



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021



THEY WENT FORTH AND PREACHED EVERYWHERE.
—MK 16:20

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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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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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 However, these policies are now under grave threat of being repealed.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 9 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$300.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$5.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$10.00
Easter	\$45.00
General Fund 2021	\$20,498.58
Holy Land	\$35.00
Maintenance Fund	\$44.00
Partner in Education	\$80.00
Pro-Life Foundation	\$125.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$15.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$830.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$10.00
Total	\$21,997.58

Special Events

- May 16 Boy Scout Barbeque
- May 23 Outdoor Donut Sunday
- 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 After 6 p.m. Mass
- June 19 Assumption Women Renew

Welcome to Our Parish!

The Eigelberger Family
The Mahfood Family

Happy Birthday!

Happy 102nd birthday to parishioner Marie Gremaud, who celebrated her birthday on May 13th!



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



June 1 & 2—Fundraiser for Assumption Parish School at Liliana's Italian Kitchen!

On Tuesday, June 1st, and Wednesday, June 2nd, **Liliana's Italian Kitchen** (11836 Tesson Ferry Rd, St. Louis, MO 63128) will be donating 20% of their proceeds from their dine-in, carry-out, or gift card purchases to Assumption Home & School. Liliana's is open from 11 a.m.-9 p.m., so stop by on June 1st or 2nd for lunch or dinner and be sure to mention Assumption!

Mass Intentions †

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
May 17	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Vince Domagalski †
8 a.m.	James Allen †
May 18	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Timothy Meagher †
8 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
May 19	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Bob Valko †
8 a.m.	Salvador & Louella Destura †
May 20	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Garry Carmody †
8 a.m.	Robert Bergholtz †
May 21	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Mary Valko †
8 a.m.	Mary Sue Bruner †
May 22	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Mary Jean Lorentz †
5 p.m.	Domian Mueller †
May 23	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Frank Boyer †
9 a.m.	Dora Partney †
10:30 a.m.	Anthony Melenbrink †
Noon	Joyce Mueller †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Karen Altnether
Josefina Antenor
Michael B.
Clarence Bailey
Jinny Bailey
Vicki Baker
Jacob Bartola
Bernadette Bendall
Gary Bergholtz
Daniel Brady
Doris Brady
Linda Breck
Betty Bresnahan

OUR MILITARY

*denotes parishioner

Todd Nicely, USMC*
Ryan O'Neil, USA
Jordan Osmack
Daniel Parker, USA
Michael Rapp, USN
Derek Ryan
Timothy Scott, USMC
John Siebert
Todd Smick, USN
Aaron Staryak
Robert Stockwood, USMC
Andrew Titus, USN*
Matthew Titus, USN*

Rest in Peace:

Virginia Hill
Tim O'Neil

Weekly Readings

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
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17: 11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

ACA Grant for Assumption!

We are pleased to announce that Assumption Parish was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Annual Catholic Appeal Parish Incentive Program. Thank you for your support of the annual ACA!

† 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

The End is Near!

In just a few weeks our grade school will be ending another school year. Our 8th graders will be graduating on May 21st and our last day for the rest of the students will be on May 27. Our last PSR class for the year will be May 24.

It has been an exceptional year to say the least. Catholic Schools led the way, reopening on time in August despite a lot of uncertainty and unprecedented health precautions. As public-school districts remained closed for fear of the coronavirus, our Catholic school administration bravely put their trust in science, parents, and the staff to create a safe environment for the children. Prudence was the virtue they followed. Even though there have been some infections and several classes experienced the dreaded 14-day quarantine, the benefit of having in-person learning far outweighed the drawbacks.

I want to thank Mrs. Sykora, the faculty, and the staff for all they did to make this a successful school year. They had to interpret, apply, and integrate CDC guidelines, St. Louis County mandates, and Archdiocesan responses to the Coronavirus. Schedules had to be changed and new and unaccustomed protocols, like wearing masks, had to be followed.

School administration had to completely re-envision what a school looks like. Our maintenance staff, led by Mr. Matt Yates, had to refit classrooms and the cafeteria with plastic barriers and remove furniture to make greater space between students. Custodial routines had to be updated to accommodate additional cleanings.

Despite all this, some families, due to their situations, were not able to participate in in-person learning so the teachers often had to simultaneously conduct online classes, too. This required another level of supervision, communication, and, of course, it required a completely different style of lesson planning. It must have been exhausting!

Our PSR opened the year all virtual. Since our PSR students come from many different schools within the Mehlville and Lindbergh school districts, who were all virtual, it seemed better to open PSR virtually, too. But

as we were able to get a sense of how to provide a safe environment with the full-time students, we were able to slowly begin using our facilities for the PSR as well. Finally, the majority of the classes started meeting in church and then in classrooms during Lent and Easter. We are grateful for Miss Stringer and the PSR faculty.

What a year it has been! But we made it. The parents have been great. The students have been troopers. Everyone deserves a break.

