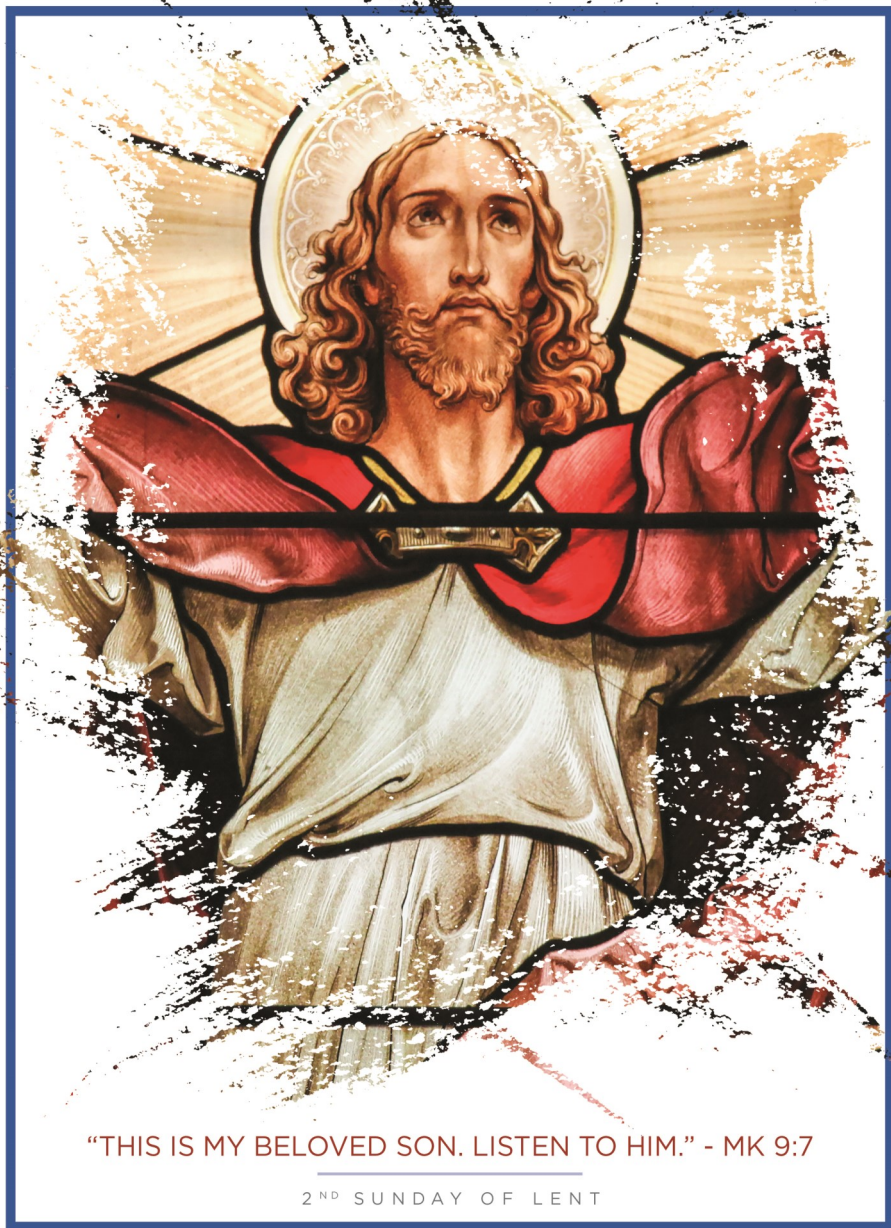




## GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021



"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM." - MK 9:7

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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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./5:30 p.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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## February 14 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$130.00
Ash Wednesday	\$105.00
Black Native America	\$10.00
General Fund 2021	\$15,618.38
Lifeline Coalition	\$50.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Partner in Education	\$165.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$55.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$25.00
Spiritual Direction	\$55.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$70.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$850.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,138.38</b>

## February 21 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$150.00
Ash Wednesday	\$426.00
Black Native America	\$20.00
General Fund 2021	\$19,475.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Parish Gift	\$203.00
Partner in Education	\$109.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$80.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Retired Religious	\$5.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$35.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,210.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,783.00</b>

## Special Events

March 4 Blood Drive from  
3-7 p.m.

*Every Weekday During Lent:*  
-5:30 p.m. Evening Mass

*Every Friday During Lent:*  
- Stations of the Cross:  
2:15 & 7 p.m.  
- Parish Fish Fry  
4:30-7 p.m.

March 27 Assumption Women  
Renew

## February 17 Ash Wednesday Stewardship

Ash Wednesday	\$443.00
General Fund 2021	\$75.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$553.00</b>



## 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 †

February 28	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Bob Schraut †
9 a.m.	Bob Schaefer †
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Noon	Fred & Margaret Schoemehl †
6 p.m.	Virginia Ewen †
March 1	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Anton "Tony" Brandt †
8 a.m.	Dan Connors †
5:30 p.m.	John Willett
March 2	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Sr. Florence Wesselmann †
8 a.m.	Donald Blamton †
5:30 p.m.	Al & Ruth Schoettlin †
March 3	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Seth Winkleman †
8 a.m.	Florence Sodomka †
5:30 p.m.	Donald & Martha Cornell †
March 4	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Dennis Menos †
8 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
5:30 p.m.	Linda DeClue †
March 5	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Dorothy Otradovec †
8 a.m.	Brett Grant †
5:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Josef †
March 6	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	John & Frances Meagher †
5 p.m.	Etta Stoll †
March 7	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Frank Boyer †
9 a.m.	Bob Schaefer †
10:30 a.m.	Shirley Wnuk †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Rose Marie Hook †
	† denotes deceased

## In Our Prayers

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Michelle Powers
Rick Allgeyer
Karen Altnether
Josefina Antenor
Michael B.
Clarence Bailey
Jinny Bailey
Vicki Baker
Jacob Bartola
Bernadette Bendall
Gary Bergholtz
Daniel Brady
Doris Brady

### OUR MILITARY \*denotes parishioner

Raymond Bast, USN
Ryan Boedeker
Kyle Bottorf
Justin Brock, USA*
Robert Bryant III, USAF*
Dustin Burnett, USAF
Dominic Catalano
Dakota Chappel
Lauren Chellis, USN
Michael Cole
Sean Danaher, USAF
David DiFranco, USA
Kevin Deitz

## Rest in Peace:

John Caskanett  
Donald Grant  
Gary Thomas

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10  
**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12  
**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28  
**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Next Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7, 8, 12-17/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, March 4th  
3-7 p.m.  
Church Lower Level

Register at  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Sponsor code:  
AssumptionCC

† 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

### Thanks

A sincere thanks to Mike Roberts for leading our Parish Mission! Thanks to Fran Ettling for providing music and Deacon Dave Schaefer for organizing the mission. It was a great success with participants both in-person and online.

Thanks to all of our Unstoppable Assumption Fish Fry Volunteers and to all who joined us last Friday. Last week, we served an incredible 1200 meals in just 2 ½ hours! We are continuing to tweak the Drive-Thru so join us again this week.

### Holy Week

Last year's Holy Week and Easter were like none other as clergy around the world celebrated the most ancient and sacred Rites of the Church in isolation. But with the increasing volume of vaccinations, and rapidly falling number of positive COVID cases, this year's Holy Week should look more normal. We are planning to celebrate all our usual events publicly this year. However, some of the rituals will be changed, such as the omission of the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, and we will Venerate the Cross from the pews on Good Friday. We will not have choirs yet, but since we have excellent musicians and cantors, we will plan on celebrating with the same joy as usual.

As of today, St. Louis County permits 50% occupancy for institutions like churches. So far this has not been a problem since many parishioners are still isolating. However, as Assumption parishioners are vaccinated, they are finally returning to Mass after a long and difficult year. So, if we begin to feel like we are reaching the occupancy level, and St. Louis County still prohibits larger gatherings, I will make changes to the Holy Week Schedule prior to Palm Sunday by adding additional liturgies in order to accommodate everyone who wants to attend. Stay tuned.

God bless, Fr. Keller

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### **Palm Sunday:**

Masses as usual.

#### **Holy Week: Monday – Wednesday:**

6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. daily Masses.

After Wednesday, the daily Mass schedule is interrupted for the Sacred Triduum until Easter Sunday morning.

#### **Spy Wednesday:**

6-7p.m., Holy Hour and Confessions.

#### **Holy Thursday:**

7p.m., "Mass of the Lord's Supper" followed by adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight. Eucharistic Adorers should report to the church from 7 p.m. to midnight then public adoration is suspended from midnight until Midnight on Easter Sunday morning.

#### **Good Friday:**

Noon, Stations of the Cross.

Noon – 3 p.m., Confessions and "Tre Ore" Readings

3 p.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet.

4:30-7 p.m., Fish Fry (Drive-Thru & Pre-Order)

7 p.m., "Celebration of the Lord's Passion."

#### **Holy Saturday:**

8 p.m., Easter Vigil

#### **Easter Sunday:**

7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and Noon Masses

No 6 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass



VIRTUAL  
CATHOLIC  
CONFERENCE

—MY—  
*Peace*  
—I GIVE YOU—  
John 14:27  
2021 National Catholic Women's Conference

## FEATURING:

ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI  
SR. MIRIAM JAMES HEIDLAND

RACHEL LEININGER  
JANUARY DONOVAN

KIMBERLY HAHN  
TERESA TOMEO

SR. BETHANY MADONNA  
FR. JACQUES PHILLIPE

AND FREE ACCESS TO AN ADDITIONAL 50+ TALKS FROM TOP CATHOLIC PRESENTERS

### Catholic Women for Christ 2021

This year's St. Louis Catholic Women for Christ Conference will be presented in a Virtual format on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to Noon and is completely FREE! In cooperation with virtual Catholic Conferences, a national organization- registration will also give women access to over 50 other on-line speaker presentations during the weekend of March 13-14. With registration on the website [www.CatholicWomenforChrist.org](http://www.CatholicWomenforChrist.org), women can either watch from home or participate in "in their local parishes. Assumption will be hosting a watch party in the church lower level, which will follow 8:00 a.m. Mass. All COVID precautions will be taken with limited space available, so please bring your mask! Feel free to also bring your own personal drinks. Whether you have attended this event in the past or never before, all women are welcome! In addition to registering on the website above, please email Laura Benson at [lbenson5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lbenson5@sbcglobal.net) or call Patty Schaefer at 314-960-8499.

Evening Daily Mass

M-F at 5:30 p.m.

during Lent

Assumption-Mattese Catholic Church

4725 Mattis Rd. St. Louis, MO 63128





Each week  
during Lent, we  
will be collecting a  
different category of  
items to donate to:



*The St. Patrick Center* in downtown St. Louis provides housing, hot meals, job training, employment placement and behavioral health services to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. It is a one-stop caring center for homeless services, treating people with dignity and helping them gain independence.

The items should be dropped off in the front of church by the Baptismal font.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

#### **Week #1 Feb. 21 - KITCHEN**

Kitchen Supplies: Cutting Boards,  
Cooking Utensils, Can Openers, etc.  
Everyday Flatware/Silverware  
(inexpensive sets)

#### **Week #2 Feb. 28 CLEANING SUPPLIES**

Household Cleaning Products  
Laundry Detergent  
Mops, Brooms & Dustpans

#### **Week #3 March 7 BEDDING**

Pillows & blankets  
Sheets or  
"Bed-in-a-Bag" Sets

#### **Week #4 March 14 CLOTHES FOR KIDS**

Diapers, Socks,  
Underwear & Pull-Ups

#### **Week #5 March 21 CLOTHES FOR MEN & WOMEN**

**NEW:** Black Socks (Men's), Gloves,  
Hats, Scarves, Underwear, White Socks  
**GENTLY USED:** Clothing  
(Including T-shirts and Shorts)

#### **Week #6 March 28 - FOOD**

Non-Perishable Items:  
Breakfast Items, Canned Food,  
Pasta/Pasta Sauce  
Refillable Drinking Water Bottles



### 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil —Sunday, March 28

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil will be conducted from February 20<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

On Sunday, March 28, Assumption will man the local vigil at Planned Parenthood Forest Park from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Prayer volunteers are needed for one hour time slots throughout the day. For the link to sign-up, go to [AssumptionSTL.org/40days](http://AssumptionSTL.org/40days).

For more information on the 40 Days for Life, go to [www.coalitionforlifestl.com](http://www.coalitionforlifestl.com).

Questions? Contact Tim Hessel at 314-807-0510.

Your presence on the sidewalk can change the mind of an abortion-minded parent.

### Mass Capacity Due to COVID

In accordance with by St. Louis County, all Archdiocesan churches in the county will move back to the 50% capacity mandate for public Mass.

**For Assumption, this means we may have only 300 people in the church at this time.** For more information, go to [AssumptionSTL.org/Covid](http://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](http://STLCorona.com).

### Permanent Diaconate Information Night

Do you feel called to do something special for your Church? If so a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate might be something that you are being called to. The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is asking that interested men attend one of the Information Nights to begin exploring a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate. Upcoming Information Nights will be held on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021 and Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Cardinal Rigali Center. All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM.**

Wives of men considering this vocation are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information or to reserve a spot at the meeting, please contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 314.792.7431.

  
**CONFESSIONS**  
at Assumption

**Wednesdays**  
6-6:45 p.m.

**Saturdays**  
4-4:45 p.m.

**Sundays**  
**Before All Masses**





### Feast Day Tip - Lent

Do you know where pretzels come from? When the Lent fast was more stringent and included abstinence from dairy products, pretzels were created by a monk as bread specifically for Lent. Even their shape dates back to their beginning. The crossed ends of the pretzel replicate the prayer posture of the day, arms crossed over the chest, and the three spaces represented the Trinity. Connect with Catholics through the ages by including soft pretzels in your fast!

Visit [feastday.co](http://feastday.co) for more help celebrating the feasts and seasons.



### Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

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



# Egg My Yard!

**A FUNDRAISER FOR  
ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!**

The AYM Easter Egg hunt is coming to YOU this year!  
Do you want the fun of an Easter egg hunt without having to worry about buying, stuffing, and hiding each egg?

You & your children could walk outside to an amazing adventure that will delight the little ones & be zero stress for you!

Among your eggs will be one special egg that is empty, to remind us of Jesus' empty tomb. What a great way to have fun and teach your children about why we celebrate Easter!

### How it works:

Select the amount of candy-filled eggs that you want stuffed and delivered to your home, as well as a delivery time slot.

Then, choose your delivery day - either Saturday, March 27th or April 3rd. You'll be contacted after all egg deliveries have been scheduled with a specific half hour time slot that the teens will come and hide your eggs!

### Pricing:

30 Eggs- \$20  
50 Eggs- \$30  
70 Eggs- \$40

### To Sign Up:

Head to  
[AssumptionSTL.org/  
egg-my-yard](http://AssumptionSTL.org/egg-my-yard)  
**BY MARCH 12TH!**





# ASSUMPTION PARISH FISH FRY



**Fridays During Lent  
from 4:30 - 7 p.m!**

**Pre-Order Online at  
[AssumptionFishFry.org](http://AssumptionFishFry.org)  
or Order at our  
Drive-Thru!**

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

## **Dinner Menu**

*Includes:  
2 Hush Puppies,  
2 Sides, & 1 Cookie*

1 Piece Pub-Style Fried Cod Meal	\$10.00
2 Piece Pub-Style Fried Cod Meal	\$15.00
1 Piece Fried Catfish Meal	\$10.00
2 Piece Fried Catfish Meal	\$15.00
1 Piece Baked Fish Meal	\$10.00
2 Piece Baked Fish Meal	\$15.00
5 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$10.00
10 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$15.00
Adult Pasta Meal	\$10.00

## **Kids Menu**

*Includes:  
1 Hush Puppy,  
1 Side, & 1 Cookie*

Baked Fish Meal	\$5.00
Catfish Meal	\$5.00
5 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$5.00
Pub-Style Fried Cod Meal	\$5.00
Pasta Meal	\$5.00
Pizza Meal	\$5.00

**Cash Accepted,  
Credit/Debit Cards Preferred!**

## **Family Meal Menu**

### **Mission from Cod Meal Deal - \$42.00**

6 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod,  
a JUMBO order of Fries, 8 Hush Puppies,  
choice of 4 Individual Sides & 4 Cookies

### **Catholic Family Meal Deal - \$ 85.00**

8 Piece Pub-Style Fried Cod,  
15 Piece Fried Shrimp,  
2 JUMBO orders of Fries, 18 Hush Puppies,  
Choice of 6 Individual Sides, & 8 Cookies

### **Surf & Surf Meal Deal - \$42.00**

4 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod,  
10 Piece Fried Shrimp,  
a JUMBO order of Fries, 8 Hush Puppies,  
choice of 4 Individual Sides & 4 Cookies

### **Family Meal Deal - \$30.00**

4 Piece Pub-Style Fried Cod,  
a JUMBO order of Fries,  
6 Hush Puppies, choice of  
2 Individual Sides & 2 Cookies

## **Side Dishes**

Bartolino's Pasta, French Fries,  
Green Beans, Applesauce or Slaw

**Additional Side - \$3  
1 JUMBO Order of Fries - \$4**

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## Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
March 7	February 28
March 14	March 4

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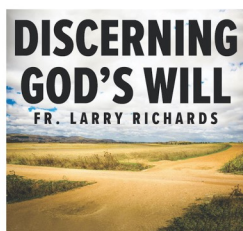
PICK OF THE WEEK

February 28, 2021

**LISTEN**

**DISCERNING GOD'S WILL  
BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS**

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!



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