

## GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020



**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m./9 a.m.

10:30 a.m./Noon/ 6 p.m.

**Saturday:** 8 a.m./5 p.m.

**Mon.—Fri.:** 6:30 a.m./8 a.m. /5:30 p.m.

#### **CONFESSION**

Sundays Before Masses Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. Wednesdays 6-6:45 p.m.

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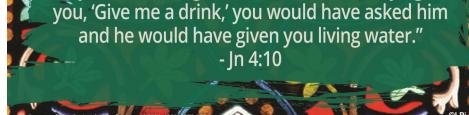
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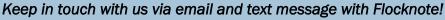
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"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to



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## This Week

SUN 3/15	10:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Living with Loss-REC Young Family Donuts Downstairs-LL Living Rosary for Life-CH Men's Pickup Basketball-GYM Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life-AC
MON 3/16	8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary <sup>-CH</sup> Senior Ministry Luncheon <sup>-LL</sup> PSR Classes <sup>-CH</sup> SVdP Mtg <sup>-REC</sup> Fishers of Men <sup>-LL</sup>
TUE 3/17	8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Exercise Ladies <sup>-LL</sup> Rosary <sup>-CH</sup> Fatima Rosary <sup>-CH</sup> WINE Book Club <sup>-LL</sup>
WED 3/18	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Rosary-CH Senior Field Trip to the Sheldon-PARKING LOT Quilters-LL Parish Holy Hour-CH Choir Practice-CH Inside Catholicism-LL Respect Life Meeting-REC Boy Scouts-CAFÉ
THU 3/19	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Rosary <sup>-CH</sup> Exercise Ladies <sup>-LL</sup> ACTS Ladies Retreat Team <sup>-LL</sup>
FRI 3/20	8:30 a.m. 10 a.m. 2:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rosary-CH Chair Exercise for Seniors-LL Stations of the Cross-CH Fish Fry-SC Stations of the Cross-CH
SAT 3/21	8:30 a.m. 4 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Holy Land Information Mtg <sup>-LL</sup> Confessions <sup>-CH</sup> Rosary <sup>-CH</sup>
SUN 3/22	2 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood 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

## March 21—Holy Land Information Meeting

On Saturday, March 21, after the 8 a.m. Mass, Fr. Keller will be hosting an informational meeting about the upcoming pilgrimage and spiritual retreat to the Holy Land in the church lower level. The pilgrimage will take place October 15-26. More information can be found at <a href="mailto:traveltymepilgrimages.com">traveltymepilgrimages.com</a>.

## **Special Events**

March 16-20 Assumption Parish School Spring Break March 19 Feast of St. Joseph Bread Blessing at 8 a.m. Mass March 22 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood



## **Volunteers & Desserts Needed!**

Can you volunteer to work at our parish fish fry?
Sign up at 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!





## Save the Date!



On Sunday, May 17th, Assumption parishioners will be leading a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg, MO. The shrine is 90 miles away (near Hermann, MO) and the group will be leaving Assumption at 8 a.m. This all-day

event will consist of a rosary procession, a German-style lunch (\$10), Mass, Confessions, Benediction, and more! Questions? Email jjduenwald@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions †		
March 15	SUNDAY	
7:30 a.m.	Krissie McGlothin †	
9 a.m.	Elmer Loeffler †	
10:30 a.m.	Gregory Koch †	
Noon	People of the Parish	
6 p.m.	Dan Rogaczewski †	
March 16	MONDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Ina Braun †	
8 a.m.	Gilbert B. Hempen †	
5:30 p.m.	Adeline Yahl †	
March 17	TUESDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Ina Braun †	
8 a.m.	Tom Renuad †	
5:30 p.m.	Vincent H. Eschbacher	
March 18	WEDNESDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Cyrus B. Porter †	
8 a.m.	Linda DeClue †	
5:30 p.m.	John Bommarito †	
March 19	THURSDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Lois Berg †	
8 a.m.	Janet Dostal †	
5:30 p.m.	Joyce Kinworthy †	
March 20	FRIDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Joseph Frisella †	
8 a.m.	Tiffany Lentz †	
5:30 p.m.	Joseph Fisch †	
March 21	SATURDAY	
8 a.m.	Joyce Kinworthy †	
5 p.m.	Cornelius Brouk †	
March 22	SUNDAY	
7:30 a.m.	Lorraine Sheahan †	
9 a.m.	Floyd Dunlap †	
10:30 a.m.	Yvonne Condon †	
Noon	Vicki Rellergert †	
6 p.m.	People of the Parish	
	† denotes deceased	

## In Our Prayers

#### THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Theon Heisserer

Jacquelene Helberg

Bill Henzey

Sheree Henzey

Henry boys

Jim Hercules

Mary Beth Hercules

Roxanne Holdegraver

Richard G. Horn, Jr.