Meanwhile, the Assumption Early Learning Center has been plugging away for almost a year. The first to reopen after the government mandated lockdown, the ELC has been providing childcare since June of last year. Thanks to Mrs. Michael for her leadership and for her staff who were have been truly "frontline workers" in the pandemic. Although the Grade School and PSR will get a break for the summer, our ELC is open year-round. Hopefully, they will lead the way in returning to normal just as they led us out of lockdown.

Finally, I want to thank our Assumption parishioners who have been extremely supportive throughout the reopening of the schools. Even though there are requirements for in-person attendance at Mass, everyone has been very supportive. The experience of life without in-person participation in the sacraments has been very challenging to both clergy and laity, but Fr. Weber and I never cancelled a single Mass, even when no one was in attendance. We knew that our livestream served our parish, as well as Catholics from all over the Archdiocese, and even the United States, because we were one of the few churches with livestream capabilities at the beginning of the pandemic. The long lockdown put a stress on our finances. Then fear of the unknown has made the reopening slow. However, the incredible response to our #AssumptionTogether Campaign and the generous return to regular Sunday giving further proves the strong commitment parishioners have to the parish and Catholic Education. It proves that the end is not near, but that Assumption has a bright and long future ahead!

Pray for an end to this pestilence! Hopefully it will not be long!

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.



Donut Sunday
is coming back **next week!**

Sunday, May 23

**Outside on the
Salesian house lawn!**



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

Our PRE-SALE is open NOW & will close at Thursday, June 3rd at 10 p.m.
PRE-SALE items include booth tickets, table & tent rentals, and dinner tickets.

Go to AssumptionSTL.org/bbq today to buy
PRE-SALE items or raffle tickets from the E-Raffle!



***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.



THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to the Assumption Youth Ministry M&M Fundraiser. I am blown away by your generosity! It is because of your giving hearts that we have an abundance of scholarship money for teens who normally wouldn't have been able to attend a retreat, so thank you! It is a gift to give these teens the opportunity to encounter our good and gracious Lord and it is because of *your support* that I am able to continue that mission.

God Bless,
Caitlyn Sextro



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.



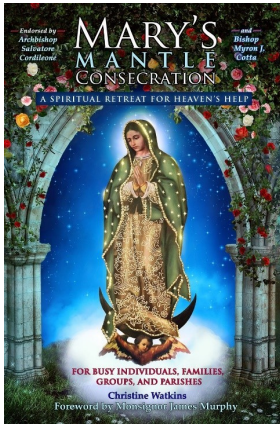
Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

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

FIAT Women's Group

All women are invited for prayer and a talk presented by a Kenrick-Glennon Seminary faculty member on the third Thursday of each month. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meetings are currently held virtually. On Thursday, May 20th, the program will include a rosary prayed by a live video call at 8:00 a.m. and a pre-recorded talk by Father Ben Sawyer to follow. To receive access to the live rosary prayer group and a link to Father Sawyer's talk, please sign up for Fiat emails at kenrick.edu/fiat.

Mary's Mantle Consecration Book Study Group



Does your prayer life need a boost? Do you want more strength, peace and hope in your life? Mary's Mantle Consecration might be an answer to your prayers! This is a 46-day self-guided retreat that will begin on July 2nd and end with Consecration to Mary on August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption! The book with the accompanying prayer journal can be purchased on Amazon.com or Queen of Peace Media. The retreat includes a brief, daily meditation on a Christian virtue or gift of the Holy Spirit, daily recitation of the Rosary and a special day of fasting. You will enjoy the prayer support from all those who follow the program. Participants will be divided into small groups with optional weekly meetings. This program can be done personally, as a couple or as a family. Small groups are forming today! Please contact Christine Grijalva, small group coordinator, by June 20th. Call or text to 314-607-8163 or email at missuscg@gmail.com.

ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE INTERN

**Do you have a passion to help lead
middle school teens closer to Christ?**

AYM is looking for a young adult that would be interested in an internship in youth ministry. Responsibilities would include planning and implementing the weekly 8th grade middle school program, Edge, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Want more information? Interested in applying?

**Contact: Caitlyn Sextro at
chickeyc@assumptionstl.org**

**Mass Capacity
Due to COVID**

As of May 13, 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.

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.

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Thank you for your support of the
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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
May 23	May 13
May 30	May 20

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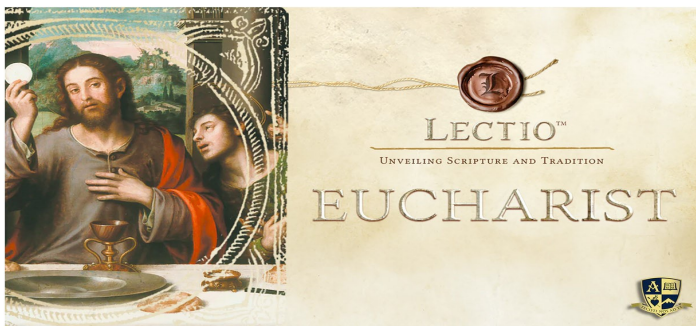
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PICK OF THE WEEK

May 16, 2021



LECTIO: EUCCHARIST WITH DR. BRANT PITRE

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"—these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater context of Church teaching? In this program, discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral part of God's plan for our salvation.

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