



4th Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

Happy 20th Anniversary
 to the **Assumption**
Early Learning Center !



1st Pre-K Class, 2001



Pre-K Class, 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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Happy Anniversary!

Grace & Leonard Factor celebrated their 73rd anniversary on April 24th. Congratulations!

Baptism



Congratulations to Michael on his Baptism on April 18th. Pictured with Michael are his parents, Thomas & Stephanie, his older brother, Anthony, and his godparents, Justin & Katherine.

April 18 Stewardship

#Assumption Together	\$3,535.00
Easter	\$395.00
Easter Flowers	\$25.00
Fill the Gap—Parish School 2017	\$40.00
General Fund 2021	\$18,676.00
Holy Land	\$35.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Partner in Education	\$50.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$20.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,113.00
Total	\$25,717.00

Special Events

May 8 K of C Golf Tournament
June 5 Parish Summer Barbeque
June 19 Assumption Women Renew

New Women's Faith-Study starting soon over ZOOM!

A new women's group is forming to study the Catholic faith, using a series from FORMED.org. This group will meet virtually over ZOOM on Mondays from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., starting on May 3, 2021, and it will meet weekly for several weeks (end date TBD). Please email mackostacey@gmail.com for more information or to sign-up and receive the ZOOM link!



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.



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.

Mass Intentions †

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 †
April 26	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Dr. Robert McHugh †
8 a.m.	Walter Rehm
April 27	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Claudene Chunn †
8 a.m.	Al & Vi Camenzind †
April 28	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Alexander Ewy †
8 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
April 29	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	John & Frances Meagher †
April 30	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Joe & Theresa Bellosi †
8 a.m.	Matthew & Kate Angeli
May 1	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Carol Nerl †
5 p.m.	Donald Blanton †
May 2	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Frank Boyer †
9 a.m.	Harold Fleischmann †
10:30 a.m.	Dennis Menos †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Alexander Ewy †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Bert Pohl
Ron Pohl
Michelle Powers
Ann Prasuhn
Jerry Pyle
Agnes Reichert
Hubert Reichert
Chris Roche
Scott Rositz
Kathryn Rothweil
Patricia Rudolf
Dan S.
David & Teresa Samuels

OUR MILITARY

*denotes parishioner

Jenna Welchlen, USA
Steven Wodraska, USN
Nicole Wright, USA
Joshua Zarr
Tim Andrews, USCG
Isaiah Angeli, USMC*
Davey Ardrey, USAR
Raymond Bast, USN
Ryan Boedeker
Kyle Bottorf
Robert Bryant III, USAF*
Dustin Burnett, USAF
Dominic Catalano

Rest in Peace:

Barbara Foster

Weekly Readings

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

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14 *St. Joseph the Worker:* Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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

Welcome Deacon Jim Sigillito!

This week, Deacon Jim Sigillito will start work at Assumption. Unlike our other parish deacons who serve the liturgical and pastoral needs of our parishioners, Deacon Jim will serve the administrative needs of the parish. Deacon Jim won't be at the altar on the weekends like our other deacons; instead, he will work in our parish office Monday-Friday and attend parish administrative meetings. His position will be called the Director of Operations and Finance. This position will be responsible for assisting the pastor in the oversight of facilities, employees, and finances.

He will be replacing our Office Manager, Denise Riek. Although Fr. Seper hired Denise to be our parish bookkeeper and to manage the parish office, she has done much-much more for the parish. As she prepares to move on, it is important that her replacement is capable of doing everything she did. Denise will stay on until Deacon Jim is settled in and our day-to-day bookkeeping is covered. Deacon Jim served for 13 years in this position for another large parish and most recently has been assisting a Catholic charitable organization meet the challenges of operating in today's world.

I am using this occasion to officially consolidate the oversight of facilities, personnel, and finances into one position. Assumption may not be the largest parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, but it is one of the busiest! We have nearly 100 employees serving in the parish, Early Learning Center, Parish Grade School, and PSR. Many of our parish organizations have their own funds and budgets that need monitoring. Employee payroll, contracts, and day-to-day supervision require relentless attention to detail. We have multiple buildings requiring proactive maintenance planning to save us larger expenses in the future. Our multi-million-dollar budget needs constant monitoring to assure we are good stewards of your gifts. Since our cemetery is still active, it needs someone to coordinate with the contractors who prepare graves.

