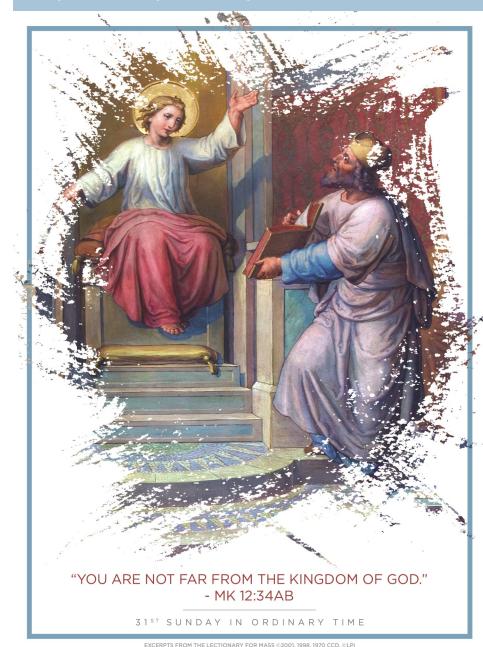




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 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. Buehler

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Our special Mass each year on All Souls Day evening will be held on Tuesday, November 2 at 7 p.m. in the church. A reading of the names will be said during the Mass to honor and remember our loved ones who died this year. All are welcome to come & pray with us!



Assumption Parish

Marian Pilgrimage

to the

Black Madonna Shrine in Eureka, MO

Saturday, November 6 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Theme: "Trusting in God's Plan"

Join us for an Assumption-Mattese Parish Pilgrimage to the Black Madonna Shrine (Our Lady of Czestochowa) in Eureka!

This day-pilgrimage will include **Holy Mass**, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, & the praying of the **Stations of the Cross** & the **Rosary**, as well as lunch! RSVP due by November 3. Cost to attend is \$10. *As much of this event will be outdoors, it is subject to cancellation in case of rain.*

RSVP & pay online at: www.AssumptionSTL.org/2021-marian-pilgrimage Questions? Contact John at: jjduenwald@gmail.com

Registering at Assumption

Assumption Parish (Mattese) warmly welcomes you to our family of Faith!
I/We would like to register at Assumption:
Nama

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.

Special Events

Nov. 1 All Saints Day 7 p.m. Mass Parish Office Closed

Nov. 2 All Souls Day 7 p.m. Purgatorial Mass

Nov. 6 Parish Marian Pilgrimage

Nov. 20 Fall Campus Clean-Up

Nov. 28 Ladies' Advent Tea

October 24 Stewardship

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#Assumption Together	\$422.50
All Saints	\$20.00
All Soul's Day	\$122.00
Diaconate Formation Fund	\$75.00
General Fund 2021	\$14,985.15
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Memorial Gift - School	\$50.00
Mission Society – October	\$150.00
Partner in Education	\$25.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$5.00
ProLife	\$125.00
ProLife Stewardship	\$130.00
Project Life	\$45.00
ProLife Foundation	\$1,275.00
Society of the Propogation of Faith	\$100.00
Sponsor A Family	\$525.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$640.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$183.00
World Mission Sunday	\$818.00
Total	\$19,705.66
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Mass Intentions †

October 31	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Tim O'Neill †
9 a.m.	Nick Winston †
10:30 a.m.	Norma Murphy †
Noon	Bernice Siebert †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
November 1	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Karen Krouse †
8 a.m.	Roy Ottenlips †
7 p.m.	People of the Parish
November 2	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	Danny Bahr †
7 p.m.	All Souls in Purgatory †
November 3	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Joan Klutho †
8 a.m.	Bob Seyer †
November 4	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Bob Previl †
8 a.m.	Raymond Sherman †
November 5	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Gene Gamache †
8 a.m.	Brett & Don Grant †
November 6	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Melissa Hill †
5 p.m.	Joan Klutho †
November 7	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Steve Riek
9 a.m.	James Allen †
10:30 a.m.	Joseph K. Kauffmann †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Don Grant †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL Larry Chott

Jerome Coleman

Peggy Connelly

Cheri Geil-Cotner

John and Gen Deely

Tom and Barbara Deely

Sister Amelia DeMarco

Mary Lou Distler

Wilma Dorsey

Fred Dulle

Timothy Dunn

Helen Enright

LeRoy Ettling

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Thomas Graham, USAF

Josh Gregory, USAR*

Devon Harris, USN

Jason Hawkins, USMC

Chris Hemmelgarn, USA

Victor Huber, USA*

Kaeli Kluesner, USAF

Christopher Konradt, USMC

Andrew Kremmel, USMC

Matthew Kren, USA

Max Kren, USMC

Justin Lock, USA

Fr. David Miloscia, USN

Rest in Peace:

Donald Scherrer

Weekly Readings

<u>Sunday:</u> Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps
112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps
27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps
145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps
146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/

Assumption Class of