to these standards by cooperating with the grace God gives to us in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation. These sacraments give us sanctifying grace and bring us back to life when we are dead in our sin. As we approach the altar each Sunday, let us examine our consciences and seek the Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation if we are guilty of mortal sin. Let us heed the Lord's wisdom to seek perfection by listening to His voice and responding to the graces He grants us. The Eucharist and Reconciliation are two extraordinary blessings we have as Catholics! "Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God." ~Pope Saint John Paul II
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It's time to pop the corn!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 • IN THE CHURCH LOWER LEVEL

6 P.M. DINNER

• 6:30 P.M. SHOW TIME

Join Assumption's Young Family Fellowship
for **FREE pizza & popcorn**, community,
& a faith-based, family-friendly flick from
FORMED.org!

For some **comfy seating**, feel free to bring
lawn chairs, pillows, blankets, etc.!

RSVP to
[detwilerc@
assumptionstl.org](mailto:detwilerc@assumptionstl.org)

Walk-ins welcome,
but an RSVP is appreciated
as we order food!



***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](https://www.facebook.com/abidestl).



**Join Msgr. Breier
& Fr. Keller for a
HOLY LAND
PILGRIMAGE
& SPIRITUAL
RETREAT**

OCTOBER 15 - 26, 2020

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**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 **314-807-0510**. RSVPs will be accepted on a first come, first served basis due to limited seating.

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.

Archdiocesan Lenten Regulations

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."
(John 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (February 26, 2020), all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (April 10, 2020) are days of abstinence (refraining from meat) for all Catholics from age 14 onwards. On these two days, fast, as well as abstinence, is also obligatory for those from the ages of 18-59. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
February 23	February 14
March 1	February 21

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Dr. Tim Gray takes us back to the Old Testament and the significance of the imagery the keys had in the kingdom of King David. From there we can see how Jesus was restoring and perfecting his Church in giving Peter the "keys of the kingdom."

Lectio: Peter

Peter and the Keys -
The Primacy of the Church

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