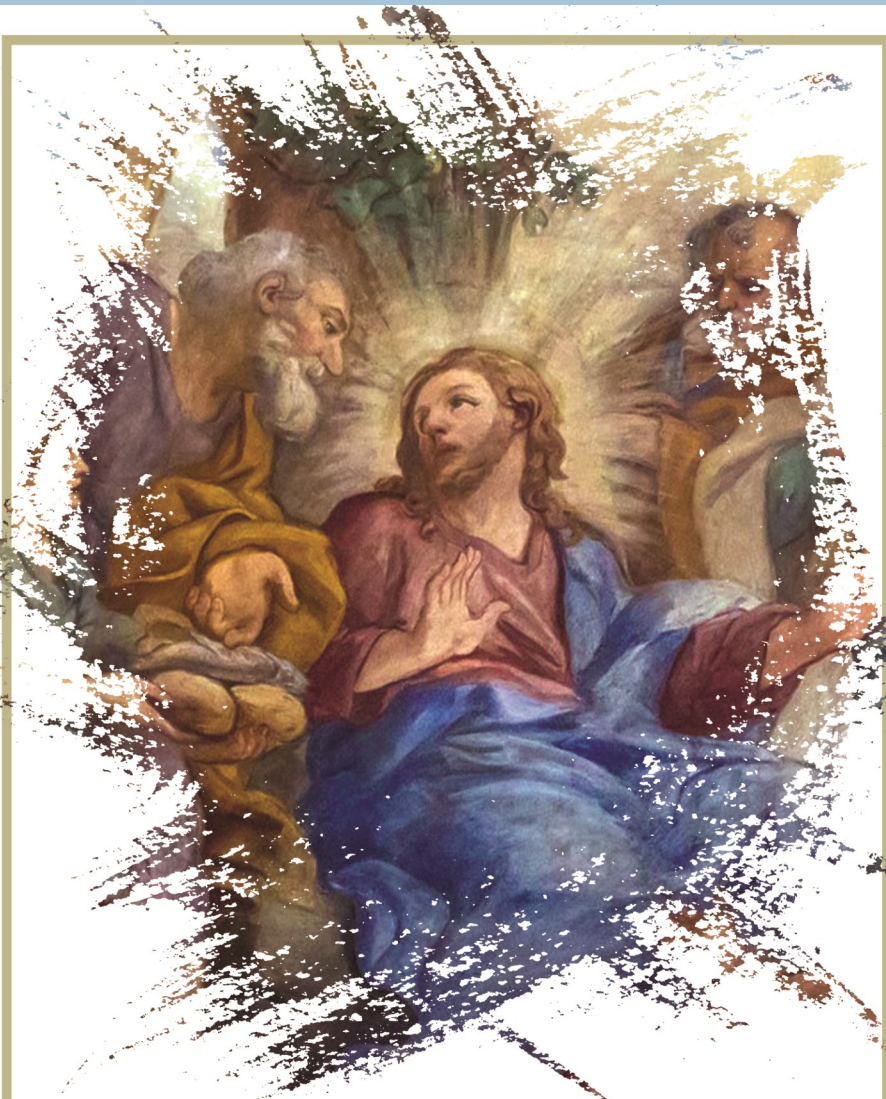




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020



"THUS, THE LAST WILL BE FIRST, AND THE FIRST
WILL BE LAST." —MT 20:16

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

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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SPONSOR-A-FAMILY COVID STYLE

As with everything in the world right now, we have to retool this very worthy Christmas program. Instead of adopting our usual 60 or so families, we'll sponsor 193 individual school kids with a small gift bag, to include a family gift, they can carry home from school.

To cut down on bulk we're asking for: \$25 GIFT CARDS from grocery stores, Wal Mart, Target, Kohl's, Macy's, and the like. Fast food is ok too.

Gift cards can be dropped in the offertory baskets in an envelope clearly marked SAF, or dropped at the parish office. Near the end of October, we will also put baskets at the back of church for hats and gloves for the kiddos.

We will have a small number of local families to adopt closer to Thanksgiving. We are praying for a strong level of support to assist these families that are in great need. Please call Amy Craig with questions at 314-221-4268. Thank you!

