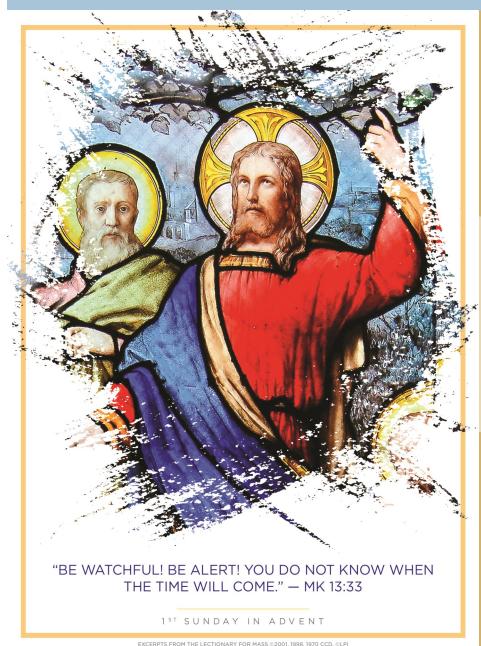




## GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 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

By Appt: Call Fr. Keller or Fr. Weber

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November 8 Stewardship		
#AssumptionTogether	\$600.00	
All Saints	\$895.00	
All Soul's Day—November	\$301.00	
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$5.00	
Diaconate Formation Fund	\$105.00	
General Fund 2020	\$21,539.56	
Maintenance Fund	\$49.00	
Partners in Education	\$180.00	
Preserving Our Heritage	\$35.00	
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$285.00	
Retired Religious	\$631.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,863.00	
Tithing for the Poor	\$10.00	
World Mission Sunday	\$110.00	
Year End	\$215.00	

November 15 Stewardship		
#AssumptionTogether	\$275.00	
All Saints	\$85.00	
All Soul's Day— November	\$185.00	
Archdiocese For Mili- tary	\$100.00	
Diaconate Formation Fund	\$40.00	
General Fund 2020	\$16,014.00	
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00	
Parish Gift	\$100.00	
Partners in Education	\$738.01	
Pro-Life March for Life	\$100.00	
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00	
Retired Religious	\$485.00	
School Gift	\$30.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,115.00	
World Mission Sunday	\$25.00	
Year End	\$15.00	
Total	\$19,317.01	

## **Special Events**

Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Blood Drive
Pro-Life Night of Prayer



Visit AssumptionSTL.org to register today for Online Giving!



### 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!



\$26,823.56

December 8th Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., Noon & 7 p.m.

Total

**December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 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
November 30	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Donald & Carol Ward †
8 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
December 1	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Helen & Tom Pujewski 🕇
8 a.m.	Dan Mueller 🕇
December 2	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Margaret Renaud †
8 a.m.	Larry Birkenmeier †
December 3	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Dr. James Combs †
8 a.m.	Tom Aleto †
December 4	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Mary Ann Dostal †
8 a.m.	Tom Connelly †
December 5	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
5 p.m.	Janet Thiemann 🕇
December 6	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	William C. Sheahan †
9 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Marlene Kauffmann †
Noon	Domian Mueller †
6 p.m.	Robert & Rosemary Wolff †
	† denotes deceased

## In Our Prayers

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL

David & Teresa Samuels

Bill Schacht III

Lenore Schellhase

Madeline Seward

Urban Shocker

Jeanette Siebert

Patti Siebert

Sandy Schnaidt

Greg Schmidt

RoseMarie Stanovsky

Robbie Sullens

Sharon Therman

Arlene Torrillo

## OUR MILITARY \*denotes parishioner

Marti Torres, USAF

Jenna Welchlen, USA

Steven Wodraska, USN

Nicole Wright, USA

Joshua Zarr

Tim Andrews, USCG

Isaiah Angeli, USMC

Davey Ardrey, USAR

Raymond Bast, USN

Ryan Boedeker

Kyle Bottorf

Justin Brock, USA\*

Robert Bryant III, USAF\*

## **Rest in Peace**

Eleanor Spradlin

## Weekly Readings

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 Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22 <u>Tuesday:</u> Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35— 10:1, 5a, 6-8 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

## 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.

† 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

### **Advent**

As we begin this season of Advent, the world is experiencing so much stress and uncertainty. Yet, at the same time, Catholics know Christ has already provided all we need in His Incarnation. As always, the additional pre-Christmas activities of shopping, decorating, and gathering shifts our attention to the material world. But we know Jesus Christ is not only the "reason for the season" but He is the reason for all we do. Take time this Advent for prayer, reflection and conversion of heart. Please take time to go to Confession this Advent.

