



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

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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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Have You Moved? Changed Phone Number?

If you have moved or changed phone numbers, the Parish Office would like to receive this information. If you aren't receiving or don't use your Church Envelopes, please email us and we will update your information.

This information is very helpful for the Parish Office in many ways and the best information is the correct information. Thank you for your help! All updates/information can be sent to Margot Huber at huberm@assumptionstl.org or by calling the Parish Office at 314-487-7970. 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!

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.

December 20 Stewardship

Christmas	\$420.00
Christmas Flowers	\$163.00
General Fund 2020	\$18,361.41
Immaculate Conception	\$70.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Partners in Education	\$203.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$5.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Retired Religious	\$5.00
Seminary	\$470.00
Sponsor A Family	\$10.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$35.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$60.00
Year End	\$60.00
Total	\$20,912.41

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

Mass Intentions †

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 †
January 4	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Dr. James Combs †
8 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
January 5	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Kenneth Baetje †
8 a.m.	Hilda & James Armstrong †
January 6	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	John & Dan Ringwald †
8 a.m.	Matthew Allen †
January 7	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Marie Zeiser †
8 a.m.	Florence Sodomka †
January 8	FRIDAY
8 a.m.	Mary Ann Dostal †
10 a.m.	Kati Corrado †
January 9	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Richard Koshie †
5 p.m.	Dan Neff †
January 10	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Larry Birkenmeier †
Noon	Chris Maloney †
6 p.m.	Teri Van Hecke †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Lloyd Wester
Pat Williamson
Theresa Failla
Caroline Fechner
Jim Fesler
Lorretta Fieser
Donna Fitzwilliam
Pamela Gebauer
Don Grant
Jane C. Grimm
Greg Guidry
Connie Hartman
Theon Heisserer

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Robert Bryant III, USAF*
Dustin Burnett, USAF
Dominic Catalano
Dakota Chappel
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*

Rest in Peace:

Ervin M. Hertel
Joyce Mueller
Ethel Mueller

Weekly Readings

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
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

† 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

What a strange Christmas! It was weird to have the restricted occupancy and the necessity for parishioners to sign-up to attend Christmas Mass. It felt different having only about 100 people in church at a time, but I am glad Fr. Weber was so agreeable to adding extra Masses and to Fr. Chris Seiler for helping us at the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. I hope everyone who felt safe attending Christmas Mass was able to do so.

In addition to the extra Masses offered by the priests, we needed a lot of help to make each experience meaningful. I want to thank our parish musicians, cantors, and our guest trumpeters who together made the Masses more beautiful by their talents and skills. I want to thank the lectors, altar servers, and ushers. I am grateful to our deacons who helped keep all of the 10 Christmas Masses rolling. I am also grateful for our Assumption Parish Staff who helped with communication, set up and clean up.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the process of decorating the church (inside and out) and for decorating the Parish Center for the extra Masses we held there. Our Christmas decorations are beautiful again this year. I also want to thank the Cub Scouts for decorating the rectory. It is always fun to be with them and their parents!

As we begin the New Year, I am sure everyone wants to get the Coronavirus experience behind us. But as I often say, "it can always get worse." (Remember, the 1918 Spanish Flu is not remembered as nearly as vividly in history as the 1929 Great Depression.) During this time of New Year Resolutions, we should resolve to follow Christ more closely so that we have the spiritual foundation to weather any storm, to endure any persecution, and to see God's blessings in every cross we bear. It will be easy to slide back into an old life and focus on material things, experiences, and relationships we have been missing but if we do not grow during this experience, 2020 will have been nothing but lost time.

Assumption Parish has been treading water for months, trying to provide sacramental and spiritual nourishment, provide Christian fellowship, and perform acts of charity to the best of our ability during the pandemic. As a New Year begins and we hope to get this pandemic past us, our real question is: how do we re-engage those who have drifted away, reach out to the hurting, and inspire faith once again? Fr. Weber and I will need everyone's help as we "return to normal" and hopefully emerge better after this experience.

