



## GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

# Happy Mother's Day!



**"The loveliest masterpiece  
of the heart of God  
is the heart of a mother."**

**—St. Therese of Lisieux**

### 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.

### CONFESSION

**Saturdays** 4-5 p.m.  
**Wednesdays** 6-7 p.m.  
**By Appt:** Call Fr. Keller or Fr. Weber

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## **LATEST BREAKING NEWS!**

Dear Friends,

As you may have heard, Archbishop Robert Carlson announced that Public Masses will resume on Monday, May 18. Assumption will open its doors to the public for our Monday, 6:30 a.m. Mass on May 18. I know many of you desire to attend Holy Mass with all your hearts, but I also know some may still be nervous about leaving your homes.

The Archdiocese will release more details regarding safety protocols for priests and Mass participants on Tuesday, May 12. But here is what we know so far:

1. The COVID-19 Coronavirus epidemic is not over, in fact, the opening of society in general is not indicative victory over the virus, but it means hospital Emergency Departments and Intensive Care Units are not currently “overwhelmed.” So, we need to be vigilant whenever we leave our home until a vaccine or an effective treatment is produced.
2. Even though Public Masses are resuming, the “obligation to attend Sunday Mass” has not been reinstated. Even though you can go to Mass, this does not mean that you must go to Mass yet. If you or your family feel uncomfortable about your attendance at Mass, no sin is incurred by missing Mass at this time. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended by Archbishop Carlson indefinitely while we wait for a vaccination or better treatment options. Livestreamed Masses will continue even after the pandemic is over.
3. Once Masses resume, it is likely that fewer people than normal will be allowed in church. We may require individuals to sign up for Mass for a while. Masks will be required for participants and other “social distancing” guidelines will be announced on Tuesday, May 12. More instructions will be announced as soon as we receive them.

While we are excited that Masses are resuming, we want to be careful and prudent, especially with our treasured elderly and the vulnerable parishioners. Until we meet again, continue to pray for an end to this pestilence!

God bless, Fr. Keller

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### Moving Eucharistic Adoration

One consolation throughout the Stay-at-Home Order, has been the Adoration Chapel. At the Archbishop's recommendation, we have been able to keep it open. However, from May 11-15, Eucharistic Adoration will be moved to the church to allow for the ramp and deck on the Salesian House to be painted and for the carpets to be cleaned in the chapel and other rooms. The code on the church door located near the choir area and the door closest to the rectory is the same as the chapel.



### 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!

### This Week's 24-hour Donation Drive for our Food Pantry was a Success!

We are so proud of the Assumption Parish School families! In less than 24 hours, they reached their goal of collecting 1,000 items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry! Way to go!



### May 3 Stewardship

#Assumption Together / Giving Tuesday	\$29,201.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$10.00
Easter	\$187.00
General Fund	\$21,613.50
Good Friday	\$35.00
Maintenance	\$40.00
Parish Gift	\$600.00
Partners in Education	\$75.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$103.00
SVdP	\$2,275.00
Tithe for the Poor	\$10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,149.50</b>

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**May 5, 2020**  
**#GivingTuesdayNOW**  
**#AssumptionTogether**

# Thank You!!!

**Final Amount Raised**  
**= \$29,201.00**

**Number of Donors**  
**= 122**

## Mass Intentions †

<b>May 10</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
7:30 a.m.	Marilyn Sandweg †
9 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Dan Mueller †
Noon	Gregory Koch †
6 p.m.	Robert & Rosemary Wolff †
<b>May 11</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
6:30 a.m.	Sr. Carolyn Bell, O.P. †
8 a.m.	Honesto & Victoria Veneracion †
<b>May 12</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
6:30 a.m.	Wallace E. Stuart †
8 a.m.	Eleanor Catanzaro †
<b>May 13</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
6:30 a.m.	Maria Regina Castillo †
8 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
<b>May 14</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
6:30 a.m.	Sr. Carolyn Bell, O.P. †
8 a.m.	Salvador & Louella Destura
<b>May 15</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
6:30 a.m.	Elenita Josef †
8 a.m.	Frank Mannion †
<b>May 16</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
8 a.m.	Ina Braun †
5 p.m.	John & Francis Meagher †
<b>May 17</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
7:30 a.m.	Vincent Domagalski †
9 a.m.	Jimmy Allen, Jr. †
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Noon	Frank Lahm †
6 p.m.	Jerry Stieren †
	† denotes deceased

