



## GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

# ASSUMPTION PARISH MISSION

with EWTN host, **DOUG BARRY**



**Monday, March 2 - Wednesday, March 4**  
**6:30 - 8 p.m. in the church**

### **Coming with Children?**

There will be a **Children's Mission** for kids **PreK- 5th grade** in the church lower level during the Parish Mission! **Pre-register** at [assumptionstl.org/childrens-mission](http://assumptionstl.org/childrens-mission)

### **Need a ride to or from the Mission?**

**Contact:** [shuttlebus@assumptionstl.org](mailto:shuttlebus@assumptionstl.org)  
**314.487.7970 ext.1228**

### 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

<b>SUN</b> 3/1	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	<b>Good News Sunday</b> Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life- <sup>AC</sup> Men's Pickup Basketball- <sup>GYM</sup> Young Adult/Youth Group Dinner with Doug Barry
<b>MON</b> 3/2	8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Rosary- <sup>CH</sup> Parish Mission/Children's Mission- <sup>CH</sup>
<b>TUE</b> 3/3	8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Exercise Ladies- <sup>LL</sup> Rosary- <sup>CH</sup> Parish Mission/Children's Mission- <sup>CH</sup>
<b>WED</b> 3/4	8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 10 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Rosary- <sup>CH</sup> Quilters- <sup>LL</sup> Chair Exercise for Seniors- <sup>LL</sup> Parish Mission/Children's Mission- <sup>CH</sup>
<b>THU</b> 3/5	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 3 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Rosary- <sup>CH</sup> Exercise Ladies- <sup>LL</sup> Red Cross Blood Drive- <sup>LL</sup> ACTS Ladies Retreat Team- <sup>REC</sup>
<b>FRI</b> 3/6	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10 a.m. 2:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary- <sup>CH</sup> Seniors Pot Luck Breakfast- <sup>LL</sup> Chair Exercise for Seniors- <sup>LL</sup> Stations of the Cross- <sup>CH</sup> Fish Fry- <sup>SC</sup> Stations of the Cross- <sup>CH</sup>
<b>SAT</b> 3/7	8:30 a.m. 4 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Rosary- <sup>CH</sup> Confessions- <sup>CH</sup> Rosary- <sup>CH</sup>
<b>SUN</b> 3/8	5 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  
LL—Church Lower Level AC—Chapel

## Special Events

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

Mar. 5 Red Cross Blood Drive from 3– 7 p.m.

March 22 Assumption 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil  
at Planned Parenthood (Forest Park)



### Volunteers Needed!

Can you volunteer to work  
at our parish fish fry?

Sign up at

[assumptionstl.org/fish-fry](http://assumptionstl.org/fish-fry) !

Or, can you donate a  
dessert? Please drop off  
desserts on the table  
outside of the school office  
anytime on Fridays,  
preferably by 1 p.m.  
Thank you!



### 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil

**Wednesday, February 26 – Sunday, April 5**

In coordination with prayer vigils throughout the world, Coalition for Life St. Louis is sponsoring a daily prayer vigil at *Planned Parenthood* Forest Park from February 26<sup>th</sup> through April 5<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, see [www.coalitionforlifestl.com](http://www.coalitionforlifestl.com).

Assumption will man the local vigil at *Planned Parenthood Forest Park* from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on **Sunday, Marcy 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Prayer volunteers are needed for one hour time slots throughout the day. Contact Tim Hessel at 314-807-0510 if you have questions or go to [www.assumption.org/40-days-for-life](http://www.assumption.org/40-days-for-life). Your presence on the sidewalk can change the mind of an abortion-minded parent.

JOIN US ON FRIDAYS  
DURING LENT FOR

2:15 p.m.  
& 7 p.m.

**Stations**  
OF THE **Cross**



## Mass Intentions †

March 1	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Craig Wnuk †
9 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Dan Connors †
Noon	Arthur Huether †
6 p.m.	Walter Czarnecki †
March 2	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	George Tremboth †
8 a.m.	Dan Mueller †
5:30 p.m.	Joseph Fisch †
March 3	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Sally Koenig †
8 a.m.	Janet Dostal †
5:30 p.m.	Dennis Jordan †
March 4	WEDNESDAY
6 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8:30 a.m.	Jimmy Allen, Jr. †
5:30 p.m.	Joseph Hetzl †
March 5	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Amelia Haag †
8 a.m.	Cloyce Andrew Nappier, Jr. †
5:30 p.m.	Patricia Brocklage †
March 6	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Brett D. Grant †
8 a.m.	Etta Stoil †
5:30 p.m.	Eugene Paszkiewicz †
March 7	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
5 p.m.	John & Frances Meagher †
March 8	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Michael Langsdorf †
9 a.m.	Moritz & Edna Gapsch †
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Noon	Danny Martin †
6 p.m.	Walter Czarnecki †
	† denotes deceased