God bless, Fr. Keller



You say "Hello" and I say "Goodbye!"



Bulletins to home-bound

Assumption Parish
PRIME TIME
 MINISTRY
celebrating adults 50+ in our church & community
The Year 2020 in Review



Exercise Classes



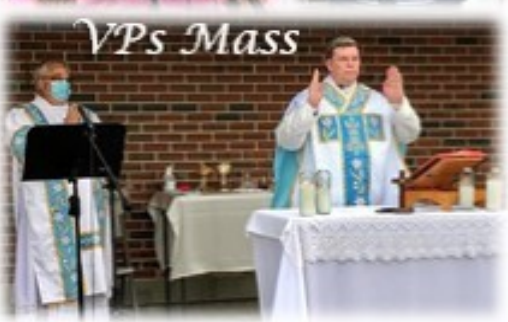
Fun and Games



The Pen Pal Project



Speakers Series & Catered Meals



VPs Mass



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Alicia Munoz
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Vida Oehlert
Joe Ottenlips

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Fred, Hazel, Jim & Jeff Peterson
Joseph J. Port
Ben Post
Barb Reagan
Tom Renaud
Kurt P. Riebeling
Tom Robertson
Ed & Maude Schnurr
Al & Ruth Schoettlin
Frank & Cecilia Schwane
Sestric Family
Seidler Family
The Siegorth Family
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Jim Stecher
Ann Stecher Skoff
Etta Stoll
Wallace Stuart
George & Ginie Textor
Claude Textor
Nancy Textor
Janet Thiemann
Ray Vollett
Tom Williams
John Williams
Joe & Mary Witte
Shirley Wnuk
Robert & Rosemary Wolff
Elizabeth & Albert Wolti
Daniel R. Young

& in *Honor* of...

The Organ Family
Fr. Thomas Keller
Fr. Ryan Weber

Save the Date!

Renew

ASSUMPTION WOMEN

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

Talk by Sr. Virginia Herbers, ASCJ !
Worship Music by Cecilia Detwiler!

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

RSVP online for In-Person or Virtual!

Watch it LIVE at home or RSVP online for in-person!

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Guided by our Mission, Our Lady's Inn provides pregnant women and their children shelter and hope for a new life through humble acts of love.



Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

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

[Birthright Thank You](#)

We received this message from Birthright Counseling, which assists mothers and babies in crisis and was one of the recipients of our Giving Tree donation drive:

“Dear Parishioners of Assumption,
Thank you so much for your overwhelming generosity to Birthright! We are grateful for all of the wonderful baby items donated to your Giving Tree. Our moms are truly blessed by all the love and support you’ve shown them during this Christmas season. We wish you a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!”

Sincerely, Diane Little.”



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CONFESSIONS

at Assumption

Wednesdays
6-6:45 p.m.

Saturdays
4-4:45 p.m.

Sundays
Before All Masses

Dynamic Catholic, Alive!
- Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
- Evangelization

The Gospel today is certainly appropriate for our reflections on evangelization. The wise men journey from the East to pay homage to the King of the World. They then return to their homeland.

Evangelization follows a similar process. We must give our Lord homage and worship and journey to see Him and know Him better. Only then, after we have spent time in prayer and worship, can we share the fruits of our prayer with others. Evangelization is sharing our experience of Jesus Christ with others and guiding them into relationship of joy with Him as well.

Consider how often you share the Good News of Christ with others in simple ways and in more bold ways. Would there be enough evidence in your home that you are Catholic and follow Jesus Christ?

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Good News Messenger

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January 10	December 23
January 17	January 7

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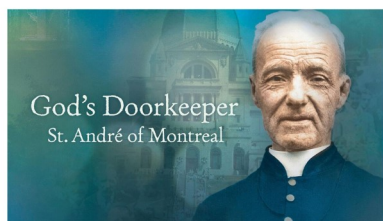
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 3, 2021

WATCH

GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



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