



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021



"I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; HE WILL BAPTIZE
YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." - MK 1:8

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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
By Appt: Call Fr. Keller or Fr. Weber

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December 27 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$1,327.00
Christmas	\$2,898.00
Christmas Flowers	\$48.00
General Fund 2020	\$23,082.71
Immaculate Conception	\$63.00
Lifeline Coalition	\$55.00
Maintenance Fund	\$25.00
Parish Gift	\$100.00
Partner in Education	\$2,398.00
Seminary	\$871.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$97.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$4,042.00
Year End	\$3,828.00
Total	\$38,854.71

January 3 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$2,828.00
Christmas	\$738.00
Christmas Flowers	\$32.00
General Fund 2020	\$25,296.12
Immaculate Conception	\$110.00
Lifeline Coalition	\$815.00
Maintenance Fund	\$246.00
Parish Gift	\$3,303.00
Partner in Education	\$140.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$125.00
ProLife	\$100.00
Seminary	\$212.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$390.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$695.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$4,351.25
Tithe for the Poor	\$10.00
Year End	\$653.00
Total	\$40,044.37

Christmas Stewardship

Christmas	\$6,123.99
Christmas Flowers	\$7.00
General Fund 2020	\$1,310.00
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
Seminary	\$1,225.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$55.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$645.00
Total	\$9,370.99

Solemnity of Mary Stewardship

Christmas	\$645.00
General Fund 2020	\$1,595.00
Lifeline Coalition	\$20.00
St. Louis Review	\$45.00
Seminary	\$75.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$844.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$320.00
Total	\$3,544.00

Special Events

Jan. 23 Assumption Women
Renew

Jan. 31 School/ELC Tours
For Interested Families
(by Appt. Only)



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!

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 †

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 †
January 11	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Richard V. Marnini †
8 a.m.	John & Molly Stann
January 12	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Jeanne Bielinda †
8 a.m.	Vi & Al Camenzind †
January 13	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Vince Domagalski †
8 a.m.	John Bettag †
January 14	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Jack Krause †
8 a.m.	Chris Maloney †
January 15	FRIDAY
8 a.m.	Frances Mroczkowski †
10 a.m.	Walter Gerau †
January 16	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Adele Marie Zeiser †
5 p.m.	Georgia J. Tammings †
January 17	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Vince Domagalski †
9 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Sandra Stone †
Noon	Bob Schaefer †
6 p.m.	Motz Gapsch †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Linda Rositz
Lloyd Wester
Jacqueline Helberg
Bill Henzey
Sheree Henzey
Roxanne Holdegraver
Richard G. Horn, Jr.
Barbara Huber
Amy Hufker
Jean Huston
Lorraine Jackson
Harold Johnston
Julie Kauffmann

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Tracy Freeman, USAR
Michael Fresenberg, USA
Thomas Graham, USAF
Josh Gregory, USAR*
Devon Harris, USN
Jason Hawkins, USMC
Chris Hemmelgarn, USA*
Victor Huber, USA*
Kaeli Kluesner, USAF
Christopher Konradt, USMC
Andrew Kremmel, USMC
Justin Lock, USA
Stephen Miloscia, USN

Rest in Peace:

Alex Ewy
Dorothy Moushey

Weekly Readings

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
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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

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.



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Grade School News

Our Grade School continues to thrive with nearly full enrollment even though it has been a stressful year for the faculty and administration. We are very grateful to each of our staff members for their many sacrifices and for their extra effort this year.

Each year, tuition is increased to reflect the cost-of-living increases. This year, our insurance is also increasing so there will be a larger than usual increase to tuition. One advantage of attending Assumption Grade School is that our parish developed a tuition assistance program called "Partners in Education" to assist, on a year-by-year basis, any active Assumption Parish family who needs financial help for tuition. Partners in Education is funded by parish donations and administered by parishioners who review the financial documents submitted by the applicants and grant them assistance as needed. Assumption also administers a parish fund known as the "Brett Grant Memorial" that assists two grade school families and two high school families who attend Vianney High School or Ursuline Academy.

