



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

***PUBLIC
MASSES***
will RETURN
on
Monday,
MAY 18TH!

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 4-4:45 p.m.
Wednesdays 6-6:45 p.m.
Sundays Before All Masses
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Restarting Public Masses

Public Masses are returning to Assumption, Monday, May 18. However, in order to preserve the health of the community, a number of procedures must be followed.

1. The obligation to attend the Sunday Mass remains lifted indefinitely. Livestreamed Masses will continue at www.assumptionlive.com. Anyone who is ill or showing symptoms of the Coronavirus, who has been in contact with someone with COVID-19, who is vulnerable due to preconditions, or over 60 years of age are asked to remain at home and participate via livestream.
2. Based on Assumption's occupancy, only 125 people are permitted per Mass until further notice. In order to reserve a place for you and your family, please go to www.assumptionstl.org to sign up or please call 314-487-7970 during office hours, M-F 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. If your preferred Mass is full, please consider one of our other Masses. Since there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass, some parishioners may want to try a weekday Mass. Parishioners should sign-up for every Mass they wish to attend, even weekday Masses.
3. To maintain "physical distancing," masks are required for all children 2 and above and for all adults. We have a limited supply of masks for those who do not have their own. Individuals/families are asked to sit at least six feet from others and every other pew will be available for seating. Church doors will be propped open, holy water and hymnals have been removed, and hand sanitizer is available throughout the church. At our fuller Masses, an usher may instruct you where to sit. Following Masses, we ask that some parishioners remain behind to apply sanitizer to the pews and other surfaces for the next congregation.
4. Monitored baskets will be placed around the church for collection envelopes and cash donations. Online giving is encouraged. Go to www.assumptionstl.org to sign up.
5. The *Offertory Procession*, *Sign of Peace* and *Communion Under Both Kinds* will be omitted.
6. Communicants are asked to approach the priest/deacon in a single file line leaving six feet from the person ahead of you. When you arrive at the priest/deacon, temporarily remove your mask, carefully receive Holy Communion in the hand and replace the mask after receiving. Making a Spiritual Communion remains a prudent option.

May 17 Stewardship

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| #Assumption Together | \$2,085.00 |
| Cardinal Glennon Hospital | \$5.00 |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$110.00 |
| Easter | \$677.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$10.00 |
| Fill the Gap | \$3,003.00 |
| General Fund | \$24,564.50 |
| Good Friday | \$85.00 |
| Maintenance | \$60.00 |
| May Crowning | \$25.00 |
| Parish Gift | \$550.00 |
| Partners in Education | \$155.00 |
| Preserving Our Heritage | \$300.00 |
| ProLife Stewardship | \$5.00 |
| SVdP | \$2,596.00 |
| Tithe for the Poor | \$10.00 |
| Total | \$34,240.50 |



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!

Mass Intentions †

| May 17 | SUNDAY |
|------------|----------------------------|
| 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 † |
| May 18 | MONDAY |
| 6:30 a.m. | Linda DeClue † |
| 8 a.m. | Ina Braun † |
| May 19 | TUESDAY |
| 6:30 a.m. | Sr. Carolyn Bell † |
| 8 a.m. | Daniel Steffen, Jr. † |
| May 20 | WEDNESDAY |
| 6:30 a.m. | Vincent H. Eschbacher † |
| 8 a.m. | Marian Loeffler † |
| May 21 | THURSDAY |
| 6:30 a.m. | Joseph Frisella † |
| 8 a.m. | Henrietta Dostal † |
| May 22 | FRIDAY |
| 6:30 a.m. | Linda DeClue † |
| 8 a.m. | Luke Donovan † |
| May 23 | SATURDAY |
| 8 a.m. | Dora M. Partney † |
| 5 p.m. | Cyrus B. Porter |
| May 24 | SUNDAY |
| 7:30 a.m. | Marcella Franklin † |
| 9 a.m. | Janet Dostal † |
| 10:30 a.m. | Yvonne Condon † |
| Noon | People of the Parish |
| 6 p.m. | Ruth & Albert Schoettlin † |
| | † denotes deceased |

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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| John Diethelm |
| Mary Lou Distler |
| Wilma Dorsey |
| Fred Dulle |
| Timothy Dunn |
| Helen Enright |
| LeRoy Ettling |
| Caroline Fechner |
| Jim Fesler |
| Loretta Fieser |
| Donna Fitzwilliam |
| Motz Gapsch |
| Pamela Gebauer |