## In Our Prayers

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Kathryn Burjeck
Jim Burkhardt
Eileen Caldwell
Mary Ann Catalano
Ralph Cernich
Mary Ann Chalmere
Larry Chott
Jerome Coleman
Irene Collette
Peggy Connelly
John and Gen Deely
Tom and Barbara Deely
Sister Amelia DeMarco
<b>OUR MILITARY</b> <i>*denotes parishioner</i>
Matthew Eberhart USA
Michael Faulkner USMC*
Wyatt Flieg USN
William Florich USAR*
Tracy Freeman USAR
Michael Fresenberg USA
Thomas Graham USAF
Josh Gregory USAR*
Devon Harris USN
Jason Hawkins USMC
Chris Hemmelgarn USA*
Victor Huber USA*
Kaeli Kluesner USAF

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

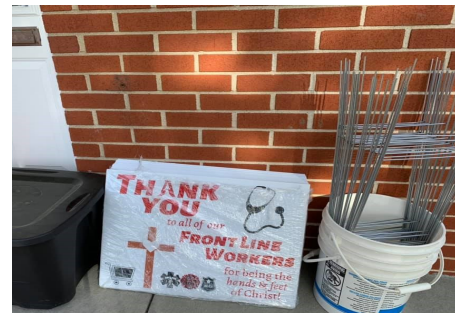
## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12  
**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26  
**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
**Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17  
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

## Thank You Yard Signs!



Do you want to say *THANK YOU* to nurses and all other COVID-19 Front Line Workers? We have yard signs! They are outside the rectory front door. Just drop a donation (\$10 suggested) through the mail slot and pick one up!



## Rest in Peace:

Charles Eddy  
Mary Ann Williams



## Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

### #AssumptionTogether

On Tuesday, May 5, the parish sponsored a “flash fundraiser” on Facebook to coincide with Giving Tuesday called #AssumptionTogether. We raised \$29,201.00 in 24 hours! Incredible! Thank you!

We are still asking for additional donations to help us recover from the loss in revenue because of the cancelled Fish Frys, Parish Picnic and missed Sunday Collections. If you have Sunday envelopes or want to donate to help Assumption and our many ministries, please give online at [www.assumptionstl.org](http://www.assumptionstl.org), drop a donation at the rectory, or mail it to: Assumption Catholic Church. 4725 Mattis Road, St. Louis, MO 63128. Thank you!

### Volunteering at Assumption

Life goes on during the epidemic, just a little more spread out as we social distance for safety at Assumption. Many volunteers have joined our maintenance staff to clean the campus in anticipation of reopening. While social distancing, volunteered painted the Early Learning Center rooms, Parish Center Lobby, rectory kitchen ceiling and the rectory front door. All of our gardens are looking good thanks to volunteers. The pine trees in the courtyard are gone and the downspouts will be painted so they blend into the building better. Power washing on the church, school and sidewalks down by the concession stand is underway. We are tuckpointing bricks around campus. Guys are still cutting the grass around campus and in the cemetery. There was a day where shifts of volunteers came to deep clean the church. And, Fr. Weber even cleaned his rooms! It's a pandemic miracle! *(Continued on page 5.)*





### Deacons at Assumption

We have a few announcements in the Permanent Deacon front: Deacon Chuck Ryder, best known to our 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and 8 a.m. Weekday Mass crowds recently retired from many years of working the night shift at Mercy Hospital Pastoral Ministry. Congratulations, Deacon Chuck!

