

GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970: CCD

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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Due to St. Louis County guidelines,
Assumption will be going back to requiring an
ONLINE SIGN-UP for weekend Masses !

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To reserve your seat for
Holy **MASS**
this weekend,
visit our website at
assumptionstl.org/mass-sign-up !

Special Events

August 22 AAA Golf Tournament
September 22 Red Cross Blood Drive

July 26 Stewardship

Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$133.00
Friends for Life	\$100.00
General Fund	\$15,686.04
Maintenance Fund	\$25.00
Parish Gift	\$100.00
Partners in Education	\$25.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$105.00
ProLife Stewardship	\$5.00
Retired Religious	\$30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,152.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$5.00
Total	\$17,366.04



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!

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

FEAST ON THE FEAST DAY



Food Trucks: 5 - 8 p.m.

Outdoor Mass/Backpack Blessing: 5, 6 & 7 p.m.

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Feast on the Feast Day Cancelled

"Feast on the Feast Day", the Outdoor Mass/Food Truck/Backpack Blessing event which was scheduled for August 14th, has been cancelled. Thank you for your understanding as we comply with the newest St. Louis County Guidelines for social gatherings!

Mass Intentions †

August 2	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Vince Domagalski †
9 a.m.	Gerald Lofton †
10:30 a.m.	Gregory Koch †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Therese Eckstein †
August 3	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Thomas Connelly †
8 a.m.	Bob Schraut †
August 4	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Tim Mooney †
8 a.m.	Vi & Al Camenzind †
August 5	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Gerald Lofton †
8 a.m.	Sal & Eleanor Catanzaro
August 6	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	Bob Farley †
August 7	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Brett D. Grant †
8 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
August 8	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Ed Bromschwig †
5 p.m.	Elsie Kappesser †
August 9	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Gerald Delaney †
9 a.m.	Dan Mueller †
10:30 a.m.	Frank Mannion †
Noon	Ron Halbach †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Wilma Dorsey
Fred Dulle
Timothy Dunn
Helen Enright
LeRoy Ettling
Caroline Fechner
Jim Fesler
Lorretta Fieser
Donna Fitzwilliam
Motz Gapsch
Pamela Gebauer
Don Grant
Greg Guidry

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Robert Bryant III, USAR*
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*
Wyatt Flieg, USN
William Florich, USAR*

† 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: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

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



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Rest in Peace:

Patrick Hogan
Grace Holland



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Adapting Catholicism to Social Distancing

Initially, our bishops and pastors were hopeful, that if we did our part by isolating during the coronavirus outbreak, the effects of the virus may be lessened. As everyone remembers, there was some hope that by summer, we would be returning to normal. In fact, it is likely that the coronavirus will be with us for a long time.

Now everyone is focused on safety protocols, social distancing and the effectiveness of face masks. Not many people are asking how we practice our Faith in a difficult time like this. Even though a risk of infection accompanies everything we do, Catholic parishes cannot remain closed indefinitely. The mission of Jesus Christ does not stop in difficult times. The question is how do we continue to celebrate the sacraments, preach the Gospel, and care for each other during this time?

1. **“Momento Mori” - “Remember Death.”** Catholics should maintain a strong spiritual life especially in difficult times. Today, there is an exaggerated fear of death from the virus. Yet, death is always before us as a result of the virus or another cause. Incidentally, the spiritual life begins with death. Every Catholic should live prepared for death. This means every Catholic should live in a “state of grace,” free from mortal sin. Therefore, Confession should remain a part of every Catholic’s spiritual life. Each of us should live prepared for the final judgement.

2. **“Keep Holy the Lord’s Day.”** Although it may be difficult to attend Mass during the pandemic, the desire for the sacraments remains strong in every devout Catholic. If you felt a burden has been lifted when the bishops released Catholics from attending Sunday Mass during the pandemic, then it is a sign of a lack of love for God. Catholics who love God simultaneously desire the sacraments because it is there that we meet God most intimately. Although livestreamed Masses do not take the place of Mass, they offer some opportunity to participate to the best of their ability. Regardless, if one attends Mass in person or online, one should make Sunday a special day to celebrate God’s blessings and we should take time to give thanks for His goodness. Sunday should be a day of leisure, free of work, if possible, and a day focused not so much on our own pleasure but supporting family and fostering a deep love of God in ourselves and our family.