Special Events

Sept. 22	Red Cross Blood Drive
Sept. 25	Outdoor Cinema: Song of Bernadette
Oct. 9	Outdoor Cinema: Pope John Paul II—Part 1
Oct. 17	40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil
Oct. 23	Outdoor Cinema: Pope John Paul II—Part 2

September 13 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$40.00
Catholic University	\$10.00
Disaster Relief	\$50.00
Fill the Gap	\$333.00
General Fund 2020	\$17,763.10
Maintenance Fund	\$30.00
Memorial Gift	\$50.00
Partner in Education	\$1,735.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$24.00
Project Life	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$898.00
Total	\$20,938.10



Due to St. Louis County guidelines,
Assumption-Mattese Parish is still
requiring worshipers to **SIGN-UP ONLINE**
for weekend Masses !

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

Registering at Assumption

Assumption Parish (Mattese) warmly welcomes you to our family of Faith!
I/We would like to register at Assumption:

Name: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Please return this slip to the Parish Office (located in the Rectory) or drop in the offertory basket, and we will be in touch soon to help you register here! You may also visit the office Monday-Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to register.



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!

Mass Intentions †

September 20	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9 a.m.	Frank Lahm †
10:30 a.m.	Larry Stilinovic †
Noon	Betty Houska †
6 p.m.	Bert Pohl
September 21	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Michelle Insko †
9 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
September 22	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Tim Mooney †
8 a.m.	Michael Saller †
September 23	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Catherine & Harold Jinkerson †
8 a.m.	Mark Aubuchon †
September 24	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Rita Eddy †
8 a.m.	John & Frances Meagher †
September 25	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Robert Brush †
8 a.m.	Richard Jaggie †
September 26	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Tom Connelly †
5 p.m.	Russell Kappesser †
September 27	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	John Deibel †
9 a.m.	Mary Winkler †
10:30 a.m.	Carol Falleri †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Chris Maloney †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Robbie Sullens
Sharon Therman
Arlene Torrillo
Sister Marie Louis Twoney
Colleen Valley
Joanne Vasquez
Micheline Vendryes
Christina Vogler
Mary Ann Wheatley
Olive Wilke
Eric Wolf

Sheri Oldani Zambruski

Anna Zuellig

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

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
Tim Andrews, USCG

Rest in Peace:

Dorothy Sagez

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Assumption Outdoor Cinema

7:30 p.m. on the
Parish Center Parking Lot

Bring your own
snacks & lawn chairs!

*Masks required if using
the inside restrooms.

UPCOMING FILMS:

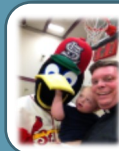
Sept. 25 Song of Bernadette

Oct. 9 Pope John Paul II (part 1)

Oct. 23 Pope John Paul II (part 2)



† 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

Inside Catholicism

Last year, we had a popular Wednesday evening series called *Inside Catholicism* where we covered major topics from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and always had time for questions and answers.

This year, we are continuing *Inside Catholicism* and our focus will be on the spiritual life. We are going to discuss everything from how we can pray better to how we can break free from sins that keep bothering us. We will follow a tried-and-true method that made saints out of generations of Catholics. Maybe it will work for us too!

This is a great opportunity for all parishioners, but especially our Eucharistic Adorers, since they already spend an hour at prayer each week. Anyone who is interested in the Catholic spiritual life or even interested in knowing more about our faith in general is welcome to join us. We are inviting those who are interested in becoming Catholic to join us, too! Since we are meeting online as well as in-person, non-parishioners are even welcome online.

We will retain the popular question and answer format but if possible, we will also offer times for small group discussions because the spiritual life lends itself to sharing experiences and helping each other.

Inside Catholicism will meet on Wednesdays, beginning at 7:15 p.m., on:

September 23 & 30

October 7, 14, 21, & 28

November 4 & 11

You can attend in-person in the Church Lower Level (social distancing rules apply, and the max capacity is 65 people) or you attend online via [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us).

To attend via Zoom, all you have to do is go to our parish website at AssumptionSTL.org/Inside-Catholicism and sign up by entering your email address. Then you will automatically receive an email that contains the Zoom meeting link and login information which you will *reference each week* in order to attend virtually. You do not need an account or to download anything from the internet —simply click on the Zoom link when the time comes and the Inside Catholicism Zoom meeting will open up in your web browser! This way, you will be able to connect to the presentations from home as they are happening live! The website will ask to connect your camera (you don't have to) and your mic for audio. Even from home, we can take your questions and we could even make small groups via Zoom to discuss the content. It's amazing what we can do with technology!