Deacon Jim will serve as an ex-officio member of our

Parish Council, Finance Council, Stewardship and Development Committee, Maintenance Committee and Cemetery Committee. He will also work with parishioners who serve on committees or in organizations that have their own funds.

I am extremely grateful to Denise for her tireless work at Assumption and am very hopeful that Deacon Jim will be the right fit for Assumption. Please pray for Deacon Jim, Denise Riek and for all our parish apostolates!

An Assumption Parish Barbeque with Friends, Food and Fireworks!

The ongoing government restrictions resulting from last year's pandemic limits our ability to have a traditional parish picnic. Currently, we are planning on a different approach. Instead of the rides, carnival games and the usual activities, we are planning a socially-distanced event that we are tentatively calling the "Assumption Parish Summer Barbeque". We plan to rent tents and tables to interested patrons, but we will have space for you to bring your own if you choose. Unless additional restrictions are added, we plan on the event occurring on Saturday, June 5, beginning with an outdoor Mass at 4 p.m. followed by food, drinks, and fun until fireworks around 9 p.m. In order to limit cash transactions, we will create a website (like the Fish Fry) to purchase most things in advance. More details to follow.

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 pandemic. 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

April 29th, 2021 marks **20 YEARS** of fun, learning, & growing at the AELC!



“All 3 of our girls have gone to AELC (including Rosemary, seen here on the right!). Elizabeth is the last one through and she is in preschool. We love that they learn kindness, independence, and how to incorporate God into their everyday lives at such a young age.

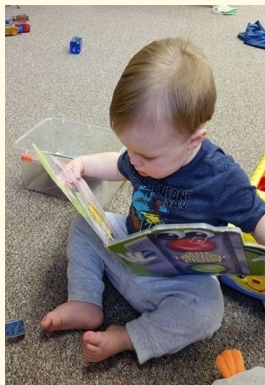
We love that they get messy, and we love seeing stains and a smile. The AELC keeps the kids on track with developmental screenings and works on skills that will help them excel in school. They support families both in school and outside of school and it has been a great experience overall!”

- Ann Byrd, Current AELC parent



We are so thankful for the staff and programs at the ELC. From as early as the infant room, our family was welcomed in the Assumption community. Our daughter Emma (now in 3rd grade at Assumption Parish School) loves that she still sees some of her infant and toddler teachers many weekends at church!”

- Angie & Paul Ryan, Former AELC parents



“Our son, Henry, attended Assumption Early Learning Center (AELC) from January 2015 as an infant, through his Pre-K graduation in June of 2020. The programming at AELC equipped Henry with the tools needed to succeed in Kindergarten and beyond. His development included emotional, physical, and faith components, including new friendships, new responsibilities, a relationship with God, and participation in Mass. From learning to share toys, to practicing self-help skills, and demonstrating inclusion and compassion – Henry has grown into a sweet, six-year old, with confidence to try new things and with a love for God and



others that makes his parents’ hearts full. The sense of community we acquired through this experience remains with us today, as Henry attends Kindergarten at Assumption Parish School, alongside many of the children and families we met during our early AELC days.” **- Sara Monks Geringer, Former AELC parents**

THY WILL BE DONE

Your generous support of the *Annual Catholic Appeal* will help bring God's abundant love to those we serve every day, as together we proclaim with one voice, *Thy Will Be Done*.

Please consider a gift today.



[2021 Annual Catholic Appeal](#)

When those in the world see us, see the Church, what do they see? How do they define us? Through our deeds and our actions, through the impact we make on others' lives. And so, when Jesus announces to the world that He is risen, he does not do it through pomp, through seeking attention. No, he does it through an act of charity. Through the healing of someone in need, giving of Himself and His gifts so that those who need it most may receive God's grace and mercy.

That leads Peter to proclaim, "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:8-12) When we show God's love to others, the joy is contagious. The Good Shepherd knows to lead His flock to where they will prosper, and all He asks is that we follow His holy will. We give of ourselves because He provided the ultimate sacrifice, we love others because His boundless love fills our cups until they are overflowing.

Through our collective support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, we can proclaim with one voice, Thy Will Be Done. The past year has brought considerable challenge and hardship to so many, but your generous support of the Appeal helped provide hope and support for our parishes and our entire community. Please, help our Church continue to make a positive impact in the lives of those who need it most. You can give or visit aca.archstl.org to learn more about how the Appeal uplifts the lives of those we serve.

