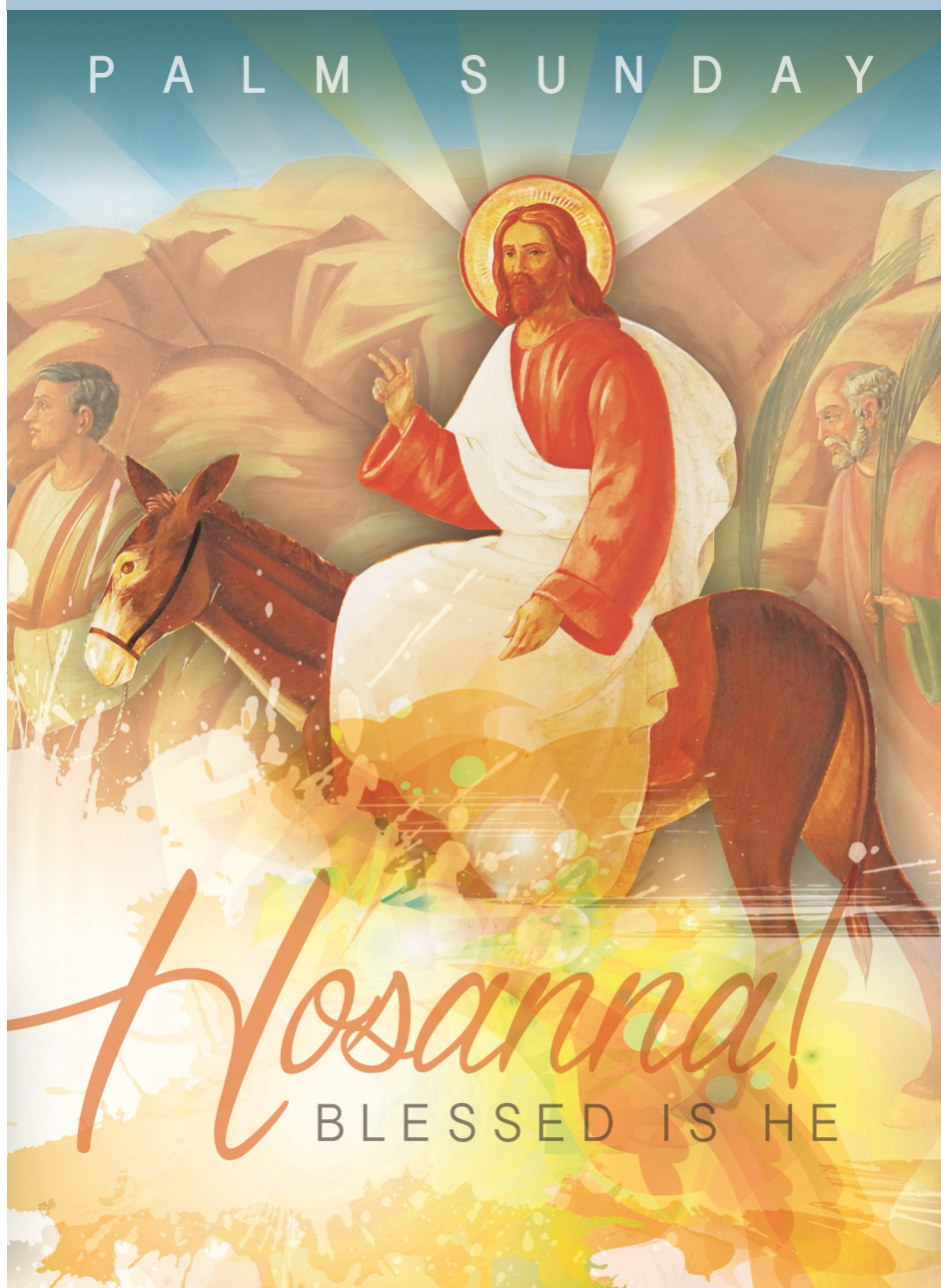




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 28, 2021



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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March 14 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$205.00
Ash Wednesday	\$75.00
Easter Flowers	\$210.00
General Fund 2021	\$17,857.58
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Parish Gift	\$503.00
Partner in Education	\$315.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$35.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$35.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,001.00
Total	\$20,256.58

