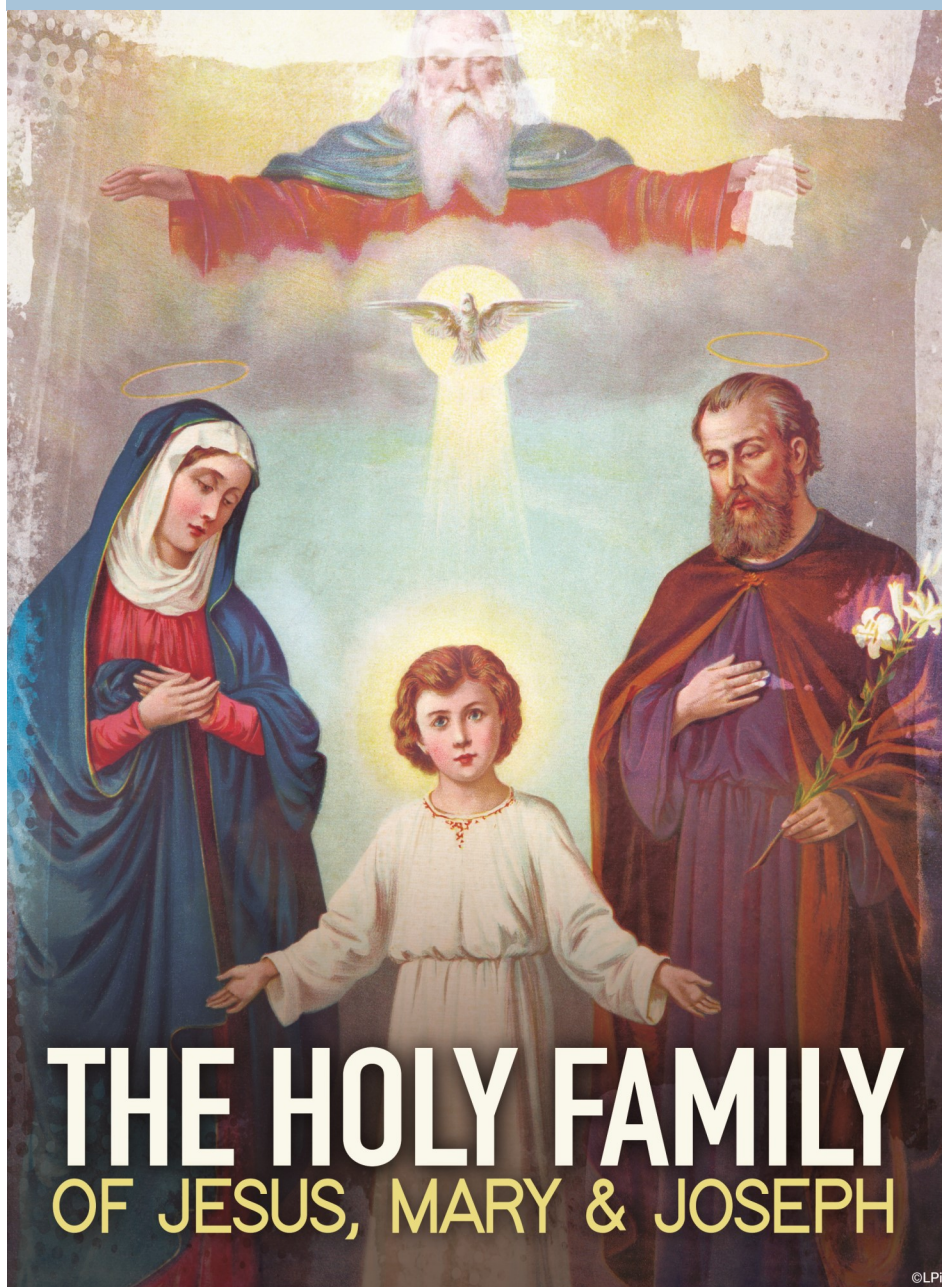




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

December 27, 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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Holy Day & Holiday Schedule at Assumption-Mattese Catholic Church

December 31st New Year's Eve
5 p.m.