3. **“Charity”** Every Catholic is called on to love Christ in others. Parishes often band together to support many different charitable works. During the pandemic, we are limited in our ability to gather to raise funds for the support of the Church and the care of the poor, but we can still be generous and help others who have been more deeply affected by the coronavirus. This may be a good time to develop the habit of “sacrificial giving.” Often fund raisers exchange fun for donations, but sacrificial giving offers us a chance to be generous and expect nothing in return. It is a sign of love for God and neighbor.

4. **“Community of Faith”** The Church is primarily a community of faith. Even during persecutions, the Church would gather in secret, but during a pandemic, gathering only places individuals and society at large in greater danger. So what happens when the community cannot gather? This issue is a difficult one to resolve. To some extent, parishes, including Assumption are relying on the Internet to unite us. Some gatherings, mostly the socially distanced Sunday Mass, and smaller outdoor gatherings are sufficing for now. But parishioners need to reach out to each other, especially to the lonely and most isolated. Phone calls, emails, even old-fashioned letters can connect us until we can gather again. Every parishioner should take the opportunity to reach out to a fellow parishioner and share the love of God with them through expressing concern.

5. **“Prudence”** One of the greatest frustrations of the new coronavirus is the lack of accurate information about it. Confusion surrounds coronavirus symptoms, treatments, and prevention. The highly polarized governmental response and painfully biased media coverage leaves us feeling afraid or angry. Social Media becomes a place to spread our anger or fear and sometimes we can become self-righteous in our opinions. However, a faithful Catholic must act prudently. While some precautions may be proven ineffective or unnecessary, in a spirit of charity, they should be observed until legitimate authority decides otherwise.

God bless, Fr. Keller



Senior Ministry

Lynn Ewy & Stacey Macko
Senior Ministry Coordinators



Thank You for Participating in the ASM Survey

The results of the “Closet Dream” survey are in! After combing through all 105 surveys listing the three options, your choices were very close. The outcome is that the Computer Learning Lab had the most votes, then an Exercise Room, and finally the Resource Room. Now we begin the tasks necessary to make the “Closet Dream” a reality. Keep your eyes on this spot as things develop further.

Let's Get Together -- Gathering in the Courtyard

Our next ASM Outdoor Gathering is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Courtyard behind the School Building, which is completely shaded by the building at that time of day. Bring your lawn chair, bug spray, and a beverage in your own personal container. The Parish Center will be open for use of the restrooms. If you need to access the restroom, you must wear a face mask in order to enter the building..



Assumption School Children Pen Pal Project

Don't forget we are taking names of seniors to be partnered with Assumption School children for the Pen Pal Project. Get your name on the list of participants soon! School begins August 17 and pairings will take place soon after the beginning of the new school year. Please email one of us or call the ASM General Mailbox 314-487-7970, ext. 1228, to join the Pen Pal Project. As always, let us know if you have any questions.

National Senior Citizens Day

On August 21st, National Senior Citizens Day is an opportunity to show our appreciation for the senior citizens in our Assumption Parish Community. Join us on Friday, August 21, 2020 for this outdoor event honoring our Assumption Senior Citizens. Dinner will be a catered boxed meal, served at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtyard behind the School Building. The cost is \$8 to participate and reservations are required by Monday, August 17. We encourage you to reserve your spot early

as we are limited to only 50 participants per the new gathering guidelines. At twilight, we will be viewing the humorous and heartwarming documentary “Cyber-Seniors” on the large Assumption Outdoor Summer Cinema screen at approximately 8:15 p.m. Make your reservations today for Assumption's National Senior Citizens Day by emailing one of us or calling the ASM General Mailbox, 487-7970, ext 1228.



God bless, Lynn (ewyl@assumptionstl.org) and Stacey (mackos@assumptionstl.org)

COVID-19 Information

Statistics as of July 29, 2020:

Population of St. Louis County: 998,692
 COVID-19 cases: 11,595 (1.16%)
 Population of 63128 zip code: 29,832
 COVID-19 cases: 187 (0.62%)

Several Assumption families and individuals, including some members of the staff have had to voluntarily isolate because they encountered someone who tested positive. If you are infected with COVID-19 and have been on Assumption property while you were contagious, even if you have not had symptoms; please contact Fr. Keller so we can assist with contact tracing. Your anonymity will be respected.

St. Louis County Coronavirus Social Distancing Guidelines:

- Building capacities are limited to 25%. (See below for current room capacities.)
- Face masks must be worn for all events including worship services.
- Individuals or non-family members should maintain a six-foot separation.