## In Our Prayers

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Carolyn Messmer
Ken Messmer
Irene Collette
Peggy Connelly
John and Gen Deely
Tom and Barbara Deely
Sister Amelia DeMarco
John Diethelm
Mary Lou Distler
Wilma Dorsey
Fred Dulle
Timothy Dunn
Charles Eddy

### OUR MILITARY \*denotes parishioner

Marti Torres USAF
Jenna Welchlen USA
Steven Wodraska USN
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*

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11  
**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
**Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, March 5th  
 3-7 p.m. in the  
 Church Lower Level  
 Register at  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
 Sponsor code:  
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## Ladies of the Little Flower Meeting

The Ladies of the Little Flower will have a short meeting on Monday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. and then pray the Stations of the Cross in church. The meeting will be followed by snacks and social time in the church lower level. Ladies with last names A - G, please bring a snack to share.

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



### **Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel**

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

This Lenten season, we are  
hoping to have at least  
2 scheduled adorers per  
hour in our chapel.  
Want to sign up for  
an hour of adoration?

Email Deacon  
Dave Schaefer at  
schaeferd@assumptionstl.org.

### **Dynamic Catholic, Alive! -The Power of Fasting**

Jesus provides a marvelous example for us as we continue the beginning of our Lenten journey. Many of us have forgotten the great blessing and strengthening that fasting provides for us. When we fast from food, we understand more vividly how each meal is a blessing from God and God shows us our need to rely on Him for sustenance. Fasting must not simply pertain to food however. We can fast from false gods like our Lord did in the desert. We can fast from overuse of social media, technology, desire for power or recognition, sloth, or selfish use of our material resources. As we enter into the desert with the Lord for the next 40 days, let us pray for the gift of generosity and the grace to lead more simple lives, lives that radiate joy and hope in the most important thing: salvation in Christ. Pope Benedict XVI stated that “through fasting and praying, we allow Him (God) to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God.” **archstl.org/dynamic**

## **February 23 Stewardship**

Ash Wednesday	\$283.00
Black-Native America	\$100.00
Easter Flowers	\$15.00
General Fund 2019	\$848.23
General Fund 2020	\$20,352.00
Lifeline Coalition	\$5.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Partners in Education	\$25.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$9,662.00
Retired Religious	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$3.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$290.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$739.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$85.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,417.23</b>



### **Help Send Seminarian Matthew Deken on Pilgrimage to Spain!**

I am going on pilgrimage with classmates to the Camino de Santiago and with your help my expenses will be covered. All fundraising via T-shirt sales will take place online at: <https://mattgoestospain.itemorder.com/>. Sales will span from March 1 to March 23 and I will be available after most Sunday Masses if you have any questions. Thank you in advance! In Christ, Matthew Deken



### **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.*



#### **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

### An Invitation for Lent

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration began at Assumption on March 16, 1994. Since then, day and night, our parishioners have kept watch in prayer and penance in our Adoration Chapel.

During this Lent, consider giving one hour a week to God by offering prayers in the Adoration Chapel. You can try out adoration for the season of Lent without making a long-term commitment. If at the end of the Lenten Season, you want to remain an adorer, great! If not, we are glad you made your Lent special.

**Our goal is to have every hour covered with at least two adorers.**

#### Why become an adorer?

Every adorer has a different reason for coming once a week. Some say they find peace in the chapel. Others say they need the time to pray to help them through the week. But you have to answer this question yourself. Maybe the best reason I've heard is a man who said, "heaven is going to be perpetual adoration of the Trinity, I better start getting used to it now!"

#### What do I do for an hour?

The time should be spent in spiritual work. There are many different ways to spend the hour. First genuflect and take your place, kneel down and take a moment to remember you are in God's presence. Then some people like to pray the Rosary or spend time with spiritual reading. (There is a large collection of spiritual books on hand.) You may prefer to just talk to Jesus, or to sit quietly and let Him speak to you in your heart.

#### What happens if I can't make it?

There is a list where you can request a sub in the chapel. Other adorers are very generous in signing up to take the place of a person who can't make it. The chapel is considered closed during winter weather events, so if there is snow or ice falling, you do not have to fulfill your hour.

#### Is there a restroom nearby?

Yes.

#### Is the chapel secure and how do I get access to the chapel?

There is a combination lock on the door. The Parish Office or the priests can give you the combination to enter the chapel.

#### How do I become an adorer?

There is a sign up in the back of church for the next few weeks. Simply choose a time, fill out a commitment form, and begin as soon as possible.

God bless, Fr. Keller





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

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## Assumption Parish School

Jenn Sykora  
Principal



### Assumption Alumni off to a great start!

Assumption's alumni class of 2019 shows how prepared these students were for high school.

