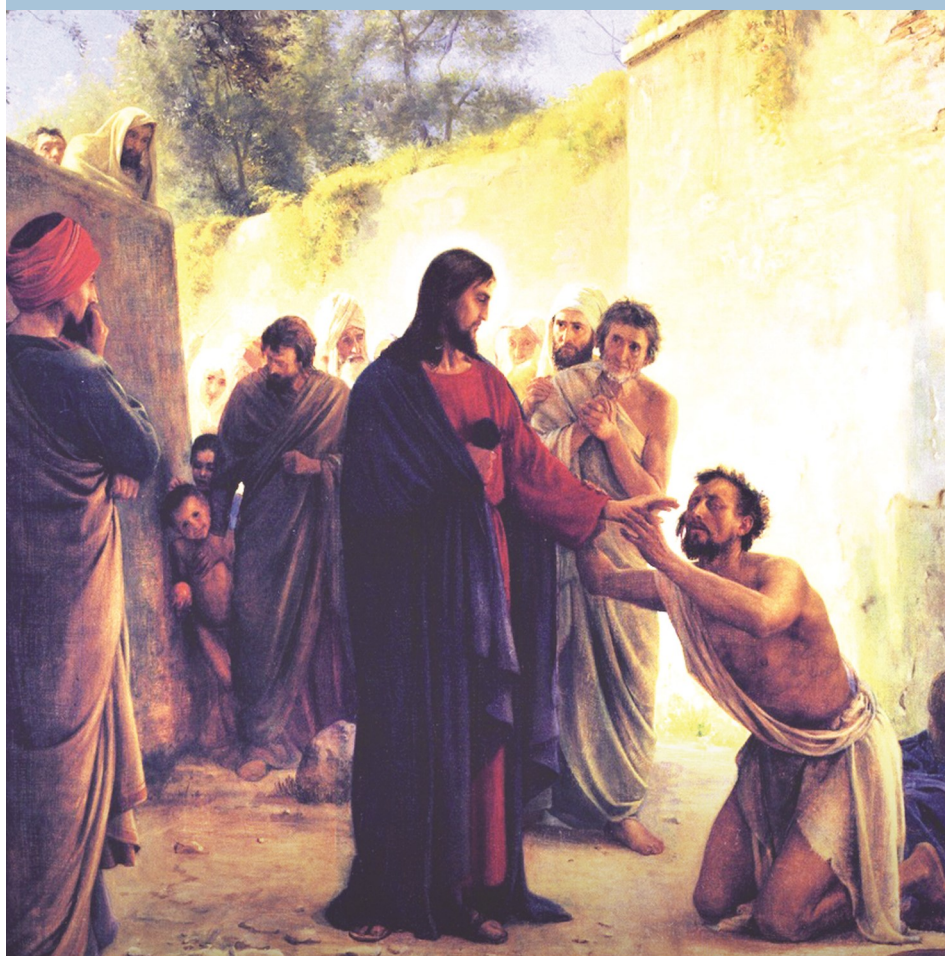




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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MASS

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.
By Appt: Call Fr. Keller or Fr. Weber

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COVID-19 Updates!

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, there will be no public Masses held until April 6th, per Archbishop Carlson. All other activities, as well as public worship gatherings, are cancelled or postponed at this time.

All worship at Assumption will be livestreamed at assumptionlive.com

To read more information on Assumption's response to this crisis, please read Fr. Keller's Pastor's Column on page 4 & 5.



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!

March 15 Stewardship

Ash Wednesday	\$5.00
Easter Flowers	\$75.00
General Fund 2020	\$16,705.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Partner in Education	\$153.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$1,323.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$10.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$780.00
Total	\$19,086.00





ASSUMPTION

Lenten Challenge

2020

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!*


angels' arms
SUPPORTING FOSTER FAMILIES

MARCH 28-29

NON-PARISHABLE ITEMS:

