



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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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
By Appt: Call Fr. Keller or Fr. Weber

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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!



Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

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

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.

January 31 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$100.00
Ash Wednesday	\$45.00
General Fund 2021	\$24,045.75
Lifeline Coalition	\$22.00
Maintenance Fund	\$96.00
Parish Gift	\$300.00
Partner in Education	\$85.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$65.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$504.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$795.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$25.00
Total	\$26,092.75

Special Events

- Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday
Mass Schedule:
6:30, 8, 10 a.m.,
12, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
- Feb. 18 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass
(M-F) during Lent
begins
- Feb. 19 Fish Fry (Pre-Order/
Drive-Thru Only)
- Feb. 22-24 Parish Mission
with Mike Roberts

ASSUMPTION PARISH FISH FRY



Fridays from 4:30 - 7 p.m!

**February 19 & 26
March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 2**

**Pre-Order Online
at AssumptionFishFry.org
or Order at our Drive-Thru!**

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 †

February 7	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Shirley Wnuk †
9 a.m.	Jennifer Marr †
10:30 a.m.	Teri Van Hecke †
Noon	Bob Schaefer †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
February 8	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Helen Bell †
8 a.m.	Adam Price †
February 9	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Rosemarie Kornfeld †
8 a.m.	Vi & Al Camenzind †
February 10	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Josef †
8 a.m.	Jeanne Bielinda †
February 11	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Dorothy Otradovec †
8 a.m.	John Bantlow †
February 12	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Moritz Gapsch †
8 a.m.	August Edward †
February 13	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Henrietta Frederick †
5 p.m.	Ronald Reitz †
February 14	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Vince Domagalski †
9 a.m.	Tim Mooney †
10:30 a.m.	Chris Maloney †
Noon	Stephen Bromschwig †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Lloyd Wester
Pauline Pizzo
Bert Pohl
Ron Pohl
Ann Prasuhn
Jerry Pyle
Agnes Reichert
Hubert Reichert
Chris Roche
Scott Rositz
Kathryn Rothweil
Patricia Rudolf
Dan S.

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Wyatt Flieg, USN
William Florich, USAR*
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

Rest in Peace:

Tom Dodge
Dcn. Diosdado Maranan
Barbara Zumwalt

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Assumption Lenten Challenge

For our Assumption Lenten Challenge this year, we will be supporting the St. Patrick Center in downtown St. Louis, which provides housing, hot meals, job training, employment placement and behavioral health services to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

A few of the items we will be collecting each weekend of Lent (starting Feb. 21) include kitchen supplies, household cleaning products, mops, brooms & dust pans, laundry detergent, diapers, 'bed-in-a-bag' sets, new & gently used clothes, and canned food. More details will be included in the Good News Messenger and posted online next week!

† 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

Lent is only 10 days away!

Lent is the Church's annual observance of repentance from sin and a return to holiness. We were given the gift of "holiness" in our baptism, but it is lost in serious sins. Even small sins (venial) sometimes keep us from growing in holiness. Lent is an opportunity for the Church to support one another in turning away from sin and returning to baptismal holiness. With Lent coming quickly, now is the time to consider your Lenten practices.

Assumption's Ash Wednesday Masses are:
6:30 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Lenten weekdays - You might consider making daily Mass your Lenten observance. We will offer Masses Monday-Friday at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The rosary is recited publicly Monday-Friday after the 8 a.m. Mass.

Confessions - Every Catholic should make a good confession and receive sacramental absolution at least once a year. The priests hear confessions on Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m., Saturday from 4-4:45 p.m. and starting 15 minutes before all Sunday Masses.

Fasting and Abstinence - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are "fast days" meaning that all Catholics ages 18-59 should fast on these days. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular mealtimes if necessary but, combined, they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Fridays during Lent are days of Abstinence from meat. As a common sacrifice Catholics abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent. This is a perfect segue into . . . Fish Fry!

Fish Fry!!! - St. Louis' favorite Fish Fry is back again! Due to the pandemic, all meals will be take-home. Preorders will be available and the drive-thru will be open from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. More information is at AssumptionFishFry.org.

