



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021



BUT WHOEVER LIVES THE TRUTH COMES TO THE
LIGHT, SO THAT HIS WORKS MAY BE CLEARLY SEEN AS
DONE IN GOD. - JN 3:21

4TH 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
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Holy Week & Easter

AT ASSUMPTION-MATTESE

March 28, Palm Sunday:

Masses as usual.

March 29-31,

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.

March 31, Spy Wednesday:

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

April 1, 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.

April 2, 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.”

April 3, Holy Saturday:

8 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass

April 4, Easter Sunday:

7:30, 9,10:30 a.m.
and Noon Masses
No 6 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass

March 7 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$374.00
Ash Wednesday	\$70.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$5.00
Easter Flowers	\$415.00
General Fund 2021	\$48,168.48
Maintenance Fund	\$45.00
Parish Gift	\$100.00
Partner in Education	\$275.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$225.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$40.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$35.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,082.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$20.00
Total	\$52,849.48

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 27 Assumption Women
Renew

March 28 Assumption 40 Days
For Life Vigil at
Planned Parenthood



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 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
March 15	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	George Kantis †
8 a.m.	Donald Blanton †
5:30 p.m.	Anton "Tony" Brandt †
March 16	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Rita Eddy †
8 a.m.	Vi & Al Camenzind †
5:30 p.m.	Robert Brush †
March 17	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Prayers for R.C.
8 a.m.	Tom Renaud †
5:30 p.m.	Anne Stecher –Skoff †
March 18	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Jim Eisenbeis †
8 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
5:30 p.m.	Linda DeClue †
March 19	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Joyce Mueller †
8 a.m.	Walter Rehm
5:30 p.m.	Albert Linnebach, Jr. †
March 20	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Alexander C. Ewy †
5 p.m.	Elizabeth Josef †
March 21	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	August Edward
9 a.m.	Delores Harant †
10:30 a.m.	James Dooley, Sr. †
Noon	John & Adeline Martin †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Larry Chott
Jerome Coleman
Irene Collette
Peggy Connelly
Cheri Geil-Cotner
John and Gen Deely
Tom and Barbara Deely
Sister Amelia DeMarco
John Diethelm
Mary Lou Distler
Wilma Dorsey
Fred Dulle
Timothy Dunn

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Christopher Konradt, USMC
Andrew Kremmel, USMC
Justin Lock, USA
Stephen Miloscia, USN
Ryan Nardin
Todd Nicely, USMC*
Ryan O'Neil, USA
Jordan Osmack
Daniel Parker, USA
Michael Rapp, USN
Derek Ryan
Timothy Scott, USMC
Austin Shields

Rest in Peace:

Dorothy Blumm
Jean Ohmer

Weekly Readings

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
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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



**Sunday, March 21
2:30 p.m. in Church**

In the month of July, we pray a living rosary and honor St. Joseph, whose feast day is celebrated March 19.

**Everyone will receive a
small loaf of blessed
St. Joseph Bread to take
with them!**

† 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

Personnel Changes

At the end of the week, a long-time Assumption employee, Denise Riek, will be transitioning from full-time to part-time and eventually, at some point, into retirement. Denise is difficult to replace; she has worked for Assumption for over 15 years and has served as our Parish Office Manager, but she did so much more than what was expected of her. Catholic parish employees often go beyond their job description, but Denise stands out even among them. Denise has served on many parish committees, provided leadership for major events, and has been a good steward of our finances and other temporal goods. She has been a friend to Assumption employees and parishioners alike, especially when one or the other needed to talk or needed guidance. We are grateful for Denise's love and devotion to Assumption Parish, and we are glad she will remain part of the Assumption family as a parishioner. Thanks for a job well done!

As Denise leaves, we are planning to reorganize some parish and school duties, particularly in the areas of facilities and personnel management and in financial controls. Assumption is not only a large parish with nearly 2,000 households, but we have over 100 employees. In order to give the priests more time for sacramental duties and educators more time to educate, we hope to shift some administration to a "Director of Facilities and Finance Operations." Denise will stay on as our bookkeeper and accountant while we break in the new director position, after which we will look for a new bookkeeper/accountant.

Good Friday

Every year on Good Friday, the priests hear confessions from Noon to 3 p.m. The three hours in the afternoon on Good Friday is a special time as we remember Jesus' suffering on the Cross. This year, in addition to Confession, we will observe the "Tre Ore" (Three Hours) with meditations in church. At Noon, we will have Stations of the Cross. Shortly after Stations concludes, and until 3 p.m., the afternoon will be punctuated with short Gospel Readings of the "Seven Last Words of Christ" followed by a short reflection. At 3 p.m., we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

You are welcome to come when you can and pray as long as you like on Good Friday between Noon and 3 p.m.

Fish Fry

Speaking of Fridays... the *Unstoppable Assumption Fish Fry* continues! Last week, we set a record number of \$17,650 in sales on one night! That translates into 1,514 meals (30 short of our all-time high). A total of 510 cars came through our drive-thru and pre-order lines. To put that in perspective – we served about 11 meals a minute or passed 200 cars through per hour. That is twice as many meals as Chick-Fil-A does! Needless to say, Assumption volunteers are the absolute best!

God bless, Fr. Keller



Our Lady
Help of Christians
Adoration Chapel
Open 24/7.
(Contact the Parish Office
for the keycode.)



