



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2020

**WELCOME
BACK!**

Reconcile.

Recommit.

Reconnect.

#AssumptionTogether

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
By Appt: Call Fr. Keller or Fr. Weber

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Safety Procedures for Attending Mass During this Time at Assumption (5/16/2020)

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 offertory 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

#Assumption Together	\$310.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$20.00
Easter	\$75.00
General Fund	\$15,023.14
Maintenance	\$5.00
Parish Gift	\$105.00
Partners in Education	\$128.00
ProLife Stewardship	\$5.00
SVdP	\$1,110.00
Total	\$16,781.14

Correction:

Last week's financial stewardship numbers were incorrectly dated as being from "May 17". They should have been labeled "May 10 Stewardship".



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 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 †
May 25	MONDAY
9 a.m.	Michael Manning
May 26	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Tom & Dorothy Figliola †
8 a.m.	Hubert Heimos †
May 27	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	Eric Lee Rodenberg †
May 28	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	Joseph Dostal †
May 29	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Joe & Theresa Bellosi †
8 a.m.	Dorothy Steffen †
May 30	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Elmer H. Kauffmann †
5 p.m.	Judge Joe Wazycki †
May 31	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Kelly Sheahan †
9 a.m.	Mary Florich †
10:30 a.m.	Tim Mooney †
Noon	Linda DeClue †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Don Grant
Greg Guidry
Connie Hartman
Charlotte Heisserer
Theon Heisserer
Jacqueline Helberg
Bill Henzey
Sheree Henzey
Henry boys
Jim Hercules
Mary Beth Hercules
Roxanne Holdegraver
Richard G. Horn, Jr.

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Austin Shields
John Siebert
Todd Smick, USN
Aaron Staryak
Robert Stockwood, USMC
Andrew Titus USN*
Matthew Titus USN*
Eddie Torres, USAF
Marti Torres, USAF
Jenna Welchlen, USA
Steven Wodraska, USN
Nicole Wright, USA
Joshua Zarr

† 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: *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
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. *Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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.

Rest in Peace:

Sr. Anne DeFebbo,
sister of Sr. Lorraine DeFebbo
Katy Weber,
Grandmother of Fr. Ryan Weber



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Re-Entry

The process for re-opening Assumption is going to be slow. Because a large number of our parishioners are classified as “vulnerable”, it would be better safe than sorry.

Masses

As you know, Masses are public again, however, there is no obligation to attend. Certain precautions are being taken to protect those who come including wearing masks, leaving doors open, providing hand sanitizer throughout the church, sanitizing pews and other surfaces after Masses and omitting the parts of the Mass where physical contact is more likely to occur. Parishioners who receive Communion, should do so in the hand. If for some reason, that troubles your conscience, you should go to one of the priests and receive last. Of course, the safest form for Communion is to continue to make a Spiritual Communion. We ask parishioners to “space themselves” by being mindful of the six-foot rule and for signing-up for Masses online at www.assumptionstl.org so we can see when they are beginning to get full. Only 125 people are allowed in the church at this time.

Rectory Office

The rectory office is open during from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Early Learning Center and Summer Camp

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued guidelines, but St. Louis County has been very slow in permitting Child Care. Our AELC and Summer Camp staff are preparing to open in June.

Parish Meetings

So far, the Archdiocese has only permitted Masses and other Liturgies under the conditions described above. Events, funeral luncheons, and coffee and doughnuts after Masses are not permitted yet. We are going to slowly open parish meetings – Youth Ministry will start first and then as the summer unfolds, groups will more populations classified as “vulnerable” will receive permissions to start meeting.

“Reconnect”

As we slowly re-enter parish life, I encourage you to wear the name tag we sent to your home. Not only does it help while we are all wearing face masks, but it helps us get to know each other and defeats the feelings of isolation we have all experienced.

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



SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS

Unfortunately, there are shady people out to make a quick buck during this coronavirus pandemic. New scam artists seem to be popping up each day and some shady dealings are targeted specifically to older adults. Some examples to bring to your attention include:

