



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

6th Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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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
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Show Your Support for the Hyde Amendment

The Hyde Amendment, contained in the federal government's annual appropriations legislation, prohibits federal funding of domestic abortions, except in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother. It is a bipartisan provision that has been part of federal appropriations since 1976 and enjoys overwhelming public support. In addition to being widely supported by Americans, Hyde and Hyde-related policies save lives and respect the consciences of Americans. However, these policies are now under grave threat of being repealed.

Show your support of the Hyde Amendment by going to www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com and signing the petition. You can access this website through a link that is contained on the parish home page at AssumptionSTL.org.

May 2 Stewardship

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| #AssumptionTogether | \$540.50 |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$10.00 |
| Diaconate Formation Fund | \$2.00 |
| Easter | \$75.00 |
| General Fund 2021 | \$31,079.97 |
| Holy Land | \$60.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | \$75.00 |
| Parish Gift | \$400.00 |
| Partner in Education | \$215.00 |
| Preserving Our Heritage | \$25.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$3,739.00 |
| Tithing for the Poor | \$10.00 |
| World Mission Sunday | \$2.00 |
| Total | \$36,233.47 |

Special Events

- May 16 Boy Scout Barbeque
- May 25 "The Search" Night #1
- May 31 Memorial Day Mass (9 a.m. Only)
- June 5 Parish Summer Barbeque
- June 6 Corpus Christi Procession
- June 19 Assumption Women Renew

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



**Sunday, May 16
2:30 p.m. in Church**

Join us as we pray a rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima!



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!



Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

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

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 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to register.

SCAM ALERT:

We've been informed that scammers posing as representatives of OSV, our online giving provider, have made calls in the area attempting to trick people into giving them credit card and other information. **OSV will never call or email you to change or correct an online donation, and never give a caller personal information.** Please stay safe and always remain vigilant when answering unknown callers!

Mass Intentions †

| May 9 | SUNDAY |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| 7:30 a.m. | Vince Domgalski † |
| 9 a.m. | Eleanor Catanzaro † |
| 10:30 a.m. | Thomas Connelly† |
| Noon | Shirley Wnuk † |
| 6 p.m. | People of the Parish |
| May 10 | MONDAY |
| 6:30 a.m. | Ernest Lewis † |
| 8 a.m. | Walter Rehm |
| May 11 | TUESDAY |
| 6:30 a.m. | Joyce Mueller † |
| 8 a.m. | Honesto & Victoria Veneracion† |
| May 12 | WEDNESDAY |
| 6:30 a.m. | Harold Tettembel † |
| 8 a.m. | Linda DeClue † |
| May 13 | THURSDAY |
| 6:30 a.m. | Theresa Pijut † |
| 8 a.m. | Al & Vi Camenzind † |
| May 14 | FRIDAY |
| 6:30 a.m. | Timothy Meagher † |
| 8 a.m. | Donald Blanton † |
| May 15 | SATURDAY |
| 8 a.m. | Motz Gapsch † |
| 5 p.m. | John & Frances Meagher † |
| May 16 | SUNDAY |
| 7:30 a.m. | Joseph Tocco † |
| 9 a.m. | Joyce Mueller † |
| 10:30 a.m. | Florence Sodomka † |
| Noon | Alexander Ewy † |
| 6 p.m. | People of the Parish |
| | † denotes deceased |

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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| Colleen Valley |
| Joanne Vasquez |
| Micheline Vendryes |
| Christina Vogler |
| Lloyd Wester |
| Mary Ann Wheatley |
| Olive Wilke |
| Pat Williamson |
| Eric Wolf |
| Sheri Oldani Zambruski |
| Anna Zuellig |
| Joshua Allen |
| Rick Allgeyer |

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

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|--------------------------|
| Josh Gregory, USAR* |
| Devon Harris, USN |
| Jason Hawkins, USMC |
| Chris Hemmelgarn, USA* |
| Victor Huber, USA* |
| Kaeli Kluesner, USAF |
| Christopher Konrad, USMC |
| Andrew Kremmel, USMC |
| Matthew Kren, USA |
| Max Kren, USMC |
| Justin Lock, USA |
| Stephen Miloscia, USN |
| Ryan Nardin |

Rest in Peace:

Garry Thomas Carmody

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Mass Capacity Due to COVID

As of May 6, 2021, the Archdiocesan policy continues to be that churches must limit their total capacity for public Mass to 50%.