#AssumptionTogether

Again, I want to thank parishioners for their generous support of the parish! #AssumptionTogether and Giving Tuesday (December 1, 2020) were great successes. While we cannot anticipate exactly how much emergency funding we might need to address the impact COVID has had on our budget, I am hopeful that your donations will get us through this time, unless something else goes really wrong out there.

Thanks to Stacey Macko

Stacey Macko has spent a year serving as a parish employee to help with our Senior Ministry. However, she stepped down at the beginning of the year. We are all grateful for her work, especially since it has been so difficult to reach our seniors during the pandemic. Stacey was the arm of Assumption that reached out to seniors during the first part of the Coronavirus lock-down to make sure they were okay. She also has been a great co-worker and has

put the care of our senior population first. She and her husband, Brad, remain active parishioners of Assumption.

Delmar Gardens South

One important ministry at Assumption is the weekly Mass and Sunday Communion Service at Delmar Gardens South. This is an important work of Assumption, because often Delmar Gardens' Catholic population is as high as 80%. In addition to the priests and deacons who lead the liturgical services and provide sacramental care, many Assumption volunteers assist by gathering the Catholic residents in the activity room for Mass and visiting the Catholic residents who are too infirm to leave their rooms. Sadly, the pandemic instantly ended this beautiful sacramental and fellowship outreach to their residents. But the good news is that their residents and staff received the first dose of the coronavirus vaccine this week; the next dose will be in early February and the vaccine should be at full strength by Ash Wednesday. That is one step toward returning to normal. While it will be a few more months before Masses start again, our volunteers should know that we are working toward returning as soon as vaccinations are also widely available to our volunteers. Since it will be over a year since we last were able to offer Mass there, we may need a few new volunteers who are willing to give a few hours on Wednesday or Sunday mornings.

New Garage

Work continues on the new garage. It is big enough for an airplane; however, Fr Weber is taking his own sweet time getting a pilot's license. We plan on moving a number of parish vehicles, including the Assumption Shuttle, our fleet of mowers and picnic storage into the garage. Thanks to all who donated to Beyond Sunday a few years ago, as you have made it possible for us to afford the church and church lower level renovations and a garage large enough to evict Fr. Weber from the Rectory and let him set up a loft in the garage.

God bless Fr. Keller



Prime Time Ministry

Lynn Ewy

Prime Time Coordinator

Senior Ministry Updates & Calendar of Events

January 12 & 19 - Tech Talk Tuesdays *, 2 to 3:30 p.m.*

January 18 & 25 - Mondays Women's Faith Sharing Group *,
11 a.m. to 12 noon

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

Announcement from Stacey Macko

Just before the Christmas break, Stacey informed us that she would be stepping down as co-coordinator of Assumption Senior Ministry. Here is her announcement: "I wanted to let you know that as of December 26, I stepped down as the co-coordinator of Senior Ministry. I absolutely LOVED working with the seniors, however there were other contributing factors and I made this difficult decision after much prayerful consideration. I plan to continue to support and work in this ministry in a volunteer capacity."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Stacey for her many contributions to Senior Ministry last year and look forward to continuing our relationship with her as she transitions into a volunteer role with the new Prime Time Ministry. However, Stacey will not be taking much of a break! She is already working hard preparing for the Women's Faith Sharing Group.

ZOOM Women's Faith- Sharing Group

Monday, January 18 begins a new Women's Faith Sharing Group entitled Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist. See page 9 in the GNM for more details!

Outreach Ministry Program

Do you know a senior who is feeling isolated and alone this winter? We're here to serve as a resource for the spiritual, emotional and physical growth of those most vulnerable in our parish and neighboring community. These Prime Timers may be self-isolated due to the severe weather or under strict guidelines from a health care provider to remain at home for the foreseeable future. We maintain a growing list of those to whom we make **check in calls** and the occasional goodie bag drop off to those most isolated within our parish boundaries. Please contact us by email or phone if you

have someone in mind you believe is in need of our **Outreach Ministry Program**.