Bette Houska

Barbara Huber
Amy Hufker

Timothy S. Hufker

# OUR MILITARY \*denotes parishioner

Michael Fresenberg USA

Thomas Graham USAF

Josh Gregory USAR\*

Devon Harris USN

Jason Hawkins USMC

Chris Hemmelgarn USA\*

Victor Huber USA\*

Kaeli Kluesner USAF

Christopher Konradt USMC

Andrew Kremmel USMC

Justin Lock USA

Stephen Miloscia USN

Ryan Nardin

## **Weekly Readings**

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

<u>Friday:</u> Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/ Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38





# 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: <a href="https://mattgoestospain.itemorder.com/">https://mattgoestospain.itemorder.com/</a>. Sales will span from March 1 to

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

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

## **Abundance of Caution for our Elderly Parishioners**

Although symptoms of COVID-19 are relatively mild for most people who are infected, it may be deadly for the elderly and individuals with prior respiratory conditions. Now that COVID-19 is active in the St. Louis area, and out of an abundance of caution for the elderly parishioners, please be aware:

If you have been somewhere where COVID-19 is active, have had contact with at-risk individuals, or if you are showing symptoms of any illness, please stay home and watch Holy Mass on EWTN or online at <u>assumptionlive.com</u>. If you are at Holy Mass and are concerned: just avoid touching anyone's hands and make a Spiritual Communion from your pew. Sanitize your hands frequently. Thank you!

## Stroke Scan Plus

Stroke Scan Plus will be at Assumption Parish on Wednesday, April 1, **2020** to provide life-saving, wellness ultrasound screenings. It is important to perform preventive maintenance for ourselves yearly. Do you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol, diabetes, or a family history of heart disease, stroke, abdominal aneurysm or internal cancers? If so, do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a possibly serious disease. These screenings are typically NOT performed at your annual check-up, and insurance companies may not pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Diagnostic versions of these screenings cost thousands of dollars in a hospital. Stroke **Scan Plus** will be offering them to you for \$149 for all 7 combined ultrasound screenings (Stroke, AAA, AFIB & organs). Insurance is NOT necessary and appointments are limited. Stroke Scan will be available at the church for you to register on March 28 & 29, 2020 or please call 832-437-7355 or toll free 1-866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment today for you or a loved one. The screenings will take place in the Lourdes Room in the St. Marie Hall. Prevention is your key to quality health! www.strokescan.com.

#### 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.

# Registering at Assumption

Monday-Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to register.

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 fait I/We would like to register at Assumption:	h!
Name:	
Phone:	
E-mail:	
Please return this slip to the Parish Office (located in the Rectory) or drop in the offer basket, and we will be in touch soon to help you register here! You may also visit the	~

# March 8 Stewardship

Total	\$21,550.75
Tithing for the Poor	\$10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$975.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$95.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$183.00
Partner in Education	\$70.00
Maintenance Fund	\$46.00
Lifeline Coalition	\$5.00
Gift	\$100.00
General Fund 2020	\$19,559.75
Easter Flowers	\$415.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$87.00



# Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

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

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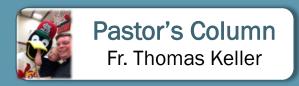
Assumption Parish Mission

Our Mission:
-Worship God
-Share the Good News of Jesus

Our Vision:
-Continue the work of Jesus Christ

-Serve Christ in others

*Our Goal:*Every parishioner – a saint!



## Epidemics and the Catholic Faith

Despite so much media attention on the COVID-19 Coronavirus, there are actually very few cases in the United States. The vast majority of cases are mild, and fatalities are mostly restricted to vulnerable populations of the elderly. Regardless, anxiety is everywhere. Most people alive today have never had first-hand experience of an epidemic and they don't know what to think or how to act. People are suspicious of interpersonal contact, stockpiling supplies, and some are already isolating at home. Federal, state and local governments brace for the worst even if it doesn't come.

