



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2020



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Then the king will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit
the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.'" - Mt 25:34

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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
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Weekend Mass Capacity Due to Covid

In accordance with changes made by St. Louis County, all Archdiocesan churches in the county will move back to the 25% capacity mandate for public Mass. **For Assumption, this means we may have 125 people in the church at this time.** All in-person gatherings are suspended until further notice. No sign-ups are required for Mass. For more information, go to AssumptionSTL.org/Covid.

Thanksgiving Drive for St. Vincent De Paul

It is that time of year again where we reach out & ask for your support at our Thanksgiving Day Masses.

The money & food we collect helps us serve hundreds of people in need throughout the year.

If you are unable to attend Thanksgiving Day, please feel free to leave your donation at any time in the Giving Tree area. Without your prayers & generosity, we could not fulfill our ministry. Thank you!

Here are some suggestions for items we particularly need:

Canned Pasta, Fruits, Soups, Chili, Cereals,
Chicken Breast, Peanut Butter, & Jelly.

Special Events

- Nov. 28 SVdP Clothing Drive
- Nov. 29 Virtual Advent by Candlelight
- 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!



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 at Assumption-Mattese Catholic Church

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.

Mass Intentions †

November 22	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Vince Domaglaski †
9 a.m.	John & Helen Bennett †
10:30 a.m.	William & Alberta Franklin †
Noon	Chris Maloney †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
November 23	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Joe Marty †
8 a.m.	August "Gus" Kump †
November 24	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Vi & Al Camenzind †
8 a.m.	Dan Rogaczewski †
November 25	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	Mike & Julie Connors 50th anniversary
November 26	THURSDAY
9 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Society
November 27	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Barbara Reagan †
8 a.m.	Hubert Heimos †
November 28	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Mary Florich †
5 p.m.	Ron Halbach †
November 29	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Bob Schraut †
9 a.m.	Tina Bridgman †
10:30 a.m.	Gene & Norma Murphy †
Noon	Frank Lahm †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mary Ann Pizzo
Pauline Pizzo
Bert Pohl
Ron Pohl
Ann Prasuhn
Jerry Pyle
Barb Radake
Agnes Reichert
Hubert Reichert
Chris Roche
Kathryn Rothweil
Patricia Rudolf
Dan S.

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Daniel Parker, USA
Michael Rapp, USN
Wendell Reiter, USMC
Derek Ryan
Timothy Scott, USMC
Austin Shields
John Siebert
Todd Smick, USN
Aaron Staryak
Robert Stockwood, USMC
Andrew Titus, USN*
Matthew Titus, USN*
Eddie Torres, USAF

Rest in Peace:

Gregory Einspanier

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Baptism



Congratulations to Cooper on his Baptism on Friday, November 6!
 Pictured with Cooper are his parents, Keith & Alexa, his older brother, and his godparents, Ryan & Alana.

† 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

In 2014, as I was packing my belongings at my last assignment in preparation for my move to Assumption, I received a phone call from a person in the Archdiocese warning me that Assumption only had enough money saved to cover two pay periods. He said, “two weekends of bad weather and low Mass attendance could put the parish and school in jeopardy.” The news got worse after I moved in when I found out that our school enrollment had fallen dangerously low and we were already in discussions with neighboring schools to develop a regional solution.

But due to the conviction of the parishioners and school parents at Assumption, we turned the problems around in very little time. Soon, enrollment jumped and our financial situation improved. Later, I received another phone call from the Archdiocese congratulating Assumption and saying we were taken off the “endangered school list.” I immediately asked, “What did it take to be on the list in the first place?” The answer was, “declining enrollment and lack of financial security.” We should all be grateful to be off that list!

Not everyone may realize it, but tuition does not fully cover the faculty's salaries and the other expenses associated with the grade school. In fact, the parish contributes a large portion of the weekly Sunday collection to support our grade school. In theory, the AELC is self-supporting; however, often there are unbudgeted expenses that the parish covers.