Tech Talk Tuesdays

This call-in format is for individuals age 50+ in the Assumption Parish Community to ask any technical questions about electronic devices. This free service is offered by Assumption Parish Prime Time Ministry every Tuesday from 2—3:30 p.m. To reserve your spot ahead of time, call 314-487-7970 ext. 1228 or email SeniorMinistry@AssumptionSTL.org. Start your list of questions and have your device ready!

Pen Pal Project Update

Unfortunately, the **Pen Pal Project ~ Phase 2** expansion to include the 5th Grade students is postponed at this time. We did not get the 27 additional senior writers required to move this project forward. When the new school year begins in August, we hope to revisit this expansion idea. Please accept our apologies to those volunteer writers who were looking forward to being a pen pal to a 5th Grader this school year.

For our **current Pen Pals**, if you need more supplies to continue this project, we've got you covered! Thanks to a generous donation, we have a number of **Pen Pal Packets** that include all your writing necessities: 50 sheets of loose leaf paper, a few blank envelopes, pens, and even two or three postage stamps neatly contained in a pocket folder to keep all your letters and supplies in one convenient location. All this to make your participation in the Pen Pal Project that much easier. Contact us by phone or email and we'll make arrangements to get a **Pen Pal Packet** to you.

God bless,

Lynn (EwyL@AssumptionSTL.org) ext. 1221

8th Grade Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser on Tues., Jan. 19th!

Please save the date for Tuesday, January 19, 2021. The 8th Grade is having a Chick-fil-A Night at the Sunset Hills location from 4-8 p.m. Please make sure to pass this information along to your family and friends! For the Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, **customers are required to show a paper or digital copy of the flyer below** in order for the 8th Grade Class to receive credit for the sale. For mobile orders, please make sure to type "Assumption" in the special request section.

Spirit Night

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 • 4:00pm–8:00pm

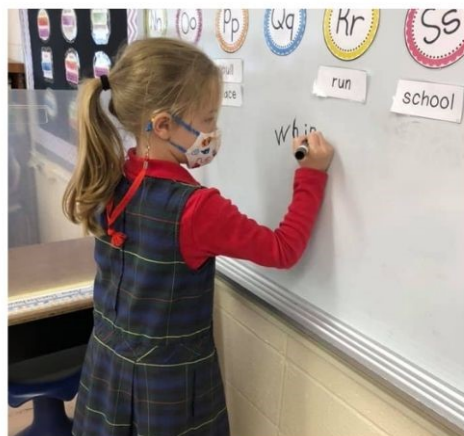


Join Assumption Parish School for a Spirit Night! For mobile orders, type 'assumption' under the "have a special request" section.



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Take a Tour of Assumption!

Sunday, January 31, 2021

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We invite all interested families to take a *scheduled, in-person* tour of Assumption Parish School &/or Early Learning Center between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 31!

To schedule your family's visit, please go to AssumptionSTL.org/Admissions.



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P: 314-487-6520**

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

Renew

ASSUMPTION WOMEN

Saturday, January 23rd at 10 a.m.
in church & livestreamed at AssumptionLIVE.com

Talk by Sr. Virginia Herbers, ASCJ
on Faithfulness & the Woman Who Touched His Hem (Luke 8:40)!

Worship Music by Cecilia Detwiler!

RSVP at AssumptionSTL.org/renew

***There is no cost to attend, but Free Will offerings
will be accepted to help fund future events.**

[Our Lady's Inn Virtual Trivia Night](#)

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Home is having their Virtual Trivia Night – Saturday, January 23rd. Trivia begins at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Cost is \$25 per person and \$200 for a team of 8. For more information or to register, visit www.ourladyinn.org or call Katrina at 314-736-1544. Join the fun from the comfort of your own home.

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.