March 21 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$458.00
Ash Wednesday	\$7.00
Easter Flowers	\$132.00
General Fund 2021	\$18,208.50
Lifeline Coalition	\$50.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Parish Gift	\$100.00
Partner in Education	\$118.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$80.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Retired Religious	\$5.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$35.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,652.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$100.00
Total	\$20,955.50



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.

Holy Week & Easter

AT ASSUMPTION-MATTESE

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.
 & Noon Masses in church
 10 a.m. Outdoor Mass (see page 4!)
 No 6 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass

Mass Intentions †

March 28	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Shirley Wnuk †
9 a.m.	Tom Connelly †
10:30 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
Noon	Dorothy Otradovec †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
March 29	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
5:30 p.m.	George Kantis †
March 30	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Robert Will †
8 a.m.	Roy Ottenlips †
5:30 p.m.	Joyce Mueller †
March 31	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Tom & Dorothy Figliola †
8 a.m.	Elizabeth Josef †
5:30 p.m.	Alexander C. Ewy †
April 1	THURSDAY
7 p.m.	Barbara Reagan †
April 2	FRIDAY
	No Mass
April 3	SATURDAY
8 p.m.	Rosemary McVey †
April 4	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Vince Domagalski †
9 a.m.	Tim Mooney †
10:30 a.m.	Bob Schaefer †
Noon	People of the Parish
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Maureen Mattingly
Bill Henzey
Sheree Henzey
Roxanne Holdegraver
Richard G. Horn, Jr.
Barbara Huber
Amy Hufker
Jean Huston
Lorraine Jackson
Harold Johnston
Julie Kauffmann
Carol Koller
Elizabeth Kelly

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Matthew Kren, USA
Max Kren, USMC
Isaiah Angeli, USMC*
Davey Ardrey, USAR
Raymond Bast, USN
Ryan Boedeker
Kyle Bottorf
Robert Bryant III, USAF*
Dustin Burnett, USAF
Dominic Catalano
Dakota Chappel
Lauren Chellis, USN
Michael Cole

Weekly Readings

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or

Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

† 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

Holy Week

Everyone is welcome to attend Holy Week liturgies in-person or online at AssumptionLIVE.com.

SPY WEDNESDAY:

6:30, 8 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Masses
6-7 p.m. – Confessions

HOLY THURSDAY:

10 a.m. – The *Chrism Mass* at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. You can participate online at ArchSTL.org or over the radio at 96.7FM.

7 p.m. – *Mass of the Lord's Supper* followed by adoration before the Altar of Repose until Midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY:

Noon-3 p.m. *Confessions and Tre Ore*
(the Three Hours Jesus hung upon the Cross)
This time is available for you to come when you can and stay as long as you like.

Noon – Stations of the Cross

1 p.m. - Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Jesus

2:55 p.m. - Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross

3 p.m. – Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:30-7 p.m. - Fish Fry. Preorder at AssumptionFishFry.org!

7 p.m. – *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*
(Passion According to St. John,
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

HOLY SATURDAY:

8 p.m. – *Easter Vigil*

Adoration Chapel Schedule

Holy Thursday – Chapel closes at 6:45 p.m. All Adorers from 8 p.m.-Midnight should go to church for Adoration before the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday and Holy Saturday – Chapel closed.

Easter Sunday – Chapel reopens after Masses at 1 p.m.

Easter Sunday Masses

As of publication, St. Louis County still limits our indoor capacity to 300. We ask parishioners to consider all of our Mass options, including the 8 p.m. Easter Vigil, so that everyone doesn't arrive at the same Mass.

7:30 a.m.

9 a.m.

10 a.m. – Outdoor Easter Mass
(On athletic field if ground conditions and weather permits, otherwise in Parish Center)

10:30 a.m.