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

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|-------------------------|
| Christopher Konrad USMC |
| Andrew Kremmel USMC |
| Justin Lock USA |
| Stephen Miloscia USN |
| Ryan Nardin |
| Todd Nicely USMC* |
| Ryan O'Neil USA |
| Jordan Osmack |
| Daniel Parker USA |
| Michael Rapp USN |
| Wendell Reiter USMC |
| Derek Ryan |
| Timothy Scott USMC |

Rest in Peace:

Mary Winkler
Thomas Connelly

Weekly Readings

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

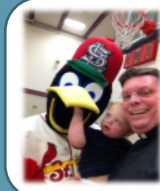
7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Seeking Cloth Donations for Masks

If you have any cotton fabric-plain or patterned- and/or bias tape and/or elastic that you will not need, please consider donating it to our Parish. We have several parishioners hard at work making masks for nursing homes, first responders, health care heroes as well as other parishioners. Please bring any supplies that you can donate to the Parish Office.

† 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

RECONCILE, RECOMMIT, & RECONNECT

This week, parishioners should receive a letter from me encouraging you to: Reconcile, Recommit, and Reconnect. We all have a unique moment before us. Due to air travel, never in the Church's history has a pandemic spread so quickly that public Masses have been cancelled around the world all at once. Now, as the threat of infection fades, and healthcare has caught up with the number of serious cases, dioceses like our own are cautiously reopening.

Reconcile: As we return to Masses, we can unite with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time in a while. Every time we go to Holy Communion, we should approach Jesus in a state of grace.

A "state of grace" means we have confessed our sins, especially mortal sins, have done penance and received sacramental absolution. It means our souls are living in a state of grace. No Catholic should approach Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin. While missing Mass during the pandemic is not a sin, many other sins could have crept into our lives. It may have been a long time since you went to confession, and before we "reboot" Mass into our lives, now is a perfect time to return to the sacrament.

Confessions are available:

- Wednesdays 6-6:45 p.m.,
- Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m.
- Before all Sunday Masses

Recommit: Oftentimes in the past, many Catholics have included Mass as part of their busy weekend plans, but if it gets too busy, Mass attendance will suffer. But now, we have the opportunity to put Mass first in our lives and to build our week around Mass, rather than trying to include Mass in our lives. Before commercial sports start up, household chores pile up again, or other pressures develop, recommit to Sunday Mass every week. Make Mass the most important priority of the week. Since reopening public Masses may make it difficult to recommit this instant, start building your weeks as Masses are available, so that when we return to normal, Mass already is the center of your week.

Reconnect: There will be something weird and artificial about wearing masks to Mass, but we can still reconnect with friends and get to know other parishioners during this time. Each Assumption family should receive a letter from me and in that letter, each person should have a slip of paper with your name included. We will have holders at the doors of church and when you arrive you can make a name tag and wear it when you are at Assumption

In addition to Mass, we hope to start social gatherings and parish meetings soon. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

God bless, Fr. Keller

What You Can do if You are at Higher Risk of Severe Illness from COVID-19

Are You at Higher Risk for Severe Illness?

Based on what we know now, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

- People aged 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility

People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:

- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised
 - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications.
- People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease

Here's What You Can do to Help Protect Yourself



Stay home if possible.



Wash your hands often.



Avoid close contact (6 feet, which is about two arm lengths) with people who are sick.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.



Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.



Cover coughs and sneezes.

Call your healthcare professional if you are sick.
For more information on steps you can take to protect yourself, see CDC's [How to Protect Yourself](#).



cdc.gov/coronavirus



Senior Ministry
Lynn Ewy & Stacey Macko
Senior Ministry Coordinators



GENERAL GUIDELINES/REMINDERS PERTAINING SPECIFICALLY TO OUR SENIORS

As the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the CDC have set forth guidelines, there are two in particular of interest to our senior parishioners:

1. Dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues until further notice.
2. Anyone over 60 years-old and those with underlying health complications are encouraged to participate in Masses *via live-stream only*.

Various groups will be reinstated gradually utilizing additional safety precautions and only a few Assumption groups are reinstated initially in this first phase. Assumption Senior Ministry is later in the sequence. Since the CDC sites individuals age 60+ are among the most vulnerable population, the following Assumption Senior Ministry activities are postponed at this time:

All social gatherings, especially for our senior parishioners
Chair Exercise classes that met twice-weekly
Speaker Series & Luncheons occurring monthly
Gab & Nibble
Game Time & Dominoes
Potluck meals
Field trips
The Assumption Senior Retreat *

** We hope to announce a tentative reschedule date for the retreat in the not too distant future.*

As we go forward following safety measures to once again resume small-group social gatherings, updates will appear in the bulletin.

