



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2020



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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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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ASSUMPTION PARISH FISH FRY

See page 7 for the full menu!
Place your Pre-Order
TODAY at
AssumptionFishFry.org!

Did you know...
that you can make *one-time*
or *regular donations* through
Online Giving?

It's convenient,
it's easy,
and it *helps the parish!*

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1447



Special Events

Nov. 13	Fish Fry
Nov. 14	Respect Life Convention Screening
Nov. 20	Fish Fry
Dec. 8	Blood Drive

Notice:

The financial stewardship contributions from last weekend were not available at the time of print. They will be included in the next possible bulletin. Thank you!

Respect Life Mass

Assumption Associate Pastor Fr. Weber will be the celebrant at the monthly Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 8 a.m. Mass will be followed by a rosary procession to Planned Parenthood on Forest Park Ave.



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!

Holy Day & Holiday Schedule

November 26th Thanksgiving

6:30 a.m.*, 8 a.m.* & 9 a.m. (sorry,
no Thanksgiving Brunch this year)

December 8th Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., Noon & 7 p.m.

December 24th Christmas Eve

3 p.m.*, 4:30 p.m.*, 6 p.m.,
9:30 p.m.* & 11 p.m.

December 25th Christmas Day

8 a.m., 10 a.m. & Noon*

December 31st New Year's Eve

5 p.m.

January 1st New Year's Day

8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

* We are adding Masses and
adjusting some Mass times to give
parishioners more options and to
avoid overcrowding due to
St. Louis County pandemic
occupancy limits.

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.



Wednesdays
6-6:45 p.m.

Saturdays
4-4:45 p.m.

Sundays
Before All Masses

Mass Intentions †

November 8	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Helen Bell †
9 a.m.	Marian Loeffler †
10:30 a.m.	Joseph K Kauffmann †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Shirley Unger †
November 9	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Mary Dressel †
8 a.m.	Tom Renaud †
November 10	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Kenneth Baetje †
8 a.m.	Anne Rontizi †
November 11	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Karen & Tony Hable †
8 a.m.	Marilyn Sandweg †
November 12	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	John & Frances Meagher †
8 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
November 13	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Matthew Allen †
8 a.m.	Tom Connelly †
November 14	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	August "Gus" Kump †
5 p.m.	Chris Maloney †
November 15	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	William Sagez †
9 a.m.	Tina Bridgman †
10:30 a.m.	Larry Stelinovic †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Tom Connelly †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Cheryl Cotner
Marietta Lewandowski
Marie LoPiccolo
Kristen Lowry
Ed Lueders
Ann Macke
Daniel Macke
Michael Manning
Ann Marie Marelli
Marilyn Massey
Charlie McFarland
Bob McHugh
Carolyn Messmer

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

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*
Tracy Freeman, USAR
Michael Fresenberg, USA
Thomas Graham, USAF
Josh Gregory, USAR*

Rest in Peace:

Rosemarie Kornfeld

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



Sponsor-A-Family for Christmas

Sponsor a Family needs your help! COVID has hit so many in need. This year we are trying to provide for more kids than ever, but due to the virus we are only requesting \$25 gift cards or cash. Please consider making a donation for this worthy Christmas program. Delivery is early this year so please try to get this to the Parish Office by Thanksgiving. Call Amy Craig with questions at 314-221-4268.

† 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

#AssumptionTogether

The first phase of #AssumptionTogether is going extremely well. Soon, you will receive a mailing inviting you to match one of the many generous donations we have already received. The impact of Covid-19 has destabilized the financial strength of Assumption. We are raising funds to make up the decline of the Sunday Collection and the loss of annual fundraisers and to address the additional expenses incurred by the pandemic. Our parishioners, Grade School families, and Early Learning Center families must band together to stabilize our finances as we struggle to survive these difficult times. We plan on publishing the Challenge Gifts next week. Please consider making a sacrificial gift by matching one of the generous Challenge Gifts.

Special Masses

The *Holiday/Holy Day Mass Schedule* has been posted. We will be providing additional Thanksgiving and Christmas Masses. Additionally, the schedule has been adjusted, so **your regular Mass time may have changed**. Please take a look at the new schedule and start thinking now about how you can build your family and travel plans around these Masses.