Noon

No 6 p.m. Mass

Veiling of Sacred Images

I'm not sure anyone knows exactly when the veiling of devotional images during that last two weeks of Lent (Passiontide) began, and there's no "official explanation" why it is done. However, for anyone who has celebrated the liturgy in an environment with veiled images, it speaks to the solemnity of the moment as we approach the Sacred Triduum. The statues or pictures which are used for public devotion are veiled, but not necessarily every piece of liturgical art, so the images that are veiled are meant to be the beloved images that foster piety in the faithful.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal encourages the veiling of images in all churches: "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church

covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil (Fifth Sunday of Lent)."

The practice takes on a special significance as the veil of the crucifix is ritually removed during the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday revealing the Crucified One. It also adds to the celebration of the Easter Vigil when the saints are once again revealed as the lights are turned on for the singing of the Exultat.

Blessed Palms

The final Sunday of Lent is known as Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. As the Church's liturgy developed, Christians wanted to "relive" the experiences of Christ's Passion and Death. So, the liturgies of Holy Week took on different characters depending on the day. On the Sunday before Good Friday, Christians re-enacted the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem.

In the Holy Land, Christians met outside of Jerusalem with cut palms and carried them as the deacon read the Gospel of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem. Then the clergy led the congregation as they processed into the city for the celebration of Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

In some places in Germany and France, Catholics took cut flowers and branches and created outdoor paths for the priest to carry the Blessed Sacrament. Children would sing Hosanna to the Son of David and all would bow down and kiss the ground as the priest carrying the Sacrament passed by.

Today, each person holds a palm branch for the reading of the Gospel of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem. But the Gospel of the Lord's Passion is also read on this day and the palm becomes a bitter reminder how we welcome Jesus as a king only to crucify Him by our sins. Blessed Palms that are taken home should be placed behind a crucifix or statue. The Blessed Palms also become fuel for a fire the following year to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Tre Ore on Good Friday

The Gospel of John indicated that Jesus hung upon the Cross from Noon until he died around 3 p.m. Here at Assumption, we have Stations of the Cross at Noon and the priests will hear confessions from Noon until 3 p.m. on Good Friday. This year we are filling in the rest of the time with a beautiful old custom called the Tre Ore (meaning Three Hours). Occasionally, throughout the afternoon, one of the deacons will read short Gospel passages where Jesus speaks from the Cross. This is known as the "Seven Last Words of Jesus." As the three-o'clock hour approaches, the deacon will give a blessing with the Relic of the True Cross, and at 3 p.m. we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This is a very informal devotion, and you are welcome to come and stay as long as you like, but for whomever is in the church between Noon and 3 p.m., there will be meditations on the crucifixion.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

Every year the Church has a special collection for the Catholics who live in the "Holy Land." The Holy Land is found in the State of Israel, the territory of Palestine and the Kingdom of Jordan. The Catholics who live in these places are descendants of early Christians who lived in that area or they are descendants of Christians who, out of great piety, moved to the Holy Land during the Crusades. These Christians are the living connection we have with the places that Jesus, Mary and other Biblical figures knew. These Christians live in communities that are predominantly Jewish or Muslim. Unlike here in the United States, religion defines much of what is open to individuals and being a minority makes life difficult for Christians in the Holy Land. Unfortunately, Covid-19 has stopped all pilgrimages to the Holy Land and as a result, left many Christians there without incomes. It has also left the Shrine Churches empty and without a source of revenue. Please consider a generous donation to support our Catholic brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. They protect the heritage we imagine each time we read the Bible.

God bless, Fr. Keller

Baptisms



Congratulations to Rae on her Baptism on March 14, 2021! Pictured with Rae are her parents, Riley & Alycia and her godparents, Rick & Jena.



Kassidy was received into the Church on March 21, 2021 at her Baptism. Pictured with Kassidy are her parents, Jeff & Kelsey, and her godparents, Kevin & Lauren.



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.

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.



Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

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

Church Cleaning Volunteers

Assumption is in need of a few volunteers to do light cleaning in the church and sacristy! Usually, this is done in teams of two who are scheduled to clean once every 10 - 12 weeks for 1 1/2 - 2 hours. It includes light dusting of statues, stations, sacristy, sanctuary floor, etc. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Judy at 314-712-2970.

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.

Knights of Columbus Fisher House Benefit Golf Four Person Scramble Saturday, May 8, 2021



Why?

- ♦ The 20-suite "Fisher House in St. Louis" on the JB VA Campus is operating at a 95% occupancy rate.
- ♦ Fisher House provides free lodging so families can be together while their soldier receives treatment.
- ♦ You can help us support these military families!

Where?

- ♦ Forest Park Golf Course, 6141 Lagoon Drive, Saint Louis, MO 63112

When?

- ♦ Saturday, May 8, 2021, 7:30 am shotgun start, (registration 6:30 am, coffee, donuts, etc.)



- ♦ **Per golfer ENTRY of \$100.00**
- ♦ Includes 18 holes, cart, free beverages on-course, longest drive from the white, yellow and red tees and one (1) mulligan per player!
- ♦ **Prizes** for three (3) flights and two (2) closest-to-the-pin holes!
- ♦ Burger, hot dog, brat buffet with two sides and beverage!
- ♦ **EXTRA!** Raffle items and 50/50!
- ♦ **Mail Fr. Griffin Knights golf registration form and check payable to "K of C 3586" by Friday, April 30, 2021 to: Tim Hessel, 4780 Titan Ct, St. Louis, MO 63128**

Questions? Call Gary Lottmann, 314.968.3787 or Tim Hessel, 314.807.0510 or visit www.kofc3586.org

Golfer #1: Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Golfer #2: Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Golfer #3: Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Golfer #4: Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Not a golfer, but wish to help?

- ♦ **Sponsor a flag for \$250!** Name on signage at tee box and receive a frameable commemorative flag!
- ♦ **Sponsor a hole for \$125!** Your name will appear on signage at the tee box!
- ♦ **Make check payable to "K of C 3586"** and mail to: John Lorentz, 4614 Gatesbury Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128
- ♦ **Provide logo or sign info via 314.892.2793 or e-mail fcaassoc01@aol.com**
- ♦ Please note: **The golf tournament will take place unless additional restrictions are implemented.**
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ADVANTAGES of this program:

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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).

[“Easter Bunny’s Amazing Day”: A Virtual Event for Kids](#)



For years we have had an in-store Easter event at Pauline Books & Media, but this year we are going virtual! Calling all kids to join us, the Pauline Sisters and local author, Cathy Gilmore on **Saturday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m.** as we help you prepare for Easter- virtually!

We will begin with a story time and read Cathy's much-loved book, *Easter Bunny's Amazing Day*; we will give Jesus our fears, pray, sing and have fun! Don't forget to download your free resource book when you register. Call the Sisters at 314-965-3512 for more information.

Online registration can be found on our St. Louis bookstore homepage at www.Pauline.org/Catholic-bookstores/ID/115. Be sure to take a look at Cathy's website: www.VirtueHeroes.com/EasterBunnysAmazingDay. “See” you soon!

Shuttle Bus for Seniors

**Are you a senior
who needs a ride to Mass?**

Our Assumption Shuttle Bus is back to picking up riders for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass every other week. To sign up, go to AssumptionSTL.org/shuttle or contact our Transportation Coordinator, Judy Talleur, by calling 314-487-7970 x 1228 or by emailing ShuttleBus@AssumptionSTL.org.



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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
April 4	*March 22
April 11	*March 31

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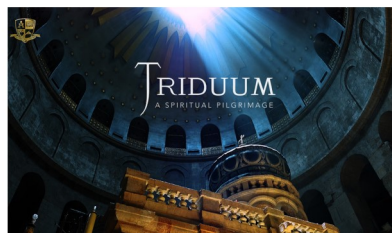
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March 28, 2021

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