### Holy Days of Obligation

In addition to the Sunday Masses, upcoming normal Holy Days have been released from their obligation. Immaculate Conception, Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (New Year's) are not obligatory Mass days this year. However, because many want to attend Mass on those days, we are providing additional Masses to allow as many as possible to attend (socially distanced).

### #AssumptionTogether & Giving Tuesday

Our emergency campaign, known as #AssumptionTogether is going very well!

We are taking this campaign online on Tuesday, December 1st. That day is known as "Giving Tuesday." Join us online on Giving Tuesday, as we share some of the many good things going on at Assumption through our Facebook page. If you haven't liked our Assumption Parish and Schools Facebook Page, now is a great time to do so! Also, we invite you and your family to join us on Tuesday, December 1st at <a href="AssumptionLive.com">AssumptionLive.com</a> for an all-virtual Advent and Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. featuring familiar parish musicians and sing-along at home!

Online donations can be made at <u>AssumptionSTL.org</u>, or you can return your matching gift in the Sunday Collection, or mail it to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous support!

### Support our local businesses

Every year, Assumption receives generous support from many local businesses. Also, some local dining establishments are owned by parishioners. Like so many other businesses, the pandemic has affected their income and they would appreciate if you supported them. Our athletic teams, school and parish benefit from businesses like:

Edible & Essentials Global Cuisines EdiblesandEssentials.com

> Double D's Pizza DoubleDsPizzeria.com

Bartolino's South (South Lindbergh)
BartolinosRestaurants.com

Imo' Pizza (Tesson Ferry)
ImosPizza.com/Store/Highway-21/

Dough Depot Café (Kimmswick)

<u>TheDoughDepot.com</u>

The Baked Bear Ice Cream TheBakedBear.com

Some generous benefactors to Assumption are harder to support. Delmar Gardens South is a generous benefactor but is locked down and difficult to support at this time. We appreciate the businesses who advertise on the back page of our bulletin. Please keep all our small business benefactors in your prayers.

If you want to support Catholics in the Holy Land, go to <u>BethlehemNativitySouvenirs.com</u> to shop for religious items.

If you know of a business that supports an activity at Assumption and would like me to give them a shout-out in a future Pastor's Column just email me at KellerT@AssumptionSTL.org.

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 - 3 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.

### In-Person Gatherings ~ Bingo

Due to recent changes regarding group gatherings, we are no longer able to meet in person for the foreseeable future. Therefore, all **Bingo** game time, originally listed for the 2nd Wednesdays of the month, are **cancelled** at this time.

### 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

Senior Ministry continues to offer **Tech Talk Tuesdays**, now **EVERY TUESDAY** beginning **December 1, 2 - 3:30 p.m.** Due to changes with in-person gatherings, this service can only be held via telephone calls. 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. 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 at the time of your call.

### Pen Pal Project ~ Phase 2

The **Pen Pal Project** has been 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 with 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 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 (<a href="mailto:ewyl@assumptionstl.org">ewyl@assumptionstl.org</a>) ext. 1221 & Stacey (<a href="mailto:mackos@assumptionstl.org">mackos@assumptionstl.org</a>) ext. 1255

# TREE - Dec. 13

This week, the Giving Tree is adorned with hundreds of ornaments, each representing a gift for those in need.

There is a large tree with general items for adults and a smaller tree with gifts for children.

You may take as many ornaments as you wish from either tree!

ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED TO CHURCH NO LATER THAN THE NOON MASS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th. Thank you!

Please remember to securely attach the ornament to your gifts!



# 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

## 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.

## COVID-19 Information

63128 Zip Code = 379 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.

### **Pro-Life Opportunities at Assumption!**

### National Night of Prayer for Life on Tuesday, December 8

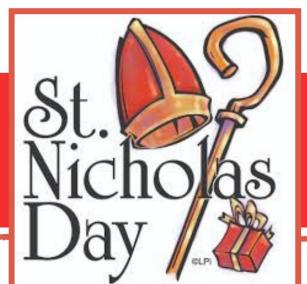
Assumption will once again host a prayer service in conjunction with the annual National Night of Prayer for Life. We will be joining Catholics throughout the nation during the 'hour of unity' on Tuesday evening, December 8th from 11 p.m. to midnight. Our hour of prayer will include Eucharistic Adoration starting at 11 and rosary prayer in commemoration of human life. The hour will conclude with Benediction just before midnight. Please consider making this prayer service part of your observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th and also part of a prayerful Advent season. We will be observing all recommended COVID precautions in church. All are welcome. Bring your masks and your rosaries!

#### **Pro-Life Christmas Cards**

Christmas cards with a special message concerning God's gift of human life will be sold in the church lower level following Masses on Sunday, December 6th. Each box contains 18 cards and sells for \$15. In addition to spreading the Good News to family and friends, financial proceeds benefit Missouri Right to Life.



## A Virtual Celebration!



A joyful way to help prepare children for Christmas:...

Sat. December 5 10:30 am

Meet St. Nicholas! Learn about him, Sing, pray and have fun!

To register email: stlouis@paulinemedia.com



9804 Watson Road (Crestwood) (314) 965-3512













**Uber** 

### **NEW! ShopwithScrip.com Program**

A new way to purchase gift cards online that will benefit Assumption Parish School ShopwithScrip is the online program for purchasing over 400 online gift cards.

### Here are some of the vendors that you buy gift cards from and support our school:

Home Depot, Lowe's, Menards, Amazon, Bath and Body, Walmart, Kohls, Target, Old Navy, CVS, Groupon, JC Penney, Marshall's, Office Depot, Lands End, PetSmart, Sam's Club, TopGolf, Xbox, Hulu, Panera, Starbucks, Burger King, Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili's, Krispy Kreme, Outback, Longhorn Steakhouse, O'Charley's, Olive Garden, Papa John's, Pizza Hut, Dominos, Red Lobster, Red Robin, Subway, Texas Roadhouse, Uber, Uber Eats, Grubhub, Southwest Airlines, Delta Airlines and more!

### There's TWO ways to pay:

<u>Checking account</u>—the cost is 15 cents for the entire transaction whether a \$10 card or a \$2,000 card is purchased. Less expensive than the cost of a check!!!! Best deal is to purchase multiple cards at once. No extra charge. Fifteen cents for entire order.

<u>Credit card</u>—the cost to the buyer is 2.6%. Keep in mind the rewards of the credit card will still be earned while Assumption School will earn the rebate.

### ADVANTAGES of this program:

<u>Mobile App</u>—Planning to do some remodeling, appliance purchasing, or lawnmower purchase? Try doing your price comparisons online or by visiting the stores, and then purchase a gift card for the store you want online as you are ready to check out. The gift cards are sent immediately to you. Use the mobile app "RaiseRight Fundraising by ShopWithScrip". Using the app, a gift card can be purchased while standing in line to pay for the meal or item.

<u>Secure</u>—Gift cards can be stored in a phone or in your email. While a physical gift card can be lost or stolen, an online gift card has the advantage of remaining securely stored in your account on your phone or in your email.

Here is the code to enroll for Assumption School:

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Questions? Contact Julie Connors, Coordinator at <u>julconnors@yahoo.com</u>.

**Dierbergs and Schnucks** gift cards are available for sale <u>only in the Parish Office</u> during office hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).











### **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.



### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Tuesday, December 8th
3-7 p.m. in the Church Lower Level
REGISTER at www.redcrossblood.org
Sponsor code: AssumptionCC

### **New Altar Servers!**



There's some new (masked) faces on our altar! These 4th graders are newly trained and excited to begin serving at Mass!

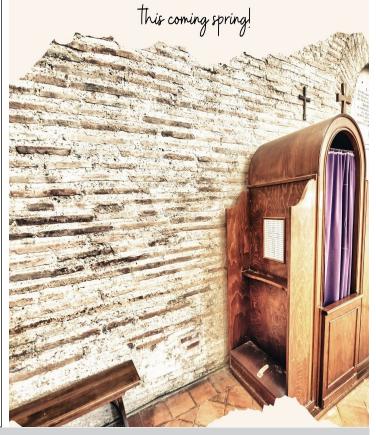




# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2ND GRADERS

WHO RECEIVED
THEIR FIRST
RECONCILIATION
THIS PAST TUESDAY!

Please keep them in your prayers as
they move forward to prepare
to receive their First Holy Communion



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### Good News Messenger

Issue Deadline (4 p.m.)
December 6 November 23
December 13 December 3

- Please go to <a href="www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions">www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions</a> 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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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: 314-289-6101, ext. 2227



## Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Laverne Hempen, who turned 95 on November 21!

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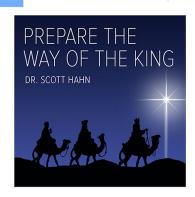
PICK OF THE WEEK

November 29, 2020

# LISTEN

### PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning with Dr. Scott Hahn's illuminating presentation on the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.



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