Thanksgiving Day

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their annual non-perishable food drive and monetary collection at all the Masses on Thanksgiving Day. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 our Thanksgiving Brunch has been canceled. We hope to resume this tradition next year.

Fish Fry, Fish Fry, Fish Fry!

There are two more weeks of St. Louis' favorite Fish Fry! Drive-thru (enter Basler Lane) or pre-order at AssumptionFishFry.org (enter at Ambs Road). It is a great way to support the Grade School and ELC and take home a great dinner!

What happened to the Seminarians?

Eric, Austin and Rob had to be quarantined at the seminary, as some of their confreres tested positive for Covid-19, and then the seminary went on Fall Break. To be safe, the seminary temporarily suspended the pastoral ministry program. The good news is that Kenrick Glennon has been doing a great job containing the virus. We hope they can return soon.

What's happening in the School?

Another faculty member and a few students from different grades tested positive or came into contact with Covid-19 outside of school and they, along with other students in those grades, have shifted to "distance learning" until we get the all-clear from St. Louis County Health Department for them to return.

Did you Vote at Assumption?

St. Louis County consolidated several polling places into our Parish Center for the recent Presidential Election. I'm sure the St. Louis County Poll Workers did their best, but at one time, the wait was nearly 3 hours long! Thanks to all who patiently waited to vote. Maybe next time the County will ask our speedy Fish Fry volunteers to run their elections!

God bless, Fr. Keller



Senior Ministry
Lynn Ewy & Stacey Macko
Senior Ministry Coordinators



Senior Ministry Updates & Calendar of Events

Nov.11 - Bingo (2nd Wednesdays), 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 30 - Womens' Advent Faith Journey,
11 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Keep in Touch with Senior Ministry

As we go into winter hibernation, we remind you that, in addition to the Good News Messenger, we also use technology to help keep Assumption Seniors informed. Each week we send a *Flocknote newsletter* aptly titled **Assumption Senior Scoop** that arrives in your personal email account. This is a subscription service where you must opt-in to connect with the Senior Ministry "Parishioners: Ages 50+" group in your Flocknote account.

Once you are registered in Assumption Parish Flocknote with your email address,

1. Search the list for the "**Parishioners: Ages 50+**" and click on that title.
2. Complete the necessary fields: **First Name, Last Name, email address, and cell phone number.**
3. Click the green "**Add to Group**" button.
4. Scroll through the list -- sorted alphabetically by Last Name -- to double check that your name now appears among the members in the group.

If you have issues getting connected to our Flocknote list, give us a call and we'll walk you through the steps. Welcome to the Flocknote group!

For those of you on Facebook, we have another way to stay connected through our private *Assumption Senior Ministry Facebook group*. Just search by name when on Facebook and request to join our private group!

Womens' Advent Faith Journey

On **Monday, November 30**, we will begin a new **Women's Faith Journey** entitled "**Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family.**" The group will meet via Zoom from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each Monday of Advent**. Participants will receive a link to the meeting via email, watch a weekly video at home, and be invited to purchase the "Rejoice!" journal for a minimal fee. To ensure that your journal arrives on time, we need your commitment by **Sunday, November 15th**. Please register by contacting us at SeniorMinistry@AssumptionSTL.org or by calling our General Mailbox 487-7970, ext 1228.

Monthly Bingo Game Time

Senior Ministry 2nd Wednesday of the month Bingo is continuing on! The next time we will get together to play **Bingo is November 11, 12:30 to 2 p.m.** in the St. Marie Hall (CLL). Space is limited to 50 participants. Bring your own bingo covers (pennies, dabbers, buttons, etc.) and a beverage in your own container. We will continue to follow the recommended guidelines for indoor gatherings.

Catholic Grandparents Association

How many of you have children who are not sharing the Catholic faith with your grandchildren? How many of you have children who have put limits on what you are allowed to share with your grandchildren about our faith? Children are the future of our Church and as Grandparents we are called by God to a special ministry in our families. The International **Catholic Grandparent's Association (CGA)** was founded in Ireland to provide support and prayer for grandparents so they can fulfill their mission. It is dedicated to strengthening the vocation of Grandparents, Godparents, and even Aunts and Uncles to promote the family as a domestic church where faith is passed on and keep prayer at the core. CGA promotes praying together, working together, and collaborating together to help support each other in the task of passing on our gift of faith to the next generation. As a community we help each other learn to pass on the faith while respecting the wishes of the parents. Fr. Keller has given us permission to begin a CGA chapter at Assumption under the coordinated efforts of Senior Ministry and parishioner Julie Bostick. The plan is to begin this ministry as soon as gathering becomes safer. If you have questions or are interested in participating please contact Julie at 583-6918 or email Bostick_julie@yahoo.com. You can also learn more about CGA at www.CatholicGrandparentsAssociation.org.