[New Podcast with the "Media Nuns"](#)

The Daughters of St. Paul have just completed the first season of their podcast, "The Daughters Project Podcast"! As Daughters of St. Paul, these religious sisters are called in a special way to use the most modern forms of media to be a light in the darkness of the digital world. Why not listen in as the #media nuns share their journeys with Christ? Visit: www.thedaughtersproject.com or call the sisters in St. Louis at 314-965-3512.

Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life's
Living Rosary for Life



**Sunday, January 17
2:30 p.m. in Church**

We will be observing all safety precautions, sitting six feet apart throughout the church & wearing masks. We will NOT be using the rope rosary and NO refreshments will be served.



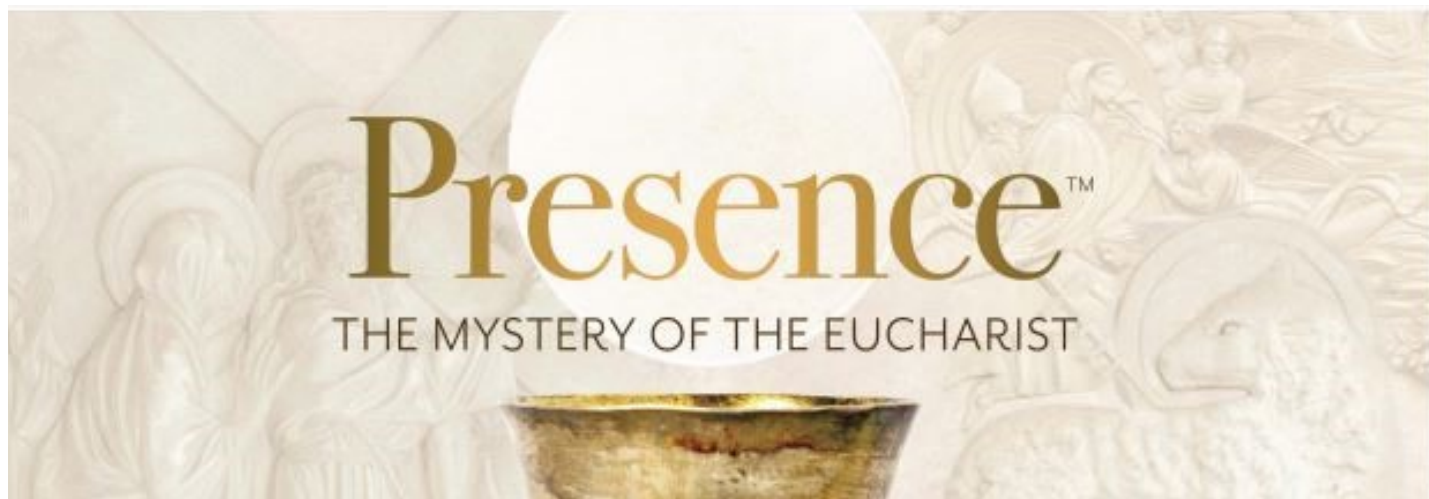
**Our Lady Help
of Christians
Adoration Chapel**

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

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!



Women's Faith-Sharing Group ZOOM Study Starting Soon!

On Monday, January 18, 25, & February 1, from 11 a.m.—Noon, a group of Assumption women will be journeying through this FORMED.org Scripture Study over ZOOM! ***Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*** explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. If you are interested in joining, please contact Stacey at mackostacey@gmail.com to sign-up for this study! To find ***Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*** and more great media, register for a free FORMED account at AssumptionSTL.Formed.org!

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
January 17	January 7
January 24	January 14

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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, January 21, the program will include a rosary prayed at 8:00am followed by a talk given by Deacon Jim Keating, Professor of Spiritual Theology. The title of his talk is "Giving Christ Your Worries." To receive access to the live rosary prayer group and a link to Deacon Keating's talk, please sign up for Fiat emails at kenrick.edu/fiat.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 10, 2021

LISTEN

CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



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