[Mercy and Healing for Hurting Women:](#) [Project Rachel Day of Reflection Saturday, May 8](#)

Project Rachel, an Abortion Healing Ministry program of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, is holding a Day of Spiritual Reflection for women wounded by abortion. The day of reflection, which includes Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a light lunch, will be held in a confidential, prayerful setting in the St. Louis area on Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Marisol Pfaff, Project Rachel coordinator and certified spiritual director, will help participants realize the hope, love, and mercy of Jesus Christ. Encourage those wounded by abortion to accept this opportunity for healing by contacting 314-277-5057 or stlprojectrachel@archstl.org. Help spread the word on social media here: www.facebook.com/events/edit/157280516263007/. To learn more about Project Rachel, visit: www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/pastoral-care/project-rachel

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!



Easter is more than just one day on the calendar. It is an entire season, 50 days of re-joining in the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You can always count on Covenant Network to present the very best in Catholic programming to keep you focused. Tune in to KHOJ (AM 1460 or 96.7 FM) on the radio. Listen on the Covenant Network app on your phone or on our website: OurCatholicRadio.org.



Visit AssumptionSTL.org to register today for Online Giving!

ASSUMPTION ADULT SPORTS ARE BACK!!



**MEN'S SOFTBALL -
STARTS MAY 20, 2021**

Pick-up Games every Thursday night
at 7 p.m. on our Athletic Field!

WANT TO START A SPORT?

Email Ryan at brandt.assumption@gmail.com!

Co-Ed Young Adult (18-35) Retreat

White House Retreat in South County will be hosting a traditional Ignatian retreat specifically for men and women between the ages of 18 and 35. Fr. Anthony Wieck, SJ will direct this retreat, which takes place from the evening of Thursday, June 3rd to the afternoon of Sunday, June 6th. All meals and private lodging are provided for each person. The cost is \$150 per person and space is very limited. For more information and registration, visit www.whretreat.org/amdg or call 314-416-6400.

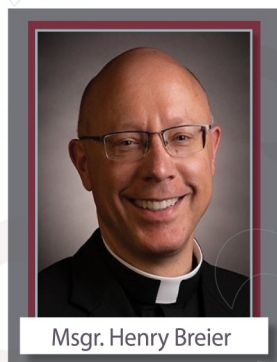
REFLECT: Catholic Retreat for Mid-Life Singles

Are you looking for a renewed sense of connection & purpose during this pandemic? REFLECT Catholic retreats for singles is for and about adults in their mid-30s to 50s. It's for those who want to know themselves better and discover more about their capacity for life as a single man or woman. It's an experience that calls us to believe in our value to the Lord, and to devote ourselves to caring for and serving others. Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, (20 min from downtown St. Louis), on June 4-6, 2021. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$210 including meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

END-OF-LIFE PLANNING EDUCATIONAL SERIES PRESENTED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

JOIN US FOR THIS THREE-PART SERIES

Preparing Yourself and Your Family



Msgr. Henry Breier

Legacy Planning



Mr. Ray Kreienkamp

Principles of Catholic Bioethics



Fr. Peter Fonseca

Register today at rcfstl.org/2021webinars



The Roman Catholic Foundation will host a new series of three LIVE educational webinars about end-of-life planning. This new series will once again be free to parishioners.

The dates and times for the webinars are:

Principles of Catholic Bioethics—Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Preparing Yourself and Your Family—Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Legacy Planning—Thursday, April 29, 2021

Each live webinar will begin at 7 p.m.

You can register online at RcfStl.org/2021webinars or by calling 314.918.2892.

Kenrick-Glennon Days: A Catholic Summer Camp for Boys

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. To register today, go to StlVocations.org. Questions? Email Renae at Rnovak@archstl.org or call 314-792-6465.



ASSUMPTION PARISH

Summer Barbeque

**SAVE
THE DATE!**

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021

Outdoor Mass at 4 p.m. followed by
Food, Friends, & Family Fun from 5- 10 p.m!

Fireworks **Drinks** **Kickball &** **Live Music**
BBQ **Parish Raffle** **Bags Tournaments** **Lawn Games**

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON
for this socially-distanced, summer celebration!

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
May 2	April 22
May 9	April 29

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PICK OF THE WEEK

April 25, 2021

WATCH

INTO THE BREACH

As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker this week, we encourage all men to watch Into the Breach, a groundbreaking series that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic today. Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's apostolic exhortation, Into the Breach challenges men to embrace the greatness we are all



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