Archdiocese of St. Louis Coronavirus Directives:

- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains temporarily lifted.
- Vulnerable individuals and those over 60 years old should take additional precautions.
- Holy Communion may be received on the tongue in the main aisle from the priest. Ministers on the side aisle will distribute Holy Communion in the hand.
- The *Presentation of Offertory Gifts*, the *Sign of Peace*, and *Communion under both kinds* are suspended, and Holy Water has been removed.

Assumption Parish Coronavirus Accommodations:

- Baskets for donations and hand sanitizer are located near the doors of the church.
- Free masks are located in the back of church.
- Alternating pews are used to increase distance between worshippers.
- Masses are livestreamed and most recent information can be found at www.assumptionstl.org.
- Funerals, baptisms, weddings, and parish meetings are permitted provided St. Louis County social distancing guidelines are followed.
- Funeral Visitations are permitted for one hour prior to the Funeral Mass.
- Funeral Luncheons and other events serving food are permitted in the Church Lower Level. However, at this time, only catered food is permitted. Food must be box-lunch or served by caterers. Potluck, or self-serve buffets and drink bars are not permitted.
- Due to the configuration of the confessionals, all confessions are heard behind the screen.
- Outdoor meetings may be scheduled in the School Courtyard and the Outdoor Classroom. Please bring your own chairs.

Last week's approximate Mass attendance:

5:00 p.m.	80
7:30 a.m.	90
9:00 a.m.	120
10:30 a.m.	120
Noon	90
6:00 p.m.	75

Room capacity limits (25% of total capacity):

Church	125
Parish Center (Gym)	120
Church Lower Level	30
Fatima Room CLL	6
Lourdes Room CLL	6
Rector's Basement	6



Saturday, August 22



**1230 Abbey Lane
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- **8:00 a.m. Tee Off** – Registration Begins At 7:00 a.m.
- **\$400 per FOURSOME**
- **18 Hole Scramble**
- **On course beverages**
- **After event BBQ**
- **Sponsorship Opportunities**



To register your team or sign up to be a sponsor fill out the form below and mail all checks to: **Treasurer, Matt Hofer – 4806 Crosswood Dr. – St. Louis, MO 63129** or visit **www.assumptionsports.org**

Please contact Brian at golftournament@assumptionsports.org or (314) 753-3351 if you would like additional information.



FOURSOME SIGN-UP

Name: _____ (CAPTAIN)

Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Other 3 players:



SPONSORSHIP SIGN-UP

- ☐ **\$1,000 Grand Event Sponsor** –includes Foursome
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☐ **\$100 Hole Sponsorship** –Application Due by Monday August 17th.

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Sign info: _____

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Contact name: _____

Email: _____

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020 AT 7:00 PM



Ray Kreienkamp



Mark Guyol

Ray Kreienkamp, Partner at Husch Blackwell, will present on the Basics of Estate Planning and Advance Directives.

Mark Guyol, President of the Roman Catholic Foundation, will present on Charitable Gift Planning.