Congrats to these freshmen with high school honors!

#### First Honors

Alex Preusser, SLUH  
Jacob Hock, Vianney  
Karley Yahl, St. Pius X  
Zack Gruendler, DeSmet  
Jack Bilka, Vianney  
Grace Spengemann, St. Pius X  
Arwen Masgio, St. Pius X  
Megan Stone, Nerinx Hall

#### Second Honors

Ben Thomas, St. Mary's  
Brynn Scannell, Notre Dame  
Ryan Svezia, Vianney  
Matthew Lord, Vianney  
Paulie Zaggarri, Vianney



Assumption Children's Mission

# SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD

March 2-4, 6:30-7:30 PM  
For Pre-K through 5th grade

Pre-registrations are available online at  
[www.assumptionstl.org/childrens-mission](http://www.assumptionstl.org/childrens-mission)



## Senior Ministry

Lynn Ewy & Stacey Macko  
Senior Ministry Coordinators



### Senior Ministry Activities

**3/2-3/4** In addition to our regular Senior Ministry events, we look forward to seeing you at the Parish Mission this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

**3/4** 8:30 a.m. Coffee, hot tea & chocolate, juice and sweet treats, St. Marie Hall  
10 a.m. Chair exercises

**3/6** 8 a.m. First Friday Mass  
8:30 a.m. **Potluck 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, 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

#### Save the Date:

The one-woman show **Mary Magdalene** on Monday, March 16, by Maria Romine of Swords and Roses Production Company.

*We wish to thank **Laura Benson** for her dedication to Senior Ministry through the years and congratulate her on her retirement. She's agreed to allow us to keep her on speed dial!*

Reach out to us if we can help in any way at  
314.487.7970, ext 1221.

Lynn Ewy and Stacey Macko



# ASSUMPTION PARISH FISH FRY



***New Entrance at the Parish Center/Courtyard!***

**Every Friday during Lent 4:30 - 7 p.m.**

**February 28 • March 6 • March 13 • March 20**

**March 27 • April 3 • April 10**

## ***Dinner Menu***

1 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod Meal	\$10.00
2 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod Meal	\$15.00
1 Piece Fried Catfish Meal	\$10.00
2 Piece Fried Catfish Meal	\$15.00
1 Piece Baked Fish Meal	\$10.00
2 Piece Baked Fish Meal	\$15.00
6 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$10.00
10 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$15.00
Adult Pasta Meal	\$10.00

***(All Meals Include: 2 hush puppies, 2 sides, bread, dessert & beverage)***

## ***Kids Dinner Menu***

3 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$5.00
Pizza Meal	\$5.00
Pasta Meal	\$5.00
Cod Meal	\$5.00
<b><i>Additional Side</i></b>	<b>\$2.00</b>

***(All KIDS Meals Include: 1 hush puppy, 1 side, bread, dessert, & beverage)***

## ***Side Dishes***

**Bartolino's Pasta,  
Fries, Tossed Salad,  
Green Beans, Slaw,  
Fruit Salad, Mac & Cheese,  
& Applesauce (Kids Meal Only)**

***Cash/Credit Accepted***

**Handicap parking behind the Parish Center! Golf Cart Shuttle Service available!**

**Want to volunteer? Signup link at [www.assumptionstl.org/fish-fry](http://www.assumptionstl.org/fish-fry)**





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

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

**20<sup>th</sup>** ANNIVERSARY  
**angels' arms**  
SUPPORTING FOSTER FAMILIES

**MARCH 7-8**

**PAPER GOODS:**

**Toilet Paper, Paper Towels and Kleenex**

**Friends of Birthright Spring Card Party & Luncheon**

Come play your favorite card or dice game: Bridge, Gin Rummy, Canasta, Bunko ....or just come for lunch!  
The card party will be on Wednesday, March 18th from 10 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. at the St. Gerard Parish Center  
(2005 Dougherty Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63122) and the cost per person is \$30.

Please send your name, tablemates and check made out to Birthright to:  
Jane Johans at 12335 Ironstone Des Peres, MO 63131

If you cannot attend but wish to make a donation to Birthright to underwrite the cost of the luncheon,  
please send a check to the above address. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Johans at 314-965-9985  
or [janejohans@aol.com](mailto:janejohans@aol.com). *Thank you for your support of Birthright mothers and babies!*

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Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
March 8	February 28
March 15	March 6

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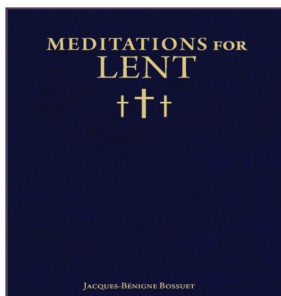
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