



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 2020



SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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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

Saturdays 4-5 p.m.
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- Worship God
- Share the Good News of Jesus
- Serve Christ in others

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- Continue the work of Jesus Christ

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Easter	\$75.00
Easter Flowers	\$25.00
General Fund	\$8,131.50
Good Friday	\$45.00
Maintenance	\$30.00
Parish Gift	\$300.00
Partners in Education	\$60.00
ProLife Foundation	\$125.00
SVdP	\$1,595.00
Total	\$10,386.50

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry needs food!

Here are their
most-needed items!



We need a Thanksgiving Day-styled infusion of supplies for our many neighbors who are losing their employment during this disaster and must turn to us for help.

Please drop off donations
by the baptismal font in church!

- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Toothpaste
- Canned Chicken Breast
- Manwich
- Canned Fruit
- Applesauce
- Protein/Granola Bars
- Toilet Paper
- Bread



Mass Intentions †

April 5	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Vincent Domagalski †
9 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Marie Mudd †
Noon	Linda DeClue †
6 p.m.	Danny Martin †
April 6	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Benjamin Brocklage †
8 a.m.	Lawrence Thompson †
5:30 p.m.	Marlene Kauffmann †
April 7	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Roy Ottenlips †
8 a.m.	Janet Dostal †
5:30 p.m.	Elmer Kauffmann †
April 8	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	John & Frances Meagher †
5:30 p.m.	Rose Marie Gould †
April 9	THURSDAY
7 p.m.	Tom Renaud †
April 11	SATURDAY
8 p.m.	Linda Thompson †
April 12	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Michael Langsdorf †
9 a.m.	Janet Dostal †
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Noon	Vicki Rellergert †
	† 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

Motz Gapsch
Tom Dodge
Bob McHugh
Carolyn Messmer
Ken Messmer
Arthur Miller
Carole Ann Miller
Debbie Moriarty
Marry Morrow
Mike Muckler
Rosalyn P.
John Paquet
Jim Penrose

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Kyle Bottorf
Justin Brock, USA*
Robert Bryant III, USAF*
Dustin Burnett, USAF
Dominic Catalano
Dakota Chappel
Lauren Chellis, USN
Michael Cole
Sean Danaher, USAF
David DiFranco, USA
Kevin Deitz
Matthew Eberhart, USA
Michael Faulkner, USMC*

Rest in Peace

Ralph Fick
Frank Diehl

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



**Our Lady
Help of
Christians
Adoration
Chapel**

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



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Assumption Update

Even though very few St. Louis area residents are suffering directly from Coronavirus, everyone is affected. The experiences range from isolation and mental fatigue to job loss and financial uncertainty. Everything about our lives seems infected by this highly contagious disease.

It's a tale of two Assumptions right now. The side of Assumption people normally see is closed down. The biggest change is the lack of public Masses. Many parishioners have expressed extreme sadness and pain by the loss of regular attendance at Mass. Yet at the same time, the priests have not missed a single scheduled Mass, and we are still praying with you and for you. Surprisingly, Assumption has expanded our reach during this time of isolation. We've received kind emails thanking us for the live-streamed Masses and Rosary from Catholics in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Chicago, Illinois, Merrit Island, Florida, and Popular Bluff, Missouri.

Many parts of our nation's economy have been severely crippled, and churches are essentially not-for-profit service and education-based businesses. Revenue is down and Churches often have a lot of employees. Assumption employed over 100 people prior to the government mandated shut down. While many people think of Assumption as a couple of priests and some Catholic school teachers, we employ full-time and part-time employees in pastoral ministries, grade school education, early learning education and day care, office staff and kitchen staff. We have maintenance and custodial staff and administration to oversee and support all these different operations.

Some of the staff are working harder than ever. Consider the teachers, who, even though their classrooms are empty, must complete the semester and teach the required material each child must know by the end of the year. However, all the tools and resources they normally use must be transmitted to individual homes over the internet for families who are themselves

completely overturned by effects of the pandemic. Our Catholic School teachers are working really hard at this time. Several of our other pastoral ministries, including our Youth and Senior Ministries have adapted to connecting with people over the internet and by phone. These connections, whether academic or pastoral, are very important to preserving our parish as well as helping one another.

While some employees are working harder than ever, other employees have had to be laid off and some are permanently released, as we don't think things will return to normal right away. Many of our employees are struggling to get by and we are helping as we can. We received permission from the Archdiocese to use our reserve savings for emergency cash for salaries and other bills. Some of our major projects are already underway and we have signed contracts to see them through. Other projects we are putting on hold as we evaluate the possibility of delaying them or scaling them back.

While we all want to be released from the government-mandated shut down, and we can't wait to celebrate the end of this epidemic, and we hope we are all spared of the illness, we are very concerned that some parishioners and many neighbors will be permanently affected by the accompanying economic disaster. We do not know what school and ELC enrollment will be next fall or how this will affect our future Sunday Collection.

This time may be a blessing for parishioners as this shut down drags on. Maybe the many distractions we embraced through sports and entertainment, relationships we take for granted, clutter we fill our lives with, and the sinful habits we may have embraced will fall away. Maybe new priorities will emerge – maybe our Catholic Faith, our families and the communities that support us will emerge as new priorities. Once again, maybe we will feel a sense of urgency as we pray and we will grow to trust in God all the more.

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If you are blessed during this time and want to help others, I encourage you to remember our St. Vincent de Paul Society and our Sunday Collection, as these basic gifts are needed now more than ever to assist families in need and employees who we hope to keep through this experience so we can return stronger than ever. The list of items most needed by our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry can be found on page 2.