Mike Thompson is preparing for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis; however, due to the Coronavirus outbreak, Archbishop Carlson has postponed the event until August 29.

Mr. Jeremy Remiger, a parishioner and campus minister at Vianney High School, is starting his Diaconate classes. Jeremy has been a great help with Assumption Youth Ministry and is a talented liturgical musician. Please keep him in your prayers.

### Coronavirus Infections

As far as we can tell, only 37 people in the 62128 zip code have had COVID-19 and no parishioners that we know of. However, most of the priests at Regina Cleri, our priest retirement home, and several of our priests who serve in the Archdiocesan Curia have caught COVID-19. As of Wednesday, May 6, three Archdiocesan priests, Monsignor Nicholas Schneider, Fr. Leroy Valentine, and Fr. Robert Menner have died of COVID-19. Eight priests are hospitalized including Bishop Bob Hermann. A total of over 30 priests have tested positive. Please remember the souls of the priests who have died and the priests who are suffering, in your prayers.

God bless, Fr. Keller



**Senior Ministry**  
Lynn Ewy & Stacey Macko  
Senior Ministry Coordinators



The Assumption Shuttle has been reinstated for service! For now this service is limited to anyone with mobility issues or individuals who no longer drive who need transportation to/from a doctor's appointments. To check availability or make arrangements for a ride, contact Assumption Senior Ministry at [shuttlebus@assumptionstl.org](mailto:shuttlebus@assumptionstl.org). Someone will get back to you soon!

Also, we want to wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers, aunts and women who have nurtured or mentored anyone through the years! We love you, appreciate you and can't wait until we are able to get together again!

## Weekend Mass Livestream Schedule:

**Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.**

**Sunday: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m., Noon, & 6 p.m.**



Watch at

[www.assumptionlive.com](http://www.assumptionlive.com)

# PROJECT LIFE @ HOME

"here we discover a profound law of reality: that life is attained and matures in the measure that it is offered up in order to give life to others." -Pope Francis

Who: incoming freshman through just-graduated seniors

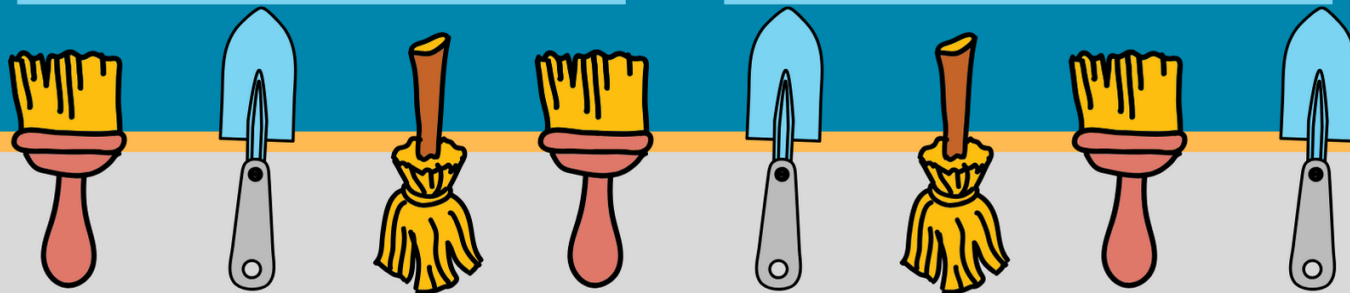
When: Sunday, June 14-  
Friday, June 19th

Time: Sunday 7-9pm,  
Monday-Friday 8am-3pm

Where: Assumption's  
Campus

Cost: \$80.00 (lunch/  
giveaway provided)

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- Do you love the Bible and Catholic faith?
- Are you free on Monday nights?

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Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
May 17	May 8
May 24	May 15

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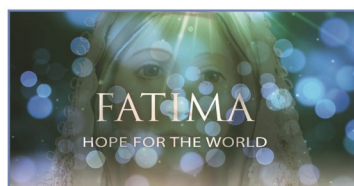
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