The Catholic Church is 2,000 years old and she has seen her share of epidemics

Assumption Parish was around during the 1918 epidemic known as the Spanish Flu. Globally, it is estimated that almost one third of the earth's population contracted the Spanish Flu and at least 50 million people died from it. The first local case appeared at Jefferson Barracks on October 1, and despite quarantine measures, within a week, St. Louis City had over 900 cases of the flu. Before it was over in early 1919, at least 31,500 St. Louisans developed the flu and 1,703 died. It also spread among the residents of rural Mattese, Missouri. Our parish records show a spike in funerals in November 1918 and again in January 1919. Especially hard-hit was the Wagner family who lost two sons in their early 20's to pneumonia which resulted from the flu. Assumption's pastor, Fr. Charles Eining, bravely went into the homes of influenza patients to hear their confessions and administer Last Rites. In those last hours of life, as a dying person lies in bed, their voice is weak, and a priest must get unusually close to hear their confession. Fr. Ening and priests around the world exhibited unusual courage in the face of a highly contagious disease because their zeal for souls was greater than their fear of death.

In fact, in Europe during the Middle Ages, the Black Death killed at least 30% of the population, but priests died at an even greater rate because they contracted the disease while conferring Last Rites to plague victims. So many priests died of the epidemic by the year 1348, people feared there would be no one left to hear their confessions when their time came. Responding to this fear, Pope Clement VI, who personally cared for the dying in Avignon, France where the papacy was located, granted a special remission of all sins to all plague victims wherever they were, provided they told their sins to someone, even a layperson.

A few centuries later during the Renaissance, entire convents of nuns died caring for those suffering from the Bubonic Plague. Nuns, like the Benedictines of Sainte-Croix Abbey in Poiters, France, opened their monasteries to the care for the plague victims. Patients vomited frequently and had large open sores that easily infected the nuns who cleaned their wounds and changed their bedding. The nuns were aware that the plague spread by personal contact, but they opened their convent to the sick anyway and as a result they all died.

In 1873, Fr. Damian De Veuster was assigned to a leper colony at Molokai, Hawaii. He cared for the residents spiritually, emotionally, and physically. He was their priest, teacher, nurse, and friend. His goal was to treat each person with dignity no matter how deformed they were by disease. One day Fr. Damian realized he had the terrible disease. Undaunted, he continued to care for his flock until he died in 1889. He was canonized St. Damian of Molokai in 2009.

In modern times, between 1981 and 1995, over 300,000 people in the United States died from HIV and AIDS. In the first years of the epidemic, stigmas and fears surrounded AIDS patients, yet members of the Catholic laity were in the forefront of caring for them in group homes and hospices established by Catholic Charities. They are examples of how to show compassion while being attentive to modern infection-prevention protocols. (over)

\*Catholics selflessly care for Christ in those who suffer.\*

In times past, popes, bishops and priests organized solemn liturgical processions to implore Divine Assistance to avert epidemics. Processions included holy water mixed with blessed salt that was sprinkled on the faithful and on their homes to protect against epidemics. The blessing reflects this intention: "May everything that this water sprinkles in the homes and gatherings of the faithful be delivered from all that is unclean and hurtful; let no breath of contagion hover there, no taint of corruption." During the processions, the relics of certain saints, especially St. Sebastian, St. Roch, or local saints were carried to protect against epidemics. Laypeople in the processions often walked barefoot, wore sackcloth and marked their foreheads with ashes, like we do on Ash Wednesday, as signs of repentance. In 593 AD, Pope St. Gregory the Great ordered an image of the Blessed Mother to be carried in solemn procession to protect the people of Rome. The city was spared and today that same image is venerated in the Basilica of St. Mary Major as a lasting memory of the Virgin Mary's protection in time of pestilence.

During the 1866 St. Louis Cholera Epidemic, one out of ten city residents died. Parishioners from St. Joseph's at 11<sup>th</sup> and Biddle (today St. Joseph's Shrine) were particularly hard hit. The Jesuit priests assigned there officiated at as many as ten to twenty Funeral Masses a day! At the height of the epidemic, the pastor, Fr. Joseph Weber S.J., invited remaining parishioners to invoke St. Joseph for protection. In return, they signed a pledge to build a grand monument to commemorate God's mercy. Miraculously, not a person who signed the pledge died. Soon the epidemic throughout the city subsided. Today, the church's beautiful main altar, known as the "Altar of Answered Prayers," stands as a reminder of St. Joseph's intercession and God's mercy.