As stated in an earlier communication, for those of you who paid in advance for the cancelled Sheldon Concert back in March, your money will be refunded. If you paid with a check, we will return your check to you in the mail. For those who paid in cash, Lynn or Stacey will reach out to you soon to make arrangements to refund your money. If any of you wish the price of your ticket to remain as a donation to the parish or ASM,

please leave word about that at 314.487.7970, ext 1221 or 1225. Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

Remember, the Assumption Shuttle has been reinstated for service. For now, shuttle service is limited to anyone with mobility issues or who can no longer drive and therefore needs transportation to/from a doctor's appointments only. To check availability, learn about safety procedures and passenger requirements, or make arrangements for a ride, send an email message to shuttlebus@assumptionstl.org. Someone will get back to you soon.

SENIOR CHECK-INS

Since March 18 we have spoken with over 300 parishioners via phone conversation. In addition, we have doubled our **"Parishioners 50+ "** Flocknote distribution and added the *Senior Scoop* Weekly Update email. We tripled the total number of mailed bulletin recipients to allow all to feel a sense of connection to the Assumption community during your self-quarantine. For those of you using social media, we have found more engaging connections through the **Assumption Senior Ministry** Facebook group.

Despite this wonderful growth in outreach, we have sometimes been unable to reach our seniors due to wrong numbers and disconnected lines. If you have not been called, it might be because you are under the age of 79 and we are still working on making contacts. However, it could also mean we do not have the correct contact information on file for you. If this is the case, please call or email Lynn or Stacey and we can update our records and check in on you!

In the meantime, continue to watch for updates in the **Senior Scoop** and connect **Assumption Senior Ministry** Facebook group. Remember to pray for all of our Assumption seniors and those involved with our ministry. As we experience the great Catholic Comeback, we *will* reconnect with each other once again at Assumption Senior Ministry events.

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

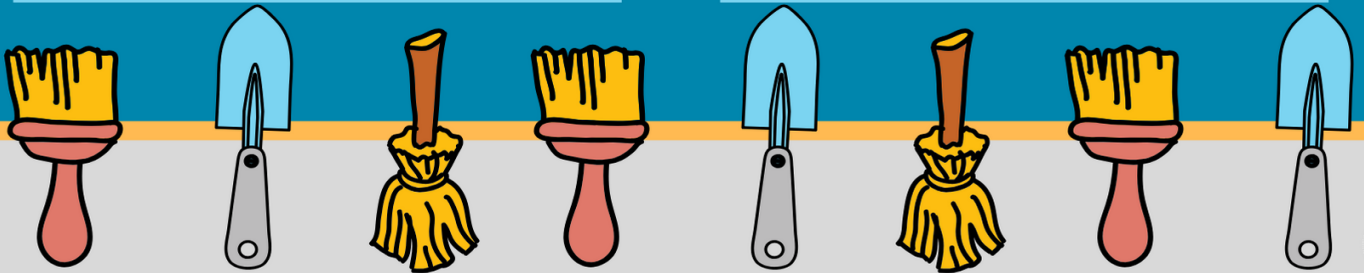
When: Sunday, June 14-Friday, June 19th

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

Where: Assumption's Campus

Cost: \$80.00 (lunch/giveaway provided)

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*When permitted,
following state and local guidelines



CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays
6-6:45 p.m.

Saturdays
4-4:45 p.m.

Sundays
Before All Masses

Weekend Mass Livestream Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

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



Watch at

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Good News Messenger

| Issue | Deadline (4 p.m.) |
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| May 24 | May 15 |
| May 31 | May 22 |

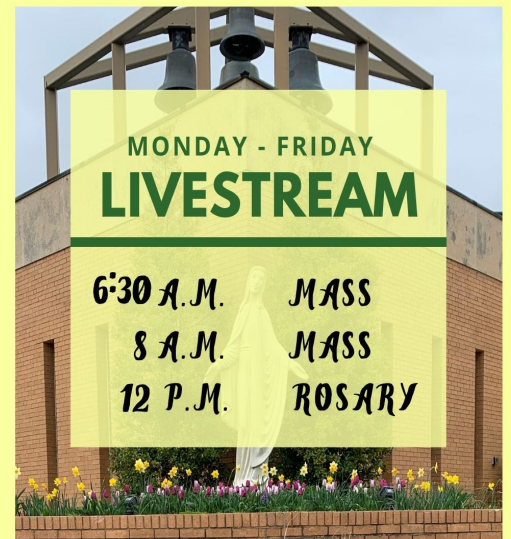
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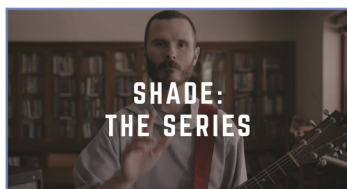
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