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

Mass Intentions †

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
March 23	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Jim, Sr. & Jimmy Allen †
8 a.m.	Mabel Deibel †
5:30 p.m.	Mark Soell †
March 24	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Isabella Nwihim
8 a.m.	Hubert Heimos †
5:30 p.m.	Jim Eckrich †
March 25	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	Eleanor Catanzaro †
5:30 p.m.	Joseph Fisch †
March 26	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Otto Boning †
8 a.m.	William Besda †
5:30 p.m.	Marcella Weigel †
March 27	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Big Bend Orthodontics Staff
8 a.m.	George Brueggemann †
5:30 p.m.	Gregory Koch †
March 28	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Shirley Klahs †
5 p.m.	Jimmy Allen, Jr. †
March 29	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Vincent Domagalski †
9 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Jim Blume †
Noon	Catherine Baumgartner †
6 p.m.	Marilyn Sandweg †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Jean Huston
Lorraine Jackson
Harold Johnston
Julie Kauffmann
Betty Keller
Carol Keller
Elizabeth Kelly
Bob Kemper
Kent Kenniston
Debra Kersting
Joan Klutho
Johanna Kubot
Cletus Lauer

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Todd Nicely USMC*
Ryan O'Neil USA
Jordan Osmack
Daniel Parker USA
Michael Rapp USN
Wendell Reiter USMC
Derek Ryan
Timothy Scott USMC
Austin Shields
John Siebert
Todd Smick USN
Aaron Staryak
Robert Stockwood USMC

Rest in Peace

Walter Brandle
Joan Juelfs
Jerry Stieren

Weekly Readings

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
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! -Spiritual Sight

There are simply times in life where we are in the dark and do not see as the Lord sees. Lent is a time of going into the desert, a time that can be dry and desolate in our spiritual lives. In the midst of this darkness, however, the Lord can work wonders and purify our relationship with Him and family members and friends. Just as the blind man could not see but obeyed the Lord, we too must continue to heed the voice of the Lord so that we may truly see with the eyes of faith. As the Pharisees shows us, it is often when we think we know it all or see everything already that the opposite is true. Jesus came that we may see. We pray that Jesus might open the eyes of our hearts and minds to see Him. archstl.org/dynamic

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



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Dear Parishioners, School Families and Friends of Assumption,

The COVID-19 Coronavirus has changed the world very quickly. I'm sure the precautions set in place for our community to prevent the epidemic may have affected you as much as it has affected Assumption Parish.

One takes for granted everything that goes on at Assumption until you try to put the brakes on it. Even though we have significantly slowed down, the parish is not at a complete halt. The grade school, E.L.C., P.S.R., Fish Fry and other parish events and meetings are all closed or postponed.

But we still have God's work to do. Here's what is still happening.

WORSHIP GOD

Fr. Weber and I decided all regular **Masses will be offered at their normal times** even though the faithful are not physically present. Parishioners who want to maintain a normal prayer schedule at home can link to our livestream at www.assumptionstl.org to participate in our Masses and the Stations of the Cross. We also are adding a noon Rosary on the livestream. Check out www.assumptionstl.org for the latest information about our worship schedule.

Even though you cannot receive Holy Communion at this time, you can **make a Spiritual Communion** while viewing the Mass or anytime during the day when you feel a longing for Jesus and His grace. (A Spiritual Communion is included at the end of this letter.)

During the day, **the church building is open for prayer** (except during liturgies to discourage crowds).

The Adoration Chapel remains open for Eucharistic Adoration.

I encourage you to **"keep holy the Lord's Day" on Sundays** through some sort of prayerful activity and refraining from even housework. Join us for Mass at www.assumptionlive.com.

Remember to **abstain from meat on Fridays**. I ask you to consider making Fridays a strict fast day, by reducing your meals and abstaining from food between meals. Throughout history, Catholics always fasted and prayed during epidemics because we must implore God for help in times of global disasters.

Fr. Weber and I will hear confessions on Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 4-5 p.m. All confessions will be behind the screen as a precaution. If demand requires, we will expand hours.

Baptisms, weddings, and funerals are not prohibited, but we ask families to keep invitations to a minimum until the epidemic is over. To schedule, call the Parish Office at 314-487-7970.

If there is an emergency and you need Fr. Weber or me to confer the Sacrament of the Sick (Last Rites), call 314-487-7970.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

Our weekly bulletin, the Good News Messenger will be published electronically weekly. We will distribute it through Flocknotes and post it to the website. To register for Flocknotes, go to www.assumptionstl.org.