Catholics also pray for those who died of epidemics. In the Middle Ages, churches were erected and monasteries were founded to encourage constant prayers for those who died in epidemics. Throughout our history, Masses are offered and Rosaries prayed for the dead. In Lucerne, Switzerland public artwork painted after a 17<sup>th</sup> century epidemic show dancing skeletons to remind people to pray for the dead and to shun the vanities of the world in preparation for one's own judgement.

\*Catholics entrust themselves and their loved ones to God during times of suffering.\*

In time of crisis, people often ask priests "why are we being punished?" The answer is always the same: sin. Suffering is the punishment of Original Sin.

Does God send specifically, epidemics to chastise humanity for sin? The Old Testament records several pestilences that God sent as punishments for sin. We know sinful actions affect us spiritually, but we forget sin can affect us physically too. We know that disordered living, while often pleasurable in the short-term, is a natural pathway to long-term suffering and even death. God does not have to intervene supernaturally to chastise us for sin, because the ill-effects of our own actions often return to punish us. The question for the Catholic is, do we believe God is able to use what appears to us like evil to bring about good? Can suffering make us better? Can suffering help us return to God? Of course, the answer is yes.

Suffering gives us the opportunity to put our lives into perspective. Mindful of our fragile existence, suffering can lead us to conversion from sin and help us return to Confession. Suffering brings perfection of the soul by learning humility, compassion, patience, perseverance, and generosity. Suffering is never meaningless; it can always be prayerfully offered for the redemption of others.

\*Catholics believe suffering can lead people to God.\*

We can learn from our past what the authentic Catholic response should be today, not just to epidemics, but to any illness and suffering. We should respond with courage, solidarity with the sick and demonstrate charity and compassion for those who suffer. Illness reminds us to seek God's help in our daily life, do penance for past offences, amend our life, place our trust in God, and make a firm commitment to pray for the living and the dead.

God bless, Fr. Keller

# Assumption Parish School Jenn Sykora Principal





In STEM classes, we use hands-on activities to teach students a variety of topics including science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This year we have continued to incorporate community resources to this engaging approach to learning.

Students in grades 1-5 learned about stormwater management, pollution, and water quality by using the Enviroscope watershed model provided by MSD Clean Water Education.

Students in grades 1-4 continue to learn about digital citizenship and safety with Interland, an adventure-packed online game sponsored by Google. This program includes classroom activities reinforce the fundamental lessons.

Students in grades 2-3 learned how to practice compassion and empathy, identify emotions and exercise growth mindset through Everfi's online Compassion Project.

Sixth grade students participated in the Energy Efficiency Kits Program sponsored by Ameren Missouri and Spire. In this program students learned about electricity, natural gas, and water. The sponsors provided student books, teacher materials, and an energy efficiency kit for each child free of charge. The student kits included a high-efficiency showerhead, bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators, a digital thermometer, a pipe wrap, a furnace filter whistle, and four LED light bulbs!

Students in grades 5-7 participated in the Future Goals Hockey Scholar program sponsored by the Saint Louis Blues. This program combines simulations and hands-on activities to learn about the Science and Math of Hockey.

We are very fortunate to have so many businesses and organizations supporting education. If you are aware of other resources that you would recommend for STEM classes, please email our STEM teacher at magoci@assumptionstl.org.



# Senior Ministry Lynn Ewy & Stacey Macko Senior Ministry Coordinators



#### **Senior Ministry Activities**

- 3/16 11:30 a.m. ASM Luncheon & Monthly Speaker The onewoman show *Mary Magdalene* presented by Maria Romine.
- 3/18 NO Gab & Nibble or Fitness Program today!
  8:30 a.m.—2 p.m. Field Trip: Keepin' It Reel Concert
  Reminder, we leave for the Sheldon Concert Hall
  (3648 Washington Blvd., 63108) via shuttle and/or carpool
  from Assumption parking lot. If you are willing to be a
  carpool driver, arrive by 8:15 a.m.. Lunch is at
  Maggie O'Brien's on S. Lindbergh Blvd., and we will return
  to the Assumption parking lot by 2 p.m.
- 3/19 Feast of St. Joseph Blessing of bread after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 3/20 10 a.m. Chair Exercises
- 3/21-22 Stroke Scanning Registration after all Masses
- 3/22 2 p.m. Field Trip: Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood
  Assumption Senior Ministry (ASM) is taking a 1-hour time
  slot in prayerful solidarity with other parishioners at the
  40 Days for Life vigil outside Planned Parenthood
  (4251 Forest Park Ave., 63108). We will shuttle and/or
  carpool from Assumption parking lot at 1:30pm. Sign-up