God bless, Fr. Keller



Senior Ministry
Lynn Ewy & Stacey Macko
Senior Ministry Coordinators



ASM Updates & Calendar of Events

- September 21** - Outdoor Chair Exercise Class *
- September 22** - VPs Outdoor Mass (every Tuesday) *
- September 28** - FORMED Weekly Bible Study (Zoom) begins *
- October 1** - Let's Get Together in the Courtyard (earlier time)
- October 5** - Viewing of "Cyber-seniors" documentary movie *

* *These events require registration.* With questions or to register, email seniorministry@assumptionstl.org or call our **General Mailbox 487-7970, ext. 1228.**
For any of our outdoor gatherings, a heat advisory or forecast of rain will cancel the event.

Outdoor Chair Exercise Program

Special guest instructor, Jean Huelsing, will lead tomorrow's outdoor Chair Exercises. Jean is a registered nurse, fitness practitioner, and serves as CEO of Living Well Foundation. This 45-minute session will be low-impact to get you moving while seated or standing. Meet us in the WEST parking lot (behind the white building west of the Rectory) from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The class is limited to 20 participants, but there's still time to sign up. Bring a chair, personal beverage, and light weights. We will follow gathering guidelines and the Church will be open for restrooms. If there is enough interest, we may hold more Outdoor Chair Exercise sessions in the future.

VP Tuesdays —Outdoor Mass

Here is an opportunity for vulnerable persons & caregivers at Assumption to attend Mass while remaining socially distant outside. See page 9 of the *Good News Messenger* for more details.

FORMED Women's Bible Study Group

On **Monday, September 28**, we will begin a new video **Faith Study from FORMED** entitled "**The Search.**" *Sometimes we get so caught up in the depth of our faith that we forget what it was like to first wrestle with the big questions – Who am I? What am I searching for? What's our shared story? Who is Jesus? Taking a deeper look at the basics can help strengthen our foundation. We will meet via Zoom from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and participants will receive a link to the meeting via email.*

Let's Get Together!

Autumn--changing leaves, crisp air and great conversation! Join us on **Thursday, October 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** in the Courtyard behind the School Building.

Bring your lawn chair, face mask, a jacket, and a personal beverage. We will follow gathering guidelines. The Parish Center will be open for use of the restrooms. There are only three more outdoor gatherings remaining:
October 1, 15 & 29.

Cyber-Seniors Program

We are pleased to announce the start of our own Cyber -Seniors chapter here at Assumption! There will be a special screening of the original award-winning Cyber-Seniors documentary (75 min) on Monday, October 5, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in St. Marie Hall (CLL). If you attended the National Senior Citizens' Day event in August, we viewed a shortened version of the documentary that introduces the program's purpose and mission—to bridge the digital divide and connect generations through technology. Space is limited to 25 participants. Bring a beverage in your own personal container. Gathering guidelines and additional details can be found in the weekend Senior Scoop email. No computer? Call the SM office to be added as a participant.

Pen Pal Project

Thank you to all those who volunteered! We now have enough senior writers to pair with Assumption School 4th Graders, but let us know if you'd like to be placed on the waiting list. Writers will be receiving their first letter soon.

God bless,

Lynn (ewyl@assumptionstl.org) ext. 1221

& Stacey (mackos@assumptionstl.org) ext. 1255

COVID-19 Information

63128 Zip Code = 87 new positive Coronavirus cases in the last 14 days

Our zip code is finally a hotspot for the coronavirus.
In fact, South County is the only area in St. Louis County
where the number of positive cases continue to increase on a daily basis.

Please be extra mindful of your fellow parishioners at this time.
For more information about Assumption's social distancing policies: AssumptionSTL.org
For more information about St. Louis County coronavirus cases: go to STLCorona.com

Returning this Fall!
Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.
beginning on September 23!

INSIDE

Catholicism

with Fr. Keller!