For Assumption, this means that 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

Returning to Mass

We have seen Three Waves of parishioners returning after the long pandemic government lockdown. The first group returned immediately after Public Masses resumed, then we saw a second wave at the beginning of Lent, and now another wave as people are completing their vaccinations. If you have recently returned – WELCOME HOME!

As people return, there are a few common issues they want to discuss:

1. ***“Was it a sin to miss online Mass?”*** The answer is no. The Sunday Obligation was temporarily lifted by the Missouri Bishops, therefore is not a sin to miss Mass during this pandemic. Since our Sunday obligation cannot be fulfilled by participating online, it is not a sin to miss a livestreamed Mass. We are grateful to our Boy Scout Troup who had already made it possible to livestream the Mass here several years ago, as we were one of the few parishes with online Masses when the pandemic began!

2. ***“Why are the Mass books no longer in the pews?”*** At the beginning of the pandemic, there was fear that the virus lived a long time on surfaces. Also, since several church choirs around the country had passed the virus easily due to singing without masks, the Archdiocese of St. Louis decided to suspend all choirs and remove the song books from pews. This directive has not been changed. It seems a bit unnecessary now that everyone is supposed to wear masks and it has been found that the virus is not easily transmitted from surfaces. However, the Today's Missal is in a box in the back of church, so if you want a copy, it is yours! Please do not return it or leave it in the pew.

3. ***“I'm not comfortable receiving Holy Communion on the tongue.”*** Or ***“I'm not comfortable with others receiving on the tongue.”*** So far, there's no evidence that COVID-19 is easily transmitted via the reception of Holy Communion, even on the tongue;

and in fact, it seems that the virus is not transmitted during that brief encounter between the Communion Minister and recipient.

4. ***“When are doughnuts after Mass returning?”***

As soon as possible! The archdiocese asked parishes to suspend self-serve doughnuts, self-serve-meals, and potluck meals during the pandemic. Maybe we will start having doughnuts after Mass again if we can get a few volunteers to hand out the doughnuts with proper precautions.

5. ***“When are the ribbons on every other pew coming down so we can use the whole church again?”*** Even though St. Louis County permits 100% capacity, the six-foot social distancing rule still exists so the ribbons help with that. However, when the archdiocese permits the use of all the pews, the ribbons will disappear!

6. ***“Will parish activities resume soon?”*** Yes, within a few weeks, many summer activities will be announced. Some of our smaller groups are already beginning to meet again. Participants will be asked to follow the standard county guidelines in effect at the time of the meetings.

7. ***“What vaccines, if any, are acceptable for Catholics to receive?”*** Because the preservation of human life is a priority for the Church, in the face of a global pandemic, vaccines are permitted, even if the procurement of them is morally problematic. It is recommended to receive the Pfizer or Moderna COVID vaccines as they were not directly developed with aborted stem cells.

The experience of the pandemic has changed life for all of us, maybe forever, but a few things have always stayed the same—our commitment to worship God wherever we are, share the Good News of Jesus with all we meet, and care for others in Christ!

God bless, Fr. Keller



THE SEARCH

DO YOU WONDER WHY HAPPINESS IS FLEETING?

Join us, as we journey through the award-winning series, **THE SEARCH**, which is a new video-based program that explores life's big questions!

Assumption will be hosting **THE SEARCH** on 7 Tuesday nights this summer, at 7 p.m. in the Church Lower Level. The dates are - May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & July 6.