40 Days for Life
Prayer Vigil
on 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.



Volunteers Needed for Parish "Mowing Crew"

Do you enjoy being outside? Do you want to help keep our parish grounds looking beautiful and well-cared for? We are in need of volunteers to help mow the grass and do other yard work at the parish. The mowing crew meets on Wednesdays and will tentatively start on Wednesday, March 25th. Interested in helping or want more information? Call Ken D. at 314-406-0511.



Stations OF THE Cross

Fridays during Lent
at 2:15 p.m. or 7 p.m.

In-person & Livestreamed at AssumptionLIVE.com

Scheduling Note: The grade school is on Spring Break this week, but we will STILL have Stations of the Cross at 2:15 PM on Friday, March 19. Any parishioners who wish to attend may sit anywhere in the church!





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

March Mulching Madness

It's springtime —and that means all the flower beds around the Assumption campus need to be mulched! Weather permitting, we will spread the mulch on Saturday, March 27th. We will start mulching after 8 a.m. Mass and we will be done by Noon-time. If you have a wheelbarrow, rakes and any other tools that can be used to spread mulch, be sure to bring them with you. If you have any questions, call Tim at 314-807-0510.

Mass Capacity Due to COVID

In accordance with 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 COVID cases: go to STLCorona.com.

Spiritual Direction Now Available at Assumption!

Spiritual Direction is an accompaniment with another on one's faith journey towards a deeper intimacy with Christ. It refers to a relationship which is more like spiritual companionship where the Director listens with the intent of helping the Directee recognize how the Holy Spirit is leading and working in one's life. The emphasis is on helping the Directee develop a good prayer life and a closer relationship with God. Growth in spiritual life, making good decisions about personal circumstances, and recognizing that God has a special and distinct plan for each person's life are discussed and prayed about in spiritual direction.

This program has the support of Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski and Archbishop Emeritus Robert Carlson and guidance and leadership of Jane Guenther, M.Div., Director of Catholic Renewal Center. The first group of Spiritual Directors in this new program have completed their training and have been commissioned as Spiritual Directors for our Archdiocese. One of the new Spiritual Directors is an Assumption parishioner, Rita Baughman. If you are interested in knowing more about this ministry at our parish, please contact the Parish Office at 314-487-7970.



Evening Daily Mass

M-F at 5:30 p.m.

during Lent

Assumption-Mattese Catholic Church

4725 Mattis Rd. St. Louis, MO 63128

LIVING WITH LOSS: Widow/Widower Support Group

If you are widowed and are trying to learn how to Live with Loss, come and join others who understand what you are experiencing. We will give you a safe place to express your grief and you will meet others who are or have been, where you are. It will be a time for those dealing with the loss of a spouse to come together and share their challenges and triumphs. You do not have to be newly widowed to attend. We know that grief is ongoing. We also know that it is in sharing our stories that we help others to get through this most painful time. **We will practice social distancing and you will need to wear a mask. Because of COVID, there will be no refreshments served.** We meet on the third Sunday of the Month (March 21) in the Rectory basement (side door along Mattis) from 10:15-11:45 a.m. Our next meeting will be on March 21. Call Bobbi Farley at 314-805-1827 for more information.



March Catholic Radio-A-Thon

The Radio-A-Thon for our local Catholic radio station is coming up soon! On Monday, March 22, from 4- 5 p.m., Parishioners **Bart & Marilyn Angeli** will be on the air!

You can listen to Covenant Network on the radio, online at ourcatholicradio.org and on the Covenant Network app! St. Louis area stations are AM 1460 and FM 96.7 (St. Louis Counties), AM 1080 and FM 92.7 (Metro East and St. Louis), FM 102.9 (St. Charles Co. and Washington), and FM 90.1 Gray Summit.

You can call and pledge at
314-752-7000.

Can't listen, but still want to give? Go to the calendar section of our website (AssumptionSTL.org) to download a pre-pledge form to fill out and mail in!

Journey Through Lent with Catholic Radio

As you journey through Lent, hopefully your hearts and minds have settled into the pattern of prayerfulness and penance and planning to care for the poor. Covenant Network can help you stay the course during this season of self-denial with inspirational and devotional programming including the daily Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers. You can also hear faith-nourishing programs on Scripture, the saints and Church history. Tune into AM 1460 or 96.7 FM this Lent to help prepare your heart for Easter.

Save the Date!

**Saturday,
March 27th at 10 a.m.**

ASSUMPTION WOMEN
Renew

In the church & livestreamed!



Talk by Catholic speaker,
Rachel Leininger,
on entering into Holy Week
after a year-long Lent!

Worship Music
by **Cecilia Detwiler!**

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

RSVP @ AssumptionSTL.org/Renew

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 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 21	March 8*
March 28	March 18

**Deadline earlier than normal.*

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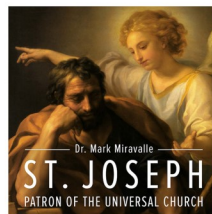
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 14, 2021

LISTEN

ST. JOSEPH: PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH BY MARK MIRAVELLE

St. Joseph, the holiest of the patriarchs, serves as a model of fatherhood, obedience, chastity, and so many other virtues. Join Dr. Mark Miravalle as he shares incredible lessons found in the hidden life of Joseph.



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