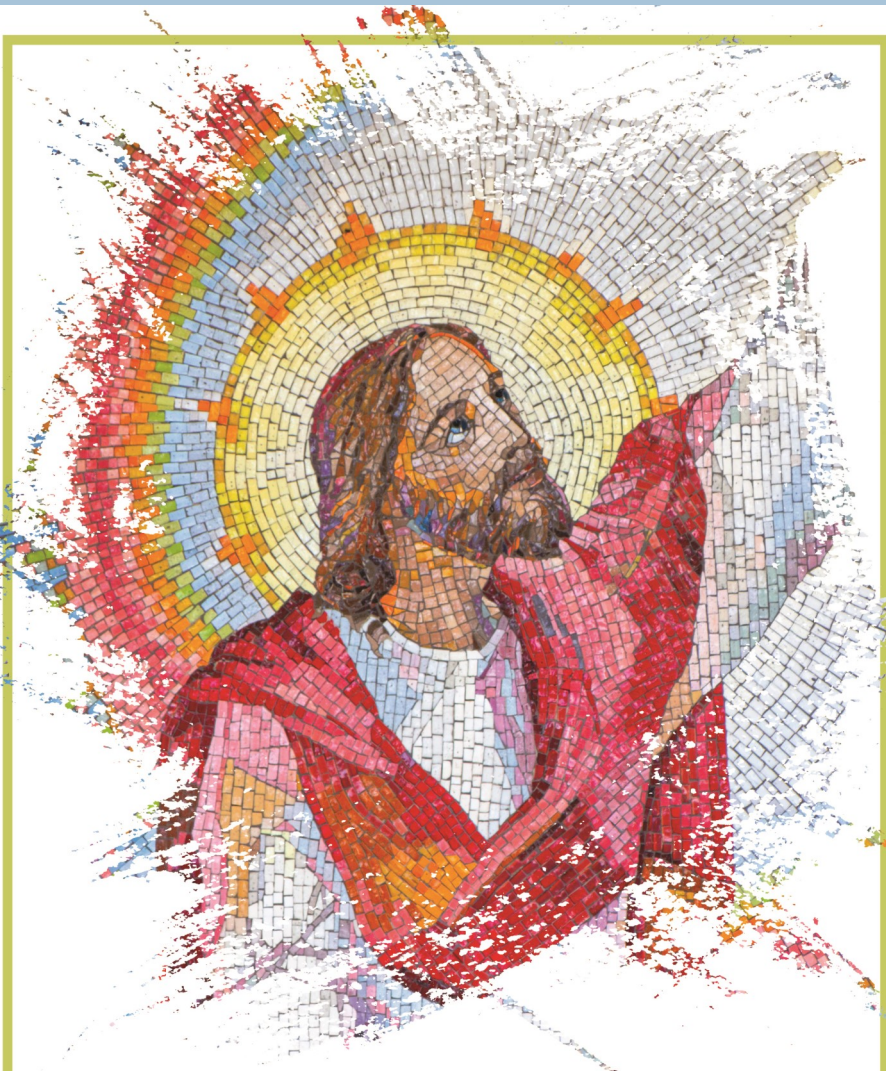




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021



"EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW
OF MOSES AND IN THE PROPHETS AND PSALMS
MUST BE FULFILLED." —LK 24:44

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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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Easter Vigil Sacrament Recipients



Congratulations to our 2021 group of RCIA participants who received one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil! From left to right, we want to extend a warm welcome to Fernando Merino (Confirmation), Kelly Foerstel (Confirmation), Gavin Foerstel (First Communion), Megan Morrison (Baptism, Confirmation, & First Communion), & Michelle Stalzer (Baptism, Confirmation, & First Communion)!

April 11 Stewardship

#Assumption Together	\$100.00
Easter	\$1,055.00
Easter Flowers	\$25.00
General Fund 2021	\$19,822.04
Holy Land	\$452.00
Maintenance Fund	\$36.00
Partner in Education	\$140.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$35.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$15.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,440.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$5.00
Total	\$24,125.04

Special Events

May 8 K of C Golf Tournament
June 5 Parish Picnic (Tentative Date)
June 19 Assumption Women Renew

Baptisms



Elijah was received into the Church on April 11th at his Baptism! Pictured with Elijah is his mother, Erica, and his godparents, Charles & Kailie.



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

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.



Congratulations to Eleanor on her Baptism on April 10th! Pictured with Eleanor are her parents, Andrew & Jessica, godparents, Stephen & Lynn, her siblings, and Deacon Dave.