God bless,

Lynn (ewyl@assumptionstl.org) ext. 1221
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**Assumption
Parish School**
Jenn Sykora
Principal



Our Pen Pal Program is making waves - radio waves! Senior Ministry Coordinators, Lynn Ewy & Stacey Macko, were LIVE on-air last week to talk about our new Pen Pal Program, which pairs seniors and 4th graders as pen pal buddies! If you were listening to KTRS 550 AM on October 28th, you may have heard them sharing with hosts Jennifer Blome & Art Holliday about some of the joys, the life lessons, and the new friendships it has brought to our 4th grade school children and senior parishioners!

[NEW! ShopwithScrip.com Program](#)

You can support the Assumption Grade School and Early Learning Center through our new gift card program! You can order popular gift cards at [ShopwithScrip.com](#). Enter the code **52L62FAB986L** to support Assumption. Dierbergs and Schnucks cards are available at the Parish Office during office hours. This is great way to support Assumption, which will receive a small percentage of every purchase, without adding to your own expenses.

[Thank You! From STL HELP](#)

On Saturday, October 24th, Assumption was one of six collection sites for St. Louis HELP's fall collection drive. I am pleased to report that a total of 397 items were donated! There were more items donated at Assumption than any other drop off site! On behalf of St Louis HELP, I want to thank all Assumption parishioners for making this collection drive a success!

—Tim Hessel, parishioner
& volunteer with St. Louis HELP

[Prevent and Protect STL](#)

If you are or wish to be a volunteer at Assumption and are not yet registered in the ***new system for Protecting God's Children***, please do so as soon as possible!

- It is mandatory.
- It is free to you.
- Assumption Parish will pay for your background check, but after 12/31/2020, the fee will increase drastically!

The new system is called **Prevent and Protect STL**. To register, please go to [AssumptionSTL.org/safe-environment](#) to access the registration information. *Please complete ALL of the modules to be APPROVED!*



ASSUMPTION PARISH FISH FRY



**Fridays from 4:30 - 7 p.m!
November 13 & 20!**

**Pre-Order Online
at AssumptionFishFry.org
or Order at our Drive-Thru!**

Dinner Menu *Includes: 2 Hush Puppies, 2 Sides, & 1 Cookie*

New! Regular Chicken Tenders Meal	\$10.00
New! Large Chicken Tenders Meal	\$15.00
1 Piece Pub-Style Fried Cod Meal	\$10.00
2 Piece Pub-Style Fried Cod Meal	\$15.00
1 Piece Fried Catfish Meal	\$10.00
2 Piece Fried Catfish Meal	\$15.00
1 Piece Baked Fish Meal	\$10.00
2 Piece Baked Fish Meal	\$15.00
5 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$10.00
10 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$15.00
Adult Pasta Meal	\$10.00

**Cash Accepted,
Credit/Debit Cards Preferred!**

Kids Menu *Includes: 1 Hush Puppy, 1 Side, & 1 Cookie*

New! 5 Piece Chicken Tenders Meal	\$5.00
New! Baked Fish Meal	\$5.00
New! Catfish Meal	\$5.00
5 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$5.00
Pub-Style Fried-Cod Meal	\$5.00
Pizza Meal	\$5.00
Pasta Meal	\$5.00

Family Meal Menu

Catholic Family Meal Deal - \$ 85.00

8 Piece Pub-Style Fried Cod, 15 Piece Fried Shrimp, 2 JUMBO orders of Fries,
18 Hush Puppies, Choice of 6 Individual Sides, & 8 Cookies

Mission from Cod Meal Deal - \$42.00

6 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod,
a JUMBO order of Fries, 8 Hush Puppies,
choice of 4 Individual Sides & 4 Cookies

Surf & Surf Meal Deal - \$42.00

4 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod,
10 Piece Fried Shrimp,
a JUMBO order of Fries, 8 Hush Puppies,
choice of 4 Individual Sides & 4 Cookies