But this year, the pandemic has seriously affected Sunday Mass attendance, resulting in a reduction of Offertory income and it has been difficult to hold successful fundraisers. The parish, therefore, has not been able to contribute like it usually does to support Catholic education. Additionally, the pandemic has increased our school and AELC personnel costs and incurred other COVID-19 required safety expenses. At some point this year, the decreased income and increased expenses will deplete our savings, thus returning us to where we were in 2014. It could even result in drastic cuts to parish ministries, grade school and/or AELC.

The good news is that a number of our loyal Assumption donors have already donated over \$190,000 in “challenge gifts.” They are challenging you to find a gift that you can afford to match with your own sacrificial gift. We are calling this campaign **#AssumptionTogether** because together we can get through this uncertain time!

I know you have had to deal with an unprecedented amount of uncertainty and upheaval this year, but this campaign is necessary for us to guarantee a vibrant future at Assumption. Thank you for all the many sacrifices you make for the children and for Assumption.

Please see the “bulletin stuffer” that's been inserted in this week's Good News Messenger for a list of challenge gifts and instructions on how to give to **#AssumptionTogether**!

God bless, Fr. Keller



Senior Ministry

Lynn Ewy & Stacey Macko
Senior Ministry Coordinators

Senior Ministry Updates & Calendar of Events

Nov. 30 - Womens' Advent Faith Journey*, 11 a.m.—12 p.m.

Dec. 1 - Tech Talk Tuesdays*, 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 9 - Bingo (2nd Tuesdays)*, 12:30—2:30 p.m.

Dec. 16 - Deadline: Writer Volunteers for
Pen Pal Project ~ Phase 2 *

**Registration required. Contact us by email at*

SeniorMinistry@AssumptionStL.org or

call our General Mailbox 487-7970, ext 1228.

Pen Pal Project ~ Phase 2

Womens' Advent Faith Journey

TOMORROW, **Monday, November 30**, is the first day of a four-week **Women's Faith Journey**, entitled **"Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family."** The group will meet via Zoom from **11 a.m.—12 p.m. each Monday of Advent**. Registered 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 of \$8.50. Journals were previously ordered but we have a few extras. Ask about reserving your journal when you leave your registration information. If you are not able to join the Monday discussion group or are interested in starting a different group, please contact us as soon as possible

Tech Talk Tuesday

Beginning this week, we are offering Tech Talk Tuesdays for our Senior Ministry members. On Tuesday, December 1, 2 - 3 p.m.. Due to changes with in-person gatherings, this service is now being held via telephone calls only. You may call us ahead to reserve your time slot for technical assistance, then we will contact you by phone during the Tech Talk time window on Tuesday. After the Christmas Holiday, we pick up again in the New Year on January 5 and 19. Save the dates and start listing your questions! Plan ahead to register for any Tech Talk Tuesday session. Be prepared to have your technical device (smartphone, laptop, tablet) available when we talk.

The **Pen Pal Project** is such a big hit between the first group of our Seniors and 4th Grade Assumption School children, that we're now expanding the project to include the 5th Grade students as well. Here is your chance to join the fun! For the next several weeks we are taking names of **27 additional seniors** who wish to be partnered with an Assumption School 5th Grader in a pen pal relationship. **This is a winning combination!** Our school children learn the lessons associated with letter writing, socialize through the written word, and gain wisdom from the advice of older adults. Seniors are connecting to our youth, making new friends, and breaking up an otherwise mundane routine while serving Assumption School for a greater purpose.

We are collecting names now! The first letters from the 5th Graders are eagerly anticipated to go out in January. Please pray about joining this worthy project. The sooner we hear from you the better, so contact us right away! Names of senior writers are being gathered **now through Wednesday, December 16**. The school children go on Christmas break December 18. Ideally, we'd like to have pairing selections beforehand. Contact us to volunteer as a pen pal or to ask any questions about the **Pen Pal Project ~ Phase 2**. Also, be sure to give us your complete contact information, including full name, street address and email, if available.

God bless,

Lynn (ewyl@assumptionstl.org) ext. 1221
& Stacey (mackos@assumptionstl.org) ext. 1255



Happy Anniversary!

Happy anniversary to Mary Ann & Donald Hilmes, who will celebrate 60 years of marriage on November 26th. Congratulations!