If you are in need, or know someone who is in need, please contact our St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you are isolating and need someone to deliver something, please call our Senior Ministry. If you want to pray, the Adoration Chapel is open (except from Holy Thursday 7 p.m. – Easter Sunday at Midnight or the church is open to pray Monday – Friday, 6 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Weekends 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. See special schedule for Holy Thursday-Easter Sunday.

God bless, Fr. Keller

Devotional Altar

When the local, state and federal governments began responding to the COVID-19 Coronavirus epidemic, many people were plunged into a sense of uncertainty and many began to worry about their health, their employment and the well-being of those they love. I quickly realized we could offer some help during this time, not only by livestreaming liturgies (which we have done for years) and reaching out to people at home online and by the phone (as our staff is doing from home), but we could create a central place of prayer.

On March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph, I erected a little devotional altar in the church with a crucifix and a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Near it is Holy Water for you to take home and a table with prayers and the latest copy of the bulletin. Of course, hand sanitizer is on the table.

But the purpose of the altar is prayer and so if you know someone who is infected with COVID-19, or who works in the health care industry and needs our prayers, or is suffering because of the epidemic in some other way, you can stop by church and place their names on the altar or email me their names and I will print and place them there. Please email the names to kellert@assumptionstl.org.

As the priest approaches the sanctuary for Mass, he will pass those names and be reminded to lift up their intentions. And I invite you to remember those included on the altar in your prayers, especially your daily rosary and ask Our Lord to heal all who suffer at this time.

God bless, Fr. Keller





Our special Holy Week Ceremonies will be livestreamed at www.assumptionlive.com or you may wish to join Archbishop Carlson for the Cathedral Basilica's livestreamed services at www.cathedralstl.org.

Assumption will livestream the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day during Holy Week at 3 p.m. at www.assumptionlive.com.

The priests will hear confessions during Holy Week at additional times to help keep the number of people in church to a minimum at any one time.

Palm Sunday:

Regular Mass Schedule, 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m., Noon, and 6 p.m.

Blessed Palms will be available for pick up outside of church (weather permitting).

Monday – Wednesday of Holy Week:

Regular Mass Schedule, 6:30, 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Church will be open 6 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Rosary at Noon

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m.

Confessions from 5-5:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday:

No regularly scheduled Masses.

The church will be open from 8 a.m. until midnight for prayer.

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m.

Confessions 5-5:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration is suspended from 7 p.m. until Easter Sunday at Midnight.

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 p.m.

Livestream will remain on until Midnight for people to spend time in prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday:

No regularly scheduled Masses.

Church remains open for prayer 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. for prayer

Stations of the Cross at Noon

Confessions from Noon until 3 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday:

No regularly scheduled Masses.

Confessions from 4-5 p.m.

Easter Vigil at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday:

Masses at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and Noon.

No 6 p.m. Mass



Senior Ministry
Lynn Ewy & Stacey Macko
Senior Ministry Coordinators



Senior Ministry Updates!

Assumption Church (not the building, but the people) is committed to staying connected! Senior Ministry continues to be here if you need assistance. Please don't hesitate to reach out! Please keep our priests and all of our parishioners in your prayers and stay strong. Part of staying healthy is physical, so let's keep moving and learning together!

Oasis Offers Two FREE Online Resources:

Oasis St. Louis is pleased to present **FREE** access to two streaming services for exercise and lifelong learning programs to help get us all through this unprecedented time.

Are you missing our twice-weekly chair exercises? Here's a resource offered by Oasis St. Louis **FREE** online: *Tai Chi for Arthritis for Falls Prevention*. This daily program is facilitated by Craig Miller, Oasis St. Louis Senior Trainer. Tai Chi, an ancient Chinese tradition, is practiced as a graceful form of exercise. Learn Sun Style Tai Chi using a series of slow, focused movements and deep breathing to relieve pain, reduce stress, and decrease fall risk while improving balance, muscular strength, coordination, confidence and mood. You can participate by following along during the LIVE streaming on the **YouTube** channel ***Tai Chi with Craig Miller***. New 1-hour sessions air every Monday through Friday at 10:00 a.m. You may also sample previously recorded sessions on this channel if you wish to get a feel for what to expect from the live class.

Oasis is also partnering with Spiro100, an organization whose mission is "to improve the quality of life for older adults and their caregivers by offering state-of-the-art programming and changing cultural beliefs around aging." So, while you're stuck at home, Oasis is offering **FREE** access to Spiro100's library of programs to stay healthy! Please register for class **Oasis #1553**, and Spiro100 will email instructions for immediate access. Program access is now through May 26, 2020. At the conclusion of this free period, Oasis will communicate further details on how you can continue digital programming, to include program fees and access. A library of free programs awaits you. Register today!

Feel free to share this information with friends and family. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun. Check out the Oasis St. Louis website for more information at www.stloasis.org. **We are committed to staying connected. So, let's keep moving and learning together!**

God's peace & blessings,
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April 12	April 1
April 19	April 16

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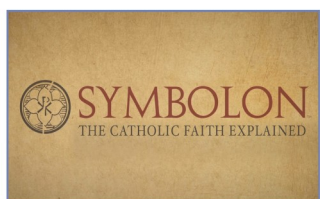
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Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament Postponed

Since the stay-at-home orders in St. Louis may extend past April 30th, the Fr. Griffin Council executive board decided to postpone the Fisher House Benefit Golf Tournament originally scheduled for May 9th. We will attempt to reschedule the tournament to sometime in September or October. Thank you!