- 1. Home Test Kits for COVID-19:** Scammers are contacting older adults offering “coronavirus test kits” in an attempt to collect credit card or banking information.
- 2. Fake COVID-19 Products and Services:** Text and phone scams are falsely advertising products, such as fake drugs, vaccines and devices, that claim to prevent or cure COVID-19. At the time of this writing, there is no known cure or vaccine.
- 3. Impersonating a Government Agency:** scammers contact elderly recipients to tell them that their benefits will be suspended or decreased due to COVID-19 unless they provide personal information or payment.
- 4. Insurance Scams:** several scams are offering low-cost health and life insurance that are being presented as “free gifts.”
- 5. Stimulus-related Scams:** these scams ask consumers to provide bank account information so funds can be “released” or loan applications can be approved pertaining to the government stimulus monies paid to Americans.
- 6. Charity and Donation Scams:** Preying on the good-nature of many older adults, scammers aim to collect money for fake COVID-19 relief agencies. Ask yourself, “Is this charity one with whom I’m already acquainted or have contributed to in the past?”
- 7. Tech Support Scams:** With everyone now home-bound, use of electronics naturally has increased in order to feel connected to the outside

world. Scammers are using various communication and social platforms offering “technical support” services for electronic users. It may be a legitimate service, especially if the name or email address sounds familiar to you, or maybe not as these types of hoaxes are on the rise.

In general, be skeptical and follow your instincts, especially when it comes to the bombardment of information regarding COVID-19. Always keep in mind to:

- NEVER give your personal information to callers on the phone or in response to email messages you have received, especially if it is someone with whom you are not familiar. Personal information includes your street address, credit card numbers, driver's license, social security number, banking information, pharmaceutical prescriptions, or registration numbers for subscriptions.
- Only open email messages or answer phone calls that are from someone whose name you recognize.
- NEVER click on the link in a suspicious email or from an untrusted source.
- Do your research on the company when contracting with a service provider or making a charitable contribution to an unfamiliar agency.
- Make sure you fully understand the scope of the work before accepting any offer, make a deposit, or pay for services upfront.

If you or your senior loved one receives a suspicious text, call, or email related to COVID-19, or if you think they might be a victim of a COVID-19 hoax or fraudulent website, you should file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission immediately. Also contact local law enforcement to make an official report. There is also a public service called BBB Scam Tracker (www.bbb.org/scamtracker) for reporting and reviewing known scams.

ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

PARKING LOT PARTAY

We will begin youth group again on May 31, after 6pm Mass! Wear a mask, grab a lawn chair and get ready for some socially distanced fun!



PSR TEACHERS & CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS!

FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

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

If so, you might be a good fit for our program!
Contact Valerie Stringer to apply!
stringerv@assumptionstl.org



Assumption Parish Rummage Sale!

August 8, 2020

SAVE THE DATE & YOUR STUFF!

During this summer sale, parishioners will be able to buy, sell or donate used items. We will even have a shredding service on-site! So before you drop-off donations at Goodwill, consider hanging onto it for a little while longer for this rummage sale!



St. Louis Friends of Birthright **Virtual** Run for Life and Learning

Looking for a fun and safe way to support Moms in need? The Friends of Birthright Run for Life and Learning has gone Virtual! To register or donate, visit run4lifeandlearning.eventbrite.com. Complete a Run/Walk distance of your choice (6K, 1 mile, 0.25 mile) individually or with your immediate family anytime between Monday, June 1 and Sunday, June 7. Post your time and/or photo to our Facebook page, or email us, and receive a race t-shirt. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education. Please email us at run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities.



Assumption's May Rosary Challenge

Pope Francis encourages all Catholics to pray the Rosary during the month of May. Consider making the Rosary part of your daily prayers this month!

There are many ways to become more comfortable with the Rosary, including downloading an app on your phone or going to www.assumptionstl.org/rosary to learn how to pray it! Assumption livestreams the Rosary at Noon, Monday-Friday, at www.assumptionlive.com.



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the Parish Office
for the keycode.)



WWW.ASSUMPTIONLIVE.COM

Donations for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly Saint Vincent de Paul Food & Clothing Drive will resume on Saturday, May 30th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please note that we are not able to accept furniture items or electronics. Thank You!



ASSUMPTION ONLINE PSR REGISTRATION Now OPEN!



Stay tuned for a summer
PSR social & registration event!

*When permitted,
following state and local guidelines.

www.assumptionstl.org/save-a-space

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Good News Messenger

Issue

May 31
June 7

Deadline (4 p.m.)

May 22
May 29

- Please go to www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions 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

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Weekend Mass Livestream Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

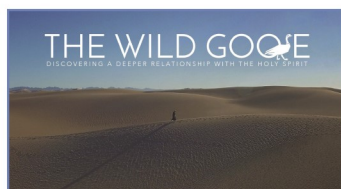
Sunday: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m., Noon, & 6 p.m.



Watch at

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



THE WILD GOOSE

Father Dave Pivonka

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart.

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