January 1st New Year's Day
8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Holiday Parish Office Hours

Mon., December 28th - 8:30 - Noon
Tue., December 29th - 8:30 - Noon
Wed., December 30th - 8:30 - Noon

Thur., December 31st - Closed
Fri., January 1st - Closed

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 only 125 people in the church at this time.** All in-person gatherings are suspended until further notice. For more information, go to AssumptionSTL.org/Covid. Please be extra mindful of your fellow parishioners at this time. For more information about St. Louis County coronavirus cases: go to STLCorona.com.

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



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!

December 8 Stewardship

Christmas Flowers	\$15.00
General Fund 2020	\$71.00
Immaculate Conception	\$286.10
St. Vincent de Paul	\$10.00
Total	\$382.10

December 13 Stewardship

Christmas	\$393.00
Christmas Flowers	\$448.00
General Fund 2020	\$17,107.00
Immaculate Conception	\$688.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Parish Gift	\$100.00
Partners in Education	\$125.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Retired Religious	\$25.00
Seminary	\$197.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,268.00
Year End	\$1,300.00
Total	\$21,661.00

Mass Intentions †

December 27	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Tina Bridgman †
9 a.m.	Tim Mooney †
10:30 a.m.	Chris Maloney †
Noon	Shirley Unger †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
December 28	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Shirley Unger †
8 a.m.	John Held Jr. †
December 29	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	John & Frances Meagher †
8 a.m.	Hubert Heimos †
December 30	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Helen & Tom Pujewski †
8 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
December 31	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Richard Koshie †
8 a.m.	Shirley Unger †
5 p.m.	Marie Zeiser †
January 1	FRIDAY
8 a.m.	People of the Parish
10 a.m.	Joe Marty †
6 p.m.	Rosemarie Kornfeld †
January 2	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Shirley Wnuk †
5 p.m.	Chris Maloney †
January 3	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9 a.m.	Tom Connelly †
10:30 a.m.	Larry Birkenmeier †
Noon	Chris Maloney †
6 p.m.	Mary Dressel †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Cheri Geil-Cotner
John and Gen Deely
Tom and Barbara Deely
Sister Amelia DeMarco
Raymond Dierkes
John Diethelm
Mary Lou Distler
Tom Dodge
Wilma Dorsey
Fred Dulle
Timothy Dunn
Helen Enright
LeRoy Ettling

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Matthew Titus, USN*
Eddie Torres, USAF
Marti Torres, USAF
Jenna Welchlen, USA
Steven Wodraska, USN
Nicole Wright, USA
Joshua Zarr
Isaiah Angeli, USMC*
Davey Ardrey, USAR
Raymond Bast, USN
Ryan Boedeker
Kyle Bottorf
Justin Brock, USA*

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

† Usual contributions for Mass offerings are \$10. Please stop by the Parish Office during office hours to arrange to have a Mass said.

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.



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas. During this Christmas Season, we celebrate several other feasts that are directly related to the Nativity of Jesus and the presence of Jesus in our own lives...

Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family**. It commemorates the presence of God within the human family. Each year, our Knights of Columbus Council share a Prayer of Consecration to the Holy Family with us. This Consecration can be made as a family or by a member of the family on behalf of all. I hope this is a grace for all our families, especially those who have suffered separation as a precaution during this pandemic.

On Friday, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**. Normally, it is a Holy Day of Obligation, but this year, like all liturgical obligations, it has been lifted due to the pandemic. However, this is a very special feast where the Church recalls the mystery of Mary, a part of creation, being given the great privilege to physically bear her Creator. This is a privilege we share spiritually through partaking in the Holy Eucharist. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us for the Solemnity and to participate in the recitation of the special prayers at the end of Mass to commemorate the end of the year and the beginning of the New Year along with the conferral of the Plenary Indulgence.

On Sunday, January 3rd, we will celebrate the Feast of **Epiphany**. Epiphany continues the celebration of Christ's Birth from the perspective of the Gospel of Matthew which remembers the arrival of star that lead the Magi to Christ. It is our custom to bless homes on that day, since the Magi sought Christ's dwelling place out to offer gifts. Part of the custom is the Blessing of Chalk, which we will do again this year. Since we have all spent a LOT of time home this past year, it may be a great exercise to rededicate ourselves to living our Christian faith at home and away, and to ask God's blessing on our beloved homes.