Parish Mission - Former Meteorologist, Mike Roberts, will be presenting our Parish Mission on February 22-24. Adoration and Confessions are available from 6:30-7 p.m. and Mike's presentation will begin at 7 p.m. You can attend in-person or online. Mike invites everyone to watch a video on Divine Mercy in preparation for the Mission, which is posted on the homepage of our website at AssumptionSTL.org.

Giving up something for Lent - In addition to fasting and abstinence, many Catholics make a spiritual practice of giving up something for Lent. This sacrifice has a two-fold purpose: to join in the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and to strengthen our discipline so that we can resist sin when the temptation arises. Some people take the opportunity to add some healthy food or exercise habits, while others add a little time for prayer to grow spiritually. I recommend making a holy hour once a week in the Adoration Chapel. The door combination is available by contacting the parish office.

Charity - Almsgiving is an important part of Lent. Many Catholics remember putting their change in a "Rice Bowl" for the missions. This is still encouraged. However, this year, Assumption will be helping St. Patrick's Center as part of our Lenten Challenge. St. Patrick's Center provides practical assistance to individuals who need employment to break the cycle of homelessness. Keep an eye on the Good News Messenger for details how Assumption hopes to fill St. Patrick's Center with love this Lent.

God bless, Fr. Keller

Join us on **February 22, 23, & 24**

for an

Assumption Parish Mission

on **DIVINE MERCY!**



Adoration & Confessions

6:30 - 6:55 p.m.

Presentation

7 p.m.

In Church & Livestreamed at AssumptionLIVE.com!



Mike Roberts will be presenting on Divine Mercy, which is a church-approved devotion based on St. Faustina's encounter with Jesus & The Blessed Mother!

Mission Preparation!

There is an **introductory video** about Divine Mercy by **Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC**, on our website at AssumptionSTL.org.



We highly recommend watching this *before* the Mission to familiarize yourself with Divine Mercy, especially if this devotion is new to you!

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20



VIRTUAL
CATHOLIC
CONFERENCE

Annual St. Louis Catholic Men for Christ Conference 2021

As many men of the parish know, this annual archdiocesan event is typically attended by over 800 men on a Saturday in February. Due to the on-going pandemic, the event this year will be presented in a virtual format on Saturday, February 20th. In addition, the event this year is available for FREE! The formal program specific to St. Louis will be presented this year as a half day morning event. In cooperation with Virtual Catholic Conference - a national organization - registration will also give men access to over 50 other on-line speaker presentations during the weekend of Feb 20-21. With registration on the website www.CatholicMenforChrist.org, men can either watch from home or participate in 'watch parties' in their local parishes. Assumption will be hosting a watch party in the church lower level. All COVID precautions will be taken with limited space available, so please bring your mask! Feel free to also bring your own personal drinks and/or snacks. Whether you have attended this event in the past or never before, all men are welcome!

The St. Louis program, entitled "Living in View of Eternity", will include the following:

Mass at 8 a.m. in Church
Move to the Church Lower Level
Opening Talk by Emcee Zip Rzeppa
Greeting by Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski
"Conversion" - Pete Burak
"Reconciliation" - Fr. Augustino Torres
"Discipleship/Evangelization" - Marcel Lejeune
Dismissal at 12:05 p.m.

In addition to registering on the website above, please inform any of our Parish Captains that you intend to participate in the Assumption watch party so we can plan accordingly:

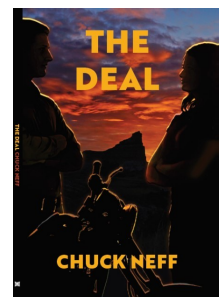
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John Duenwald (jjduenwald@gmail.com)!

Valentine's Weekend Free Book Giveaway!

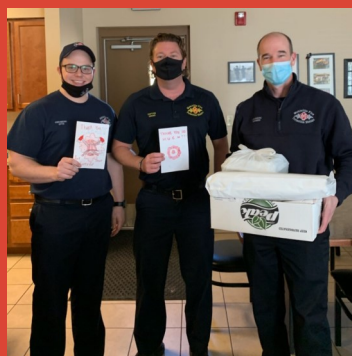
THE DEAL by Chuck Neff is an incredible and authentic Catholic novel about marriage, available to you for FREE after Masses on Valentine's Day weekend (Feb. 13-14). It's encouraging and inspiring for those in troubled marriages, celebrating wonderful marriages, or prepping for marriage. The story of Charlie and Nora is reflective of today's culture. This tale of marital strife and reconciliation features a stunning and impactful ending.





**Assumption
Parish School**
Jenn Sykora
Principal

During Catholic Schools Week, the students, teachers, and school community celebrated Assumption Parish School with some fun, spiritual, and service-oriented activities! The students attended Mass, adoration, the 2nd graders received their Brown Scapulars, & the 4th grade Altar Servers were enrolled into the Altar Server Society. For service, they raised money to have lunch delivered to first responders and made them cards. And then, just for fun, they wore crazy socks, had dance breaks between classes, had a test-and-homework-free day, their teachers dressed in school uniforms and the 8th graders faced off against the teachers in volleyball! We are so thankful for the support of our families that have chosen Assumption and are proud to not only offer engaging and comprehensive academics, but to help our children grow in love of God and neighbor!



Tractor Parade to the New Garage!



On January 29th, we had a celebratory Tractor Parade with our maintenance volunteers, as we finally moved all of the mowers, maintenance equipment, and Assumption vehicles over to the NEW GARAGE! Fr. Keller led the way with his favorite thing in the world, his golf cart, said a prayer of blessing and sprinkled some holy water! We want to thank especially Dan Ranson, whose help and expertise on this garage project was invaluable! Fr. Keller presented him with a plaque as a small way to extend our gratitude! Thank you Dan, for your service to Assumption parish!





2021 WINTER

Gala

FEBRUARY 20, 2021
6PM – 8PM

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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, February 18, the program will include a rosary prayed by a live video call at 8:00 a.m. and a talk titled "Whoever Loses His Life for My Sake...Becoming a Loser During Lent" by Fr Paul Hoelsing, Vice-Rector for Formation. To receive access to the live rosary prayer group and a link to Fr. Hoelsing's talk, please sign up for Fiat emails at kenrick.edu/fiat.

St. Valentine's Virtual Celebration & Storytime with the Sisters!

Join the Daughters of St. Paul on **Saturday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m.** for a Virtual Celebration and Storytime for St. Valentine's Day. Join the sisters as they read "The Legend of the First Valentine: A Story of God's Love". We will also pray, sing and have lots of fun! All children are welcome! To learn more **call the sisters at 314-965-3512.** Register at bit.ly/paulinevalentine.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

STARTING JANUARY 11, 2021

Looking for a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year?

- All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- All Catholic high schools
- Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis

Apply online at TTEF-STL.ORG for elementary and high school scholarships.

Deadline is February 26th, 2021.

Visit ttef-stl.org
for more details
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Unified Online Application (Free)



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at Assumption

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4-4:45 p.m.

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
February 14	February 4
February 21	February 11

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Lenten Retreat

Following Jesus in Freedom and Love is a retreat offered by Fr. James Mason, President-Rector at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. This Lenten study is designed to help form individuals and parishes in this understanding of one's identity and mission. The virtual platform of this retreat allows the faithful to participate at home, as a parish mission, or in private groups. A series of videos, with study guides to accompany each, address ways to grow in one's relationship with Christ and live it out in this apostolic age. Visit kenrick.edu/following-jesus for all retreat content and for more information.

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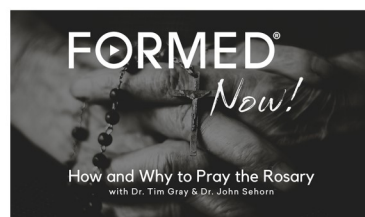
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HOW AND WHY TO PRAY THE ROSARY

As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!



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