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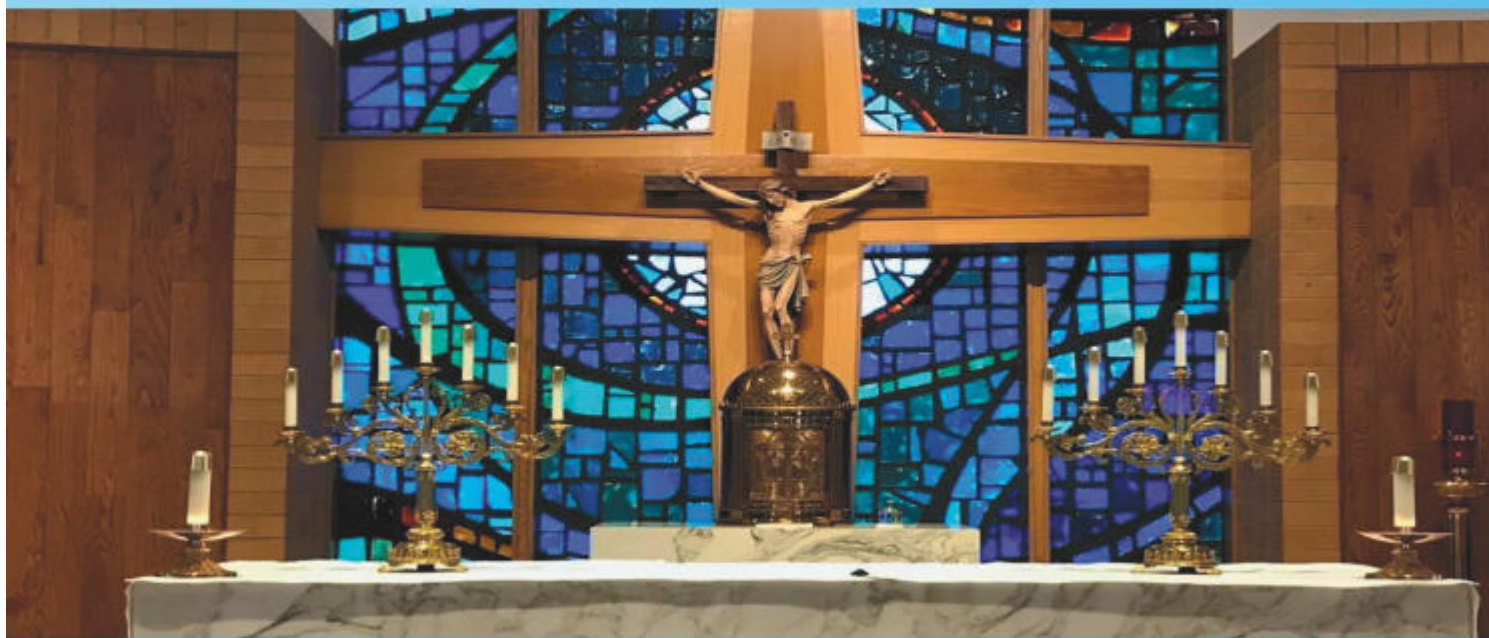


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Weekend Mass Livestream Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

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



Watch at

www.assumptionlive.com

Baptism:



Congratulations to Molly on her Baptism, Sunday, July 26! Pictured with Molly are her parents, Aaron & Elizabeth, and her brother, as well as her godparents, DJ & Sarah.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Novena (August 6-14):

“Majestic Queen of Heaven and Mistress of the Angels, you received from God the power and command to crush the head of Satan. Therefore, we humbly beg of you, send forth the legions of Heaven, that under your command they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their pride, and hurl them back into the pit of hell. ‘Who is like unto God?’

With firm confidence we present ourselves before you, our most loving Mother, afflicted and troubled as we are, and we beg you to let us understand the love you have for us by granting this petition, if it is according to the Will of God and profitable for our salvation: (mention your request).

Good and tender Mother, you shall ever be our hope and the object of our love. Mother of God, send forth the Holy Angels to defend us and drive far from us the cruel foe.

Holy Angels and Archangels, defend and keep us.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)


CONFESSIONS
at Assumption

Wednesdays
6-6:45 p.m.

Saturdays
4-4:45 p.m.

Sundays
Before All Masses

Assumption PALOOZA postponed
RUMMAGE & VENDOR SALE

Everything you have lying around...

until further notice

All sale proceeds benefit Assumption programs, events and retreats. We cannot accept electronics, large furniture or damaged items.

Assumption Parish

Assumption-Palooza Postponed

Unfortunately, we have made the tough decision to postpone our Assumption-Palooza Vendor & Rummage sale until further notice. We are hoping to host the sale at a later date, which we will announce in the Good News Messenger as soon as it is rescheduled. Thank you for your understanding!

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
August 9	July 30
August 16	August 6

- 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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Lawn Care Request from Fr. Keller's Mother!

A young man from Assumption has been cutting Fr. Keller's mom's lawn for several years, but he is leaving for college in a few weeks. If someone is interested in taking over his business, please call 314-487-7970 extension 1202.

Church Cleaning Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to lightly clean the church and sacristy on a regular basis. Volunteers work in teams of two once every six to eight weeks. The job consists of light dusting (statues, stations of the cross, etc.) in church and sacristy along with dust mopping the sanctuary. If interested, please contact Judy Keller at 314-712-2970 or email jakeller48@gmail.com.

MO Catholic bishops support Medicaid Expansion on August 4th Ballot

Expanding access to Medicaid will help many low-income, working Missourians get access to healthcare coverage through the Medicaid program. It will also help Catholic hospitals improve their operating margins by reducing uncompensated care. The Missouri bishops are supporting this effort. Will you join them? For more information on Medicaid, and to listen to a podcast about the Medicaid expansion ballot proposal (Amendment 2), please visit the Missouri Catholic Conference website at www.mocatholic.org.



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