Mass Intentions †

April 18	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Joseph Tocco †
9 a.m.	Shirley Wnuk †
10:30 a.m.	Anthony Melenbrink †
Noon	Patrick D. Scott †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
April 19	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Walter Brandle †
8 a.m.	Fred Moore †
April 20	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	James Allen †
8 a.m.	Weldon Zoellner †
April 21	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Joyce Mueller †
8 a.m.	Donald Blanton †
April 22	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Albert Linnebach, Jr. †
8 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
April 23	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Vincent & Marie SanFilippo †
8 a.m.	Craig Wnuk †
April 24	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Odelia Stroup †
5 p.m.	Nick Winston †
April 25	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Gaye Jones
9 a.m.	Tom Connelly †
10:30 a.m.	Tony Melenbrink †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Joyce Mueller †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Jean Kovarik
Judith Metzger
Arthur Miller
Carole Ann Miller
Debbie Moriarty
Mary Morrow
Rosalyn P.
John Paquet
Jim Penrose
Ed Perniciaro
Lois Pitchford
Mary Ann Pizzo
Pauline Pizzo

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Daniel Parker, USA
Michael Rapp, USN
Derek Ryan
Timothy Scott, USMC
Austin Shields
John Siebert
Todd Smick, USN
Aaron Stryak
Robert Stockwood, USMC
Andrew Titus, USN*
Matthew Titus, USN*
Eddie Torres, USAF
Marti Torres, USAF

Rest in Peace:

William Bradley
Bernie Zander

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Mass Capacity Due to COVID

In accordance with St. Louis County, all Archdiocesan churches in the county have moved 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.

† 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

Happy Anniversary!

Assumption Early Learning Center will turn 20 years old on April 29th! Way back when Monsignor Dempsey was pastor of Assumption, the parish discussed starting a new Catholic Education apostolate, but it was Fr. Blake who opened the AELC with just 4 children. At the time, many archdiocesan parishes were beginning to add Pre-K programs as feeders to their grade schools. But the Assumption Early Learning Center was envisioned as more than just a childcare program that lets the children play all day; it was meant to be a place that deliberately engages the children's physical, emotional, educational and even spiritual needs.

Mrs. Shelley Michael is the AELC director, and she has led the program since its very beginning. Her vision for engaging very young children on every level of development has shaped the program and made it the success it is today. Together with assistant director, Mrs. Julie Coughlin, the dedicated AELC staff cares for 110 children, ages 6 weeks to 5 years, year-round.

Oftentimes nowadays, both parents work, and so this program is a great service. Some single-income families choose the AELC to give their children the advantages of socialization and structure. Children are formed to develop critical-thinking abilities, cultivate social skills, and play creatively. In a world where children often get sucked into iPads at very young ages, the AELC works to develop their imaginations and motor skills. The staff works closely with parents to help children reach their potential at every stage of development. The AELC children learn to pray, participate in our Catholic liturgies, and recognize our sacramentals.

The AELC begins with infants. Some of the children in our grade school started with us at 6 weeks old! My best friends each year always seem to be the toddler class, since they always seem really happy to see me. Life as a pastor is often isolating and bereft of affirmation, but when you walk through a door and everyone jumps up and down and says, "Fr Keller's here!", you call them friends!

The AELC was originally located in the former convent (now called the Salesian House). Now the AELC is integrated into the Grade School building in order to give parents a greater sense of belonging to the Assumption Family, to allow for additional space, and to consolidate meal programs and other services. Annually, about 80% of our AELC Pre-K graduates go on to become Assumption kindergarteners. This is one big reason our grade school has seen such a large increase in enrollment in recent years. The seamless curriculum from the AELC to the grade school gives students an advantage in those early years. The unified leadership between our principal, Mrs. Sykora, and Mrs. Michael, our AELC director, gives parents confidence that their children are receiving the best care and education possible.

The AELC also gives the parish an opportunity to reach out to young families and invite them to become more involved in parish life. Many of the young families we see at Mass on Sunday are AELC families. We always have to remember that the primary reason parishes offer educational programs and children's activities is so families can come to know Jesus Christ, become living members of His Body, the Catholic Church and be happy with Him forever in heaven!

Assumption Parish has a lot of excellent programs, let's get ready to celebrate one of the best.