# AYM Upcoming Events

- LUKE 18 PLANNING MEETING (MARCH 15th): It's that time of year again where we spend a few weeks of youth group nights planning Luke 18. It's required for anyone on the team to be there, but any high schooler is welcome to help out, even if they aren't on the team!
- LUKE 18 PLANNING MEETING (MARCH 22)
- XLT SOUTH (MARCH 19): Take a break from homework and join us at St. Francis of Assisi for a talk, adoration, and praise & worship!
- LUKE 18 DAY RETREAT (MARCH 29):
  Anyone who is on the Luke 18 team is required to be at our Day Retreat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., lunch is provided!



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# ASSUMPTION PARISH FISH FRY



New Entrance at the Parish Center/Courtyard! Every Friday during Lent 4:30 - 7 p.m.

March 20 · March 27 · April 3 · April 10

# Dinner Menu

# Kids Dinner Menu

1 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod Meal	\$10.00	3 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$5.00
2 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod Meal	\$15.00	Pizza Meal	\$5.00
1 Piece Fried Catfish Meal	\$10.00	Pasta Meal	\$5.00
2 Piece Fried Catfish Meal	\$15.00	Cod Meal	\$5.00
1 Piece Baked Fish Meal	\$10.00	Additional Side	\$2.00
2 Piece Baked Fish Meal	\$15.00	(All KIDS Meals Include: 1 hus	h puppy.
6 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$10.00	1 side, bread, dessert, & beve	
10 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$15.00		

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

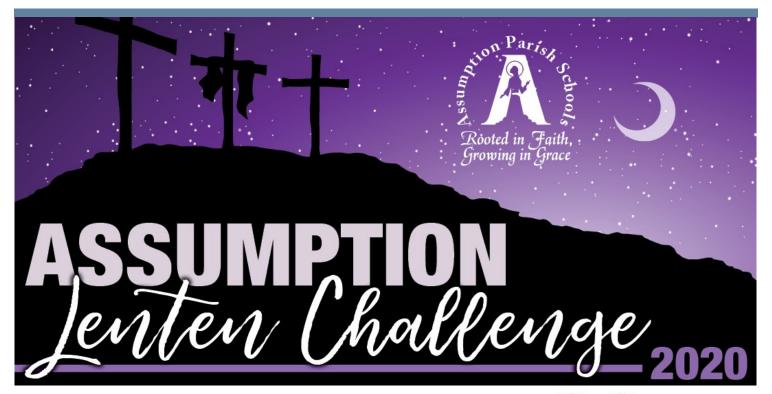
**Adult Pasta Meal** 

# Cash/Credit Accepted

# Side Dishes

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

Handicap parking behind the Parish Center! Golf Cart Shuttle Service available! Want to volunteer? Signup link at 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!



# **MARCH 21-22**

## **TOILETRIES:**

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



## **Pro-Life Billboard Blessing**

The 12th pro-life billboard sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life will be blessed by Fr. Keller on Thursday, March 19 at 9:00 am. Plan to join us on the parking lot in front of the Rectory. The billboard will be placed in the vicinity of the Hope Clinic abortion facility in Granite City, Illinois.

A complimentary breakfast will follow. Please RSVP to Anna Maria Usselmann (314.487.2066 or gjuamu@gmail.com) by March 17 if you plan to attend the breakfast or would like more information.

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## Good News Messenger

Issue Deadline (4 p.m.)

March 22 March 13 March 29 March 20

- Please go to <a href="www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions">www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions</a> and submit an online form to request event promotion and/or to book a room
- PDF files cannot be used
- .jpg files required for any photos/graphics Questions or comments? newsletter@assumptionstl.org

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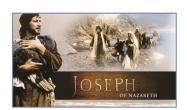
## PARISH HOLY HOUR

Wednesdays from 6—7 p.m. in the church.



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