Like our Facebook page - Assumption Parish and Schools - for occasional messages from the priests and staff. Share the content to spread the good news of Jesus with others who are isolated at this time.

In many homes, parents must become educators in the ways of Faith as our schools and catechetical programs are closed. There is great Catholic content, such as movies, documentaries, eBooks, talks and bible studies available for all ages on Formed.org. Every parishioner can access Formed.org for free through our parish subscription! Please check out www.assumptionstl.org for the link to access this great service.

SERVE CHRIST IN OTHERS

Even though the parish has slowed down, our acts of charity continue. We are still collecting for Angels' Arms Foster Care Families until March 29. Drop off your items by the Baptismal Font when you stop in to pray. So far, our donations have been a miracle for them, as they received them in abundance, just as those resources became difficult to find in stores.

If you or a neighbor are experiencing **financial difficulties**, our St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry and utility assistance is available for help. Call 314-289-6101, Box #2227 (Please leave a message.)

Our Senior Ministry is **shifting focus to assist isolated seniors** at this time. If you or an elderly neighbor needs someone to deliver medicine or another essential item, we have staff and volunteers who can help. They will take precautions to lower the possibility of spreading germs and at the same time help seniors who may be weary of leaving their homes. If you are a senior, or know one who prefers to avoid crowds, contact the Senior Ministry Office at 314-487-7970 ext. 1228.

Our Parish Office remains open. You are encouraged to call 314-487-7970 between 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

While this epidemic has prevented us from celebrating Masses together, we still have staff to support and utilities to pay. **Please continue to support Assumption Parish.** You can drop your envelope in the rectory mailbox, send it via the U.S. Mail, sign-up for Online Giving at assumptionstl.org or hold on to your weekly donation until we receive the "all clear".

HOPE IN GOD

Fr. Weber, our deacons and I are praying for you during this difficult and uncertain time. Please remember to keep us in your prayers as well. Because we trust in God's mercy, we know we will come together again soon to worship, evangelize and serve Christ at Assumption Parish.

God bless,
Fr. Thomas Keller

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION OF PADRE PIO

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I am not able at this moment to receive You sacramentally, I ask that you spiritually enter into my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Senior Ministry
Lynn Ewy & Stacey Macko
Senior Ministry Coordinators



Senior Ministry Update:

WE ARE HERE FOR SENIORS IN NEED

If you, or someone you know in our parish, who is 60+ years of age, or has underlying health issues that put you, or them, in an at-risk category at this time, please contact our Assumption Senior Ministry Office at 314.487.7970 ext. 1228. You can also reach us by email at the addresses below. We can help with obtaining medications and other essential items. If leaving a voice message please clearly state your name, including the spelling of your last name, and a phone number where you can be reached. If you have an emergency, or need immediate assistance, please contact your doctor.

Be assured we hold you in prayer during this time. Let us continue to rely on the enduring presence of our Lord and the prayerful intercession of our mother Mary and all the saints.

God's peace & blessings,
Lynn Ewy, Stacey Macko & Deacon David
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- All Masses at their normal times

- Rosary (M-F) at 12 p.m.

**- Stations of the Cross
on Fridays at 2:15 & 7 p.m.**

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aym Upcoming Events

**THERE WILL BE NO IN-PERSON
YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS
FROM NOW UNTIL APRIL 6th.**

- LUKE 18 PLANNING MEETING (MARCH 22): Rescheduled. Will be held over Zoom. A text will be sent about the new date and time. Be on the look out.
- XLT SOUTH (MARCH 19): CANCELED.
- LUKE 18 DAY RETREAT (MARCH 29): Rescheduled. Will be held over Zoom. A text will be sent about the new date and time. Be on the look out.
- LUKE 18 (APRIL 17-19): As of right now, we are still planning on having Luke 18. Get those registrations in!



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Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
March 29	March 20
April 5	March 27

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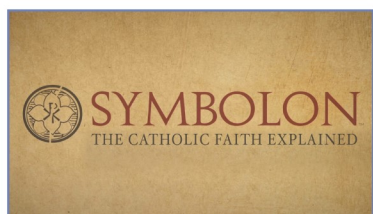
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