**Our Lady
Help of
Christians
Adoration
Chapel**



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



Visit AssumptionSTL.org
to register today
for Online Giving!

Important Announcement Regarding “Protecting God’s Children”

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!

This applies to everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Higgins at (314) 487-6520 ext. 1236 or email higginsd@assumptionstl.org.

AYM UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH-
**3RD ANNUAL TURKEY
OLYMPICS**
7PM AT THE GYM

COVID-19 Information

**63128 Zip Code =
340 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.



Advent Scripture Study

Join us over **ZOOM** for the 4 weeks of Advent,
as we prepare our hearts for Christmas!

*Wednesdays in December
in the Afternoon or Evening!*

1:30 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Sign-Up at AssumptionSTL.org/Advent !

Blood Drive at Assumption

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, December 8th from 3 - 7 p.m. Be a part of a life-saving journey by donating blood! To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: AssumptionCC.

Sponsor-A-Family for Christmas!

Sponsor a family is making a final plea for \$25 gift cards to be submitted to the office by Tuesday, December 1. Please consider helping a family in need this holiday season by contributing. Due to Covid restrictions we are limiting collections this year to gift cards and cash. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, as always. Please contact Amy Craig at 314-221-4268 if you have any questions.

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



Advent : A Season of Hope
Sunday, November 29
Livestreamed from Assumption Church, 2-3:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Father Charles Samson,
Assistant Professor, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
Music: Mary Kate Buncher Westrich

Join us online for an afternoon of reflection and preparation
on this First Sunday of Advent as we move into **“A Season of Hope.”**
We are not able to host this event in-person at this time,
but we invite you to enjoy the afternoon by livestreaming it at home!
Your Donation of \$10 per person will help support the Assumption Youth Ministry.

Please return form (below) and payment by November 23.

**For more information, contact Lynn DiRaimondo at 314-496-7477 or
lynndiraimondo@gmail.com, or Mary Meyer, 314-607-9596 or meymey@yahoo.com.**

Advent by Candlelight Reservations

Name _____
Address: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

All participants will receive a Season of Hope Gift Bag.
(Bags will be delivered to those who livestream the event.)

☐ I will livestream the event

\$ _____ Enclosed (\$10 per person – your donation will help support Assumption’s Youth Ministry)
\$ _____ Enclosed for 50/50--Raffle Drawing Tickets (\$1 per ticket)
Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Assumption Parish
Send form and check no later than NOVEMBER 23 to:
Lynn DiRaimondo, 12511 Sunset Drive, St. Louis, MO 63128, lynndiraimondo@gmail.com



THANKSGIVING CATERED MEALS

Although we are not having our usual Thanksgiving Brunch this year, you can still order a delicious Thanksgiving meal in a compartment microwavable container from our caterer! **Meals are only \$10 per person!**

Please call the Senior Ministry Office at 314-487-7970 ext. 1228 or email Stacey at MackoS@AssumptionSTL.org to place your order!

All orders are due by Monday, Nov. 23 at 9 a.m. Pick-up will be on Wednesday, Nov. 25 from 1-3 p.m. in the Church Lower Level.

MENU



Roasted sliced turkey with stuffing & topped with gravy
Real mashed potatoes & gravy
Buttered & seasoned green beans
Cranberry sauce in a side container
Pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream
Roll & butter

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
November 29	November 13
December 6	November 23

- Please go to www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions and submit an online form to request event promotion and/or to book a room
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- .jpg files required for any photos/graphics

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FIAT Women's Group

All women are invited for prayer and a talk presented by a Kenrick-Glennon Seminary faculty member on the third Thursday of each month. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meetings are currently held virtually. On Thursday, November 19th, the program will include a rosary prayed via live video conference call at 8:00 a.m. and a talk given by Fr. Charles Samson, Assistant Professor of Biblical Theology. To receive access to the live Rosary prayer group and a link to Fr. Samson's talk, please sign up for Fiat emails at kenrick.edu/fiat.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

November 22, 2020

WATCH

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

Ever considered consecrating yourself or your family to the Mother of God? Follow Fr. Michael Gaitley this Advent in order to draw nearer to Mary—the Mother of God—and her Son and to prepare yourself for a spiritual renewal.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.