Assisting our Seniors

As we are coming out of Covidland, Assumption would like to start a volunteer Health Ministry. We are looking for health care professionals who would be willing to meet once a month to help assess and determine the best way to meet the health needs of our parishioners. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Dalton at 314-852-3404. Meanwhile, as coronavirus cases continue to drop and more seniors have access to vaccinations, Deacon Dave and our Senior Ministry Core Team will be looking forward to resuming some activities for our seniors.

Attention Delmar Gardens South Volunteers

We plan on beginning Wednesday Masses again at Delmar Gardens South on May 5th. This will be a great joy and spiritual consolation to the Catholic residents who have been without Mass for over a year due to the epidemic. Our volunteers are an important part of our parish ministry by helping gather the Catholic residents and visiting those who cannot leave their rooms. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Dave.

God bless, Fr. Keller



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.

St. Vincent De Paul Donations

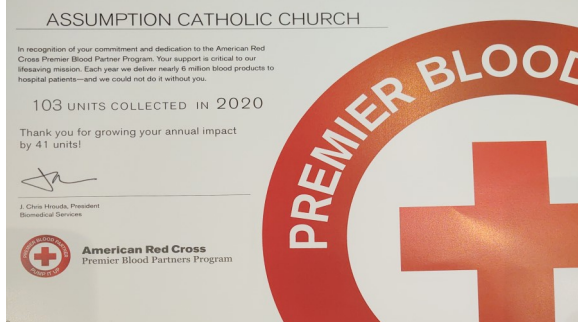
The Saint Vincent de Paul Monthly Food and Clothing Drive will be held on Saturday, April 24, from 8:30 a.m. till Noon. Please bring your donations to the Garage across from the rectory. Thank you!

Congratulations!

Congrats to Assumption 8th graders Ellie, Keith, and Savannah, who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their class for the Knights of Columbus religious essay contest! The topic was "What is my duty to the poor?". Congratulations to Ellie (seen here on the left) whose essay won 3rd place at the state level of the competition!



Certificate of Recognition



Blood Drive Recognition

The American Red Cross, who our parish partners with in order to collect life-saving donations of bloods for those in need, bestowed this "Certificate of Recognition" upon the parish for collecting 103 units of blood in 2020. We grew our annual impact by 41 units! Great job, Assumption!

All young adults are welcome to join Abide for a new



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ON THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES!

*Led by Fr. Staley & will include
Large Group & Small Group discussion!*

Bring your bible with you!

**Thursdays
@ 7 p.m.**
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**April 8 & 22
May 13 & 20
June 10 & 24**

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You can support the Assumption Grade School and Early Learning Center through our new gift card program! You can order popular gift cards at [ShopwithScrip.com](https://www.shopwithscrip.com). 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 cards are available at the Parish Office during office hours. This is great way to support Assumption, which will receive a small percentage of every purchase, without adding to your own expenses!

*Jesus said to them,
"Come and have breakfast" - John 21: 12*

8TH GRADERS!

YOU'RE INVITED TO

LUKE 18

APRIL 23-25

\$ 75.00

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[www.assumptionstl.org/
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*you donut want to
miss it!*

*it's gonna be
egg-celent!*



Volunteer Health Ministry Forming!

Assumption Parish is looking for health care professionals who would be willing to meet once a month to help assess & determine the best way to meet the health needs of our parishioners, especially our seniors!

Contact Sarah Dalton at 314-852-3404 for more information on how to get involved!



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Visit AssumptionSTL.org to register today for Online Giving !



KENRICK-GLENNON DAYS

A CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP FOR BOYS



Camp I (New 6&7th) Jun 1-3
Camp II (New 8&9th) Jun 3-5

Register Now!
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Camp One: New 6th & 7th (Fall 2021) Grade Boys, June 1-3

Camp Two: New 8th & 9th (Fall 2021) Grade Boys, June 3-5

Junior Counselors (10th-12th Fall 2021): May 31-June 5

We're thrilled to bring KGD back after the pandemic. We are planning to host an overnight camp and we will be following St. Louis County protocols and guidelines from the Center for Disease Control that are set in place at the time of camp. As you know things are always subject to change. We will do our best to keep you informed.

Since 1999, Kenrick Glennon Days (aka KGD) has been a fun summer camp for boys at the seminary. Hosted by seminarians and high school "Junior Counselors," KGD helps middle school students consider the possibility of a priestly vocation. Check in time for Session I & II will be at 3 p.m. Check-out time for both sessions will be at 11 a.m. Questions? Email Renae at Rnovak@archstl.org or call 314-792-6465.

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.**
Please refer to the Council website for current information: www.kofc3586.org

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
April 25	April 15
May 2	April 22

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April 18, 2021

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