For more information or to Sign-Up as a participant, go to: AssumptionSTL.org/thesearch.



20th Annual
RUN
for life & learning
hybrid • 6k, 1 mile, 1/4 mile
June 5th, 2021

SAVE THE DATE! The Run for Life and Learning, benefiting Birthright STL, is June 5!

Join us for the in-person, socially-distanced event at Creve Coeur Lake on June 5. Or participate on your own anywhere, any time from June 1 through June 6. To register or donate, visit runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Please contact us at run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities.

Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education.



ASSUMPTION PARISH

Summer Barbeque

**SAVE
THE DATE!**

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021

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

BBQ

Drinks

Kickball &

Live Music

Parish Raffle

Bags Tournaments

Lawn Games

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



**THAT'S RIGHT - YOU CAN WIN \$2,500 OR \$1,400
IN OTHER CASH PRIZES!**

Assumption is selling \$25 tickets for a chance to win these great prizes
in our Assumption BBQ E-Raffle. Tickets are \$25 each
OR purchase 4 tickets and receive 1 additional ticket **FREE!**

Securely purchase your online tickets by going to AssumptionSTL.org/raffle!

Raffle Prizes

Grand Prize is \$2,500
2 Prizes of \$500 each
2 Prizes of \$100 each

2 Prizes of \$50 each
4 Prizes of \$25 each

Ticket sales will close at 8:30 p.m. CST on June 5, 2021. The Raffle Winners will be drawn on June 5th and announced during our BBQ. The raffle winners will be contacted by Assumption Catholic Parish within 15 days of the drawing. The Winners do NOT need to be present to win.



New Women's Faith-Study on "The Wild Goose" starting soon over ZOOM!

A new women's group is forming to study the Catholic faith, using "The Wild Goose" series from FORMED.org. This group will meet virtually over ZOOM on Mondays from 11 a.m.- 12:15 p.m., starting on May 10, 2021, (instead of May 3, which was previously announced) 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!

Synopsis on "The Wild Goose": The Wild Goose series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit from 4PM Media and The Ministry of The Wild Goose. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. This series features Fr. Dave Pivonka and other various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit. Find out more at 4pmmedia.com and thewildgooseisloose.com.



Marriage Retreat

As you make plans for summer vacation, remember your marriage NEVER takes a vacation. Help your marriage sacrament stay refreshed and full of energy by getting it recharged at a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. May 6 - June 17, 2021 (one evening per week- Thursdays) For more information contact: Jim & Kris McCulloch, 630-577-0778, or to apply go to wwme.org.

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!

At long last—a Get Together for Parishioners 50+!



Catch up with your fellow parishioners at an informal Get Together for those 50+ at the Concession Stand Pavilion by the upper athletic field.

Please bring your LAWN CHAIR, mask, SACK LUNCH and beverage!



Thursday, May 13th, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.
(Come any time, stay as long as you want.)

Social distancing guidelines will be observed!

In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled. Watch your email that day for updates!

Questions or want to be added to the Email List? Contact Stacey Macko at mackostacey@gmail.com or Joanna May at mayjoanna42@gmail.com or leave a message at 314-487-7970 ext. 1228.

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 in the Rectory basement (side door along Mattis) from 10:15-11:45 a.m. Our next meeting will be on May 16. Call Bobbi Farley at 314-805-1827 for more information.



Easter is more than just one day on the calendar. It is an entire season, 50 days of rejoicing 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.

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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.

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Good News Messenger

| Issue | Deadline (4 p.m.) |
|--------|-------------------|
| May 16 | May 6 |
| May 23 | May 13 |

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May 9, 2021

FORMED LIVE!

Feast of the Ascension

May 21st, 2020

FORMED LIVE: FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Join Drs. Tim Gray and Ben Akers as they discuss the feast of the Ascension! In this video, these two scholars provide powerful insights about the significance of the number 40, Jesus' conquest as the new Joshua, and the Kingship of Christ!

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