Chicken Tender Family Meal - \$42.00

a JUMBO order of Chicken Tenders,
a JUMBO order of Fries,
8 Hush Puppies, choice of
4 Individual Sides & 4 Cookies

Family Meal Deal - \$30.00

4 Piece Pub-Style Fried Cod,
a JUMBO order of Fries,
6 Hush Puppies, choice of
2 Individual Sides & 2 Cookies

Side Dishes

Bartolino's Pasta, French Fries, Green Beans, or Slaw

Additional Side - \$3

1 JUMBO Order of Fries - \$4



Assumption 8th Grade Fundraiser for the Mystery Trip

6.5" pot \$10

8.5" pot \$20

Red is the only color available in both sizes this year.

**Poinsettias can be purchased after all Masses on
November 7-8 & November 14-15 or by filling out the form below and
returning it to Assumption School or Church Office
no later than Monday, November 16.**

Poinsettia pick-up will be **Saturday, December 12** after 5:00 pm Mass
and **Sunday, December 13** after all Masses until 1:30 pm.

The 8th Grade Class of 2021 truly appreciates your support!!!

Poinsettia Order Form

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

	Red 6.5" pot \$10	Red 8.5" pot \$20
Quantity		
Total		

**Payment is due with this form. We accept checks or cash.
Checks should be made payable to **Assumption Parish School.****

Please contact Sarah Schwartz at sarah_schwartz@sbcglobal.net or at
(314) 780-6849 if you have any questions.

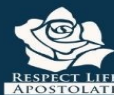
Name of 8th Grade Student Seller: _____

Total Amount: _____ **Circle One: Cash or Check**



44TH ANNUAL

Respect Life Convention



DAVID BEREIT
40 DAYS FOR LIFE



DR. JAMES SHERLEY
CHARLOTTE LOZIER
INSTITUTE



DR. PATRICK YEUNG
ST. LOUIS
UNIVERSITY



ELIZABETH WESTHOFF
OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE SHRINE

Respect Life Convention Screening at Assumption

The Assumption Respect Life Apostolate will present the entire 44th annual Respect Life Convention on Saturday, November 14, from 9 a.m.—2:30 p.m. in the St. Marie Hall (Church Lower Level). You are invited to come for the day or just for part of the day.

Lunch will be provided. Reservations are required by November 11 to Linda Bergfeld at 314-843-6981 or lindajb822@gmail.com.

COVID-19 Information

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

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.

Parish Photo Directories are HERE!

Our parish photo directories have finally arrived! If you had your photo taken for the parish directory, you can pick your complementary directory up in the Church Lower Level after Mass this weekend or stop by the Parish Office during office hours, starting on Monday, Nov. 9th.

Living with Loss: Widow/Widowers Support Group

If you are widowed and are trying to learn how to Live with Loss, come and join others who understand what you are experiencing. We will give you a safe place to express your grief and you will meet others who are or have been where you are. You do not have to be newly widowed to attend, as we know that grief is ongoing. We will practice social distancing and you will need to wear a mask. There will be no refreshments served. We will meet on the third Sunday of the month in the rectory basement (side door along Mattis) from 10:15-11:45 a.m. Our next meeting will be on November 15. Call Bobbi Farley at 314-805-1827 for more information.

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
November 15	November 5
November 22	November 9

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- .jpg files required for any photos/graphics

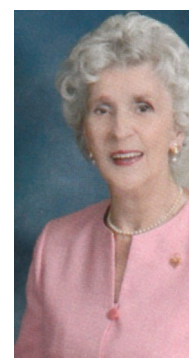
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Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Parishioner Grace Factor, who turned 95 this Sunday, November 8th!

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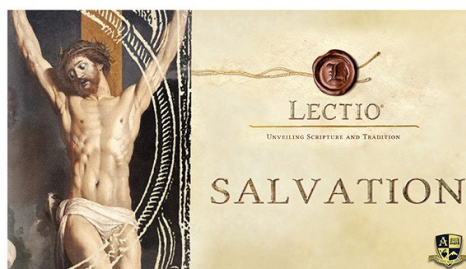
PICK OF THE WEEK

November 8, 2020

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LECTIO: SALVATION

What does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable ten-part video series, Scripture scholar and Augustine Institute Graduate School professor Michael Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer.



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