



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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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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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. Please be extra mindful of your fellow parishioners at this time.

For more information about St. Louis County coronavirus cases: go to STLCorona.com.

February 28 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$350.00
Ash Wednesday	\$135.00
Black Native America	\$25.00
Easter Flowers	\$35.00
General Fund 2021	\$24,851.67
Lifeline Coalition	\$753.00
Maintenance Fund	\$50.00
Memorial Gift	\$23.00
Parish Gift	\$703.00
Partner in Education	\$180.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$20.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Retired Religious	\$2.00
Seminary	\$2.00
Spiritual Direction	\$25.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$100.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,192.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$35.00
Total	\$28,486.67

Special Events

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 13 Catholic Women for Christ Watch-Party

March 27 Assumption Women Renew

Thank You

“We wish to express our sincere thanks to Fr. Keller, Denise Riek, Nancy Pyle, Anne Reher, and our Assumption Family for your prayers and kind thoughts during this time of grief at Tim’s sudden death. God’s graces and the love of family and friends will see us through.”

—The Meagher Family



Visit AssumptionSTL.org to register today for Online Giving!



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 †

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 †
March 8	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Alexander C. Ewy †
8 a.m.	Bob Schaefer †
5:30 p.m.	Harold Duchek †
March 9	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Martin Gray †
8 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
5:30 p.m.	Mary Bruner †
March 10	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	Shirley Wnuk †
5:30 p.m.	Jeanne Bielinda †
March 11	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Fred Moore †
8 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
5:30 p.m.	Al & Ruth Schoettlin †
March 12	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	James Bannes †
8 a.m.	Virginia DiRaimondo †
5:30 p.m.	David Robinson †
March 13	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Jean Dulle †
5 p.m.	John Held Jr. †
March 14	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Angelo Furfaro †
9 a.m.	Rosemarie Kornfeld †
10:30 a.m.	Ronald Reitz †
Noon	Richard & Stella Hercules †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Michael Manzelli

Victor Klutho

Terry Krieger

Linda Breck

Betty Bresnahan

Jack Bresnahan

Jim Brockmeyer

Kathryn Burjeck

Jim Burkhardt

Eileen Caldwell

Mary Ann Catalano

Ralph Cernich

Mary Ann Chalmere

OUR MILITARY

*denotes parishioner

Matthew Eberhart, USA

Michael Faulkner, USMC*

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

Rest in Peace:

Theresa Shelangouski
(mother of Debbie Winston)

Weekly Readings

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Save the Date!

**Saturday,
March 27th at 10 a.m.**
In the church & livestreamed!

ASSUMPTION WOMEN
Renew

Talk by Catholic speaker,
Rachel Leininger!

Worship Music
by *Cecilia Detwiler!*

RSVP @ AssumptionSTL.org/Renew

† 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

Is the End in Sight?

Area pastors are reporting that more Catholics are returning to Mass after the long lockdown. We have seen a lot of parishioners returning to Assumption, especially families with children and some of our beloved seniors. Hopefully, as the number of daily new coronavirus cases continues to plummet and vaccination rates increase, we will be able to return to normal soon. As St. Louis County and the Archdiocese give new guidelines, we hope to be ready to adjust.

Vaccine Morality

As you know, there are many ethical and moral concerns regarding modern medicine and medical practices. The pandemic and the resulting vaccines have led to many ethical and moral concerns. One of the concerns is the use of embryonic stem cell lines in the production and testing of the vaccines. Unfortunately, this is all too common in the pharmaceutical world. It is probable that many common medications used every day have been derived in one way or another from the stem cells harvested decades ago from the remains of an aborted baby. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have a low connection to these stem cells; however, the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine and the upcoming AstraZeneca vaccine used aborted fetal tissue stem cells in their development. Therefore, the U.S. bishops caution that the Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca vaccines should be avoided unless there is no alternative. Unfortunately, practically speaking, no one reading this will have much of a choice which vaccine is offered to them, so I assume the bishops are making this known largely to make Catholics aware of the widespread problem.

Why is using stem cells derived from aborted stem cells problematic? Aside from the terrible injustice of intentionally ending a pregnancy because the child is unwanted, using the human remains of someone who did not give their consent to be experimented with or have their living cells utilized is morally wrong. Catholic bishops are correct to point out that, while we are eager to return to normal, and grateful for medical advances, these things should be accomplished without exploiting human remains of unwilling participants or profiting from the terrible practice of abortion. The Church is not opposing the return to normalcy, but we are raising our voices that the remains of aborted children should be put to rest and that new avenues should be taken to produce medicines.