AssumptionSTL.org/Inside-Catholicism

Have you ever wanted to be “more spiritual?”
Do you wish you had a spiritual director?
Are you feeling “stuck” and want help growing in Holiness?

Fr. Keller is hosting evening sessions on the Spiritual Life on Wednesday nights starting at 7:15 p.m.

Sessions will be in-person in the church lower level and virtually via ZOOM.
Sign up for email announcements at the webpage above!

Dates for the Fall Semester:

September 23 & 30
October 7, 14, 21, & 28
November 4 & 11



40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil

In coordination with prayer vigils throughout the world, Coalition for Life St. Louis is sponsoring a daily prayer vigil at *Planned Parenthood Forest Park* from Wednesday, September 23 – Sunday, November 1. For more information, see www.CoalitionForLifeSTL.com.

Assumption will man the local vigil at *Planned Parenthood Forest Park* from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on **Saturday, October 17th**. Prayer volunteers are needed for one hour time slots throughout the day. To sign-up for an hour, please go to www.AssumptionSTL.org/40days. Questions? Contact Tim Hessel at 314-807-0510.

Your presence on the sidewalk can change the mind of an abortion-minded parent!



Abide Young Adult Ministry provides a space in South County for young adults in their 20's and 30's to come together, share their Catholic faith, and find community. Join us every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in St. Margaret Mary Alacoque's parish center.
*Masks are required at this time.

Follow us on Facebook or Instagram at **@abidestl**.

AYM UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, Sept. 20 @
7pm**

**DOWNSIDE UP:
Day Before
Tomorrow**

**Meet in the gym, wear a
mask & bring a lawn chair!**



Visit **AssumptionSTL.org**
to register today
for Online Giving !

**Our Lady
Help of Christians
Adoration
Chapel**

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



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Tuesday,
September 22, 2020

3-7 p.m. in the
Church Lower Level

Please call to schedule an appointment:
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter: **ASSUMPTIONCC**

Streamline your donation experience
and save up to 15 minutes by visiting
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete
your pre-donation reading and health history
questions on the day of your appointment.

**Sign up & receive
Assumption's
Weekly Bulletin
via E-Mail every week!**



Sign up today at AssumptionSTL.org/Bulletin-Email !



Outdoor Masses for Vulnerable Persons

at Assumption-Mattese Catholic Church
on the school parking lot!

Every Tuesday night in September & October!

6:30 p.m. – Outdoor Mass



- **Masks & Social-Distancing required**
- **Bring a lawn chair**
- **Limited space for those who wish to remain in their cars**

Since space is limited to 50 people, we ask that only Assumption parishioners who have been unable to attend Mass during the pandemic sign-up for these Outdoor "VP" Masses. Registrations will be posted weekly. A heat advisory or forecast of rain will cancel the event.

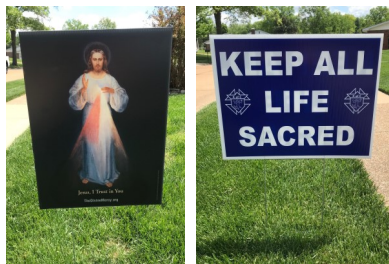
**To sign-up, go to AssumptionSTL.org
or call the Parish Office at 314-487-7970.**

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Pro-Life Yard Signs for Sale

Divine Mercy yard signs(\$10 each) and Keep All Life Sacred Yard signs (\$5 each) are for sale in the parish office. If you want to purchase one of these signs just stop by the parish office during normal business hours. Proceeds from the sale of these signs benefit the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Griffin Council.



Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
September 27	September 17
October 4	September 24

- 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
- Questions or comments?**
newsletter@assumptionstl.org

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Hotline: 314-289-6101, ext. 2227



Help us. Help others.

Volunteer to Help a Neighbor!

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul needs you. If you have a little bit of free time and would like to help out your neighbor in need, please consider joining the parish ministry that closely adheres to the call of Christ to love our neighbor. Please contact John Maloney at 314-707-9822 or jsmaloney@sbcglobal.net.

SVdP Clothing Drive

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's monthly Clothing Drives will continue to be held on the last Saturday of the month until further notice (except in December). Donations will be collected from 9 a.m.—Noon at the white Knobbe House garage on campus. The next clothing donation drop-off will be Saturday, September 26! Thank you for your generosity!