Before I end this column, I want to take a moment to **look back at Advent** for a moment. Despite our own financial difficulties at home and in the parish, parishioners gave generously to our three Pre-Christmas outreaches: The St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Sponsor-a-Family program and the Giving Tree. Each of these charities received incredible support despite so much uncertainty and fear. Thank you again for your incredible generosity. Assumption is an amazing parish place where charity and love prevail.

God bless, Fr. Keller



Senior Ministry

Lynn Ewy &

Stacey Macko

Senior Ministry Coordinators

Senior Ministry Updates & Calendar of Events

January 5 & 12 - Tech Talk Tuesdays
, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

**Registration required. Contact us by email
at SeniorMinistry@AssumptionSTL.org
or call our General Mailbox
487-7970, ext 1228.*

May God Bless You in the coming New Year

Wishing you
the blessing
of His peace
and joy all
through the
New Year.



PRIME TIME MINISTRY

celebrating adults **50+**
in our church & community

New Name, Ministry the Same!

Beginning in the new year, **Assumption Senior Ministry** will be known by its new name, **Assumption Prime Time Ministry**. As we welcome in the New Year, it seems the perfect time to draw attention to the broad spectrum of **individuals 50+ years of age (aka, Prime Timers)** living in Assumption's parish boundaries who are served by this ministry, regardless of their religious affiliation. Watch for new and exciting things coming your way! **New name, ministry the same!**

Limited Office Hours

The week between Christmas and New Years we are taking a short break and will not be in the office. However, we will check email occasionally. Should you need to reach either Lynn or Stacey, email is the best option. We wish you a blessed, safe and happy holiday season. We hope to see all of you more frequently in the coming year.

God bless,

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& Stacey (MackoS@AssumptionSTL.org)
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of serving Christ in others
during these difficult times!

THANK YOU to our incredible
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for your generous response
to the needs of our parish!

Save the Date!

The morning of
Saturday,
January 23rd
in the church
& livestreamed!

ASSUMPTION WOMEN *Renew*

Talk by Sr. Virginia Herbers, ASCJ !

Worship Music by Cecilia Detwiler!

Time to *refresh* your soul,
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Assumption community,
& get *recharged* with
the Holy Spirit!



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CONFESSIONS
at Assumption

Wednesdays
6-6:45 p.m.

Saturdays
4-4:45 p.m.

Sundays
Before All Masses

**Are you free on Monday nights
& able to help
mentor young families in the faith?**



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For our **spring semester** of PSR,
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Important REMINDER
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 before the end of this year!

**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.

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HOLY FAMILY NOVENA

The priests of the Missionaries of the Holy Family, www.msf-america.org, invite you to join them in praying the Holy Family Novena for your family and all families of the world. The novena begins on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 27, 2020, and runs through Monday, January 4, 2021. Please join us at Mass or pray the novena at home with your family. Masses are at St. Wenceslaus Church in St. Louis. For daily Mass times and free novena pamphlets, please call (314) 577-6300 or send an e-mail to mprater@msf-america.org.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Spiritual Leadership

Joseph is a model of spiritual leadership. Humility and obedience are not things that are praised in our culture today. But, remember, our goal is not possessing more things on earth, rather our goal is eternal life with God! Spiritual warfare is real. Through silence, we are able to discern God's will for us and our families. Studies show that when dad takes his faith seriously, so do his children. Men, the best thing we can do for our families is to be the men God is calling us to be, to be the spiritual leaders for our families. The best gift we can give our families is to teach them how to pray.

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Baptism:



Congratulations to Gabriela on her Baptism on December 13th! Pictured with Gabriela are her parents, Juan & Anna, her older brother and her grandparents.



New Servers!

Congratulations to our newest altar servers Maddie, pictured on the left with Fr. Weber, and Annie, seen on the right with Fr. Keller, who started serving at Sunday Masses during this Advent season!



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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
January 3	December 18
January 10	December 23

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December 27, 2020

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