Attention Delmar Gardens South Volunteers

Back in February the residents and staff of Delmar Gardens South received the COVID-19 Moderna vaccine. Since then, they have been COVID-free. We are hoping to begin providing Wednesday Masses and Sunday Communion Services at Delmar as soon as enough or volunteers are ready to return. If you are a Delmar volunteer, please contact Deacon Dave Schaefer at 314-487-7970 ext.1254 so we can begin making some concrete plans to return Holy Mass to the residents as soon as possible.

Church Etiquette

In the meantime, since there is still some risk to vulnerable parishioners, please be mindful of others. As more people are returning to Mass, those who commonly sit on the end of the pews are asked to be mindful others may want to sit in your pew. It has been noted that for months, three or four people to a pew has been sufficient to accommodate everyone, but now, while half the pews are still roped off, we need to be mindful of those who do not have a place to sit. Please continue to social distance, but welcome others into the pew with you.

In Memoriam

Many parishioners pass away each year, and each of them contributed to the life of the Church in their own way, but sometimes an individual dies who had made a major impact on the parish and we all owe them our gratitude. Mr. Don Grant, a parishioner for 56 years, passed away last week. Don and his wife, Marlene, have been extremely supportive of Assumption parish and school. Before Don died, he and Marlene established a memorial scholarship fund to honor their son, Brett, who died in 2016. Their love of Catholic Education will be shared with the children of Assumption for many years to come. Please remember Don in your prayers.

Kenrick Seminarians

This year, it has been more difficult to get to know our Sunday Seminarians because quarantines at Kenrick interrupted the schedule, but thankfully, they have been back to the regular schedule since Christmas. However, Austin Sudkamp has decided to return to his home in Springfield, Illinois. We wish him well and are grateful for his willingness to enroll in the seminary and try out a vocation to the priesthood. Meanwhile, Eric Frieb and Rob Lawson will be with us to the end of the semester. Keep praying for vocations to the priesthood!

God bless, Fr. Keller

FREE REGISTRATION



VIRTUAL
CATHOLIC
CONFERENCE

SATURDAY MARCH 13

OUR 2021 CONFERENCE IS GOING VIRTUAL

OVER 50 GREAT SPEAKERS INCLUDING:



RACHEL LEININGER



SR. BETHANY MADONNA



JANUARY DONOVAN

LEARN MORE AT:

WWW.CATHOLICWOMENFORCHRIST.ORG

[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 13th 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, 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 or call Patty Schaefer at 314-960-8499.



[40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil](#) [—Sunday, March 28](#)

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

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.

For more information on the 40 Days for Life, go to 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.



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Checking account—the cost is 15 cents for the entire transaction whether a \$10 card or a \$2,000 card is purchased. Less expensive than the cost of a check! Best deal is to purchase multiple cards at once. No extra charge. Fifteen cents for entire order.

Credit card—the cost to the buyer is 2.6%. Keep in mind the rewards of the credit card will still be earned while Assumption School will earn the rebate.

ADVANTAGES of this program:

Mobile App—Planning to do some remodeling, appliance purchasing, or lawnmower purchase? Try doing your price comparisons online or by visiting the stores, and then purchase a gift card for the store you want online as you are ready to check out. The gift cards are sent immediately to you. Use the mobile app “*RaiseRight Fundraising by ShopWithScrip*”. Using the app, a gift card can be purchased while standing in line to pay for the meal or item.

Secure—Gift cards can be stored in a phone or in your email. While a physical gift card can be lost or stolen, an online gift card has the advantage of remaining securely stored in your account on your phone or in your email.

To register with ShopwithScrip you will need Assumption School's code. That code can be obtained by emailing our Scrip Card Coordinator, Julie Connors at julconnors@yahoo.com. The code has recently changed and now can only be received from Julie.

Dierbergs and Schnucks gift cards are available for sale only in the Parish Office during office hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).



[Volunteers Needed for Homebound Phone Calls](#)

Do you have a heart for seniors? Can you be the one to share Christ's love with them by checking in with a phone call every once in while?

Please prayerfully consider helping with our outreach efforts to connect with 70+ and homebound parishioners! Our seniors are such an important part of our parish community and many struggle with loneliness. If you would like more information on how to get involved, please contact Stacey at mackostacey@gmail.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.



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



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
or Order at our
Drive-Thru!**

**March 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 14

March 4

March 21

March 8*

**Deadline earlier than normal.*

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March 7, 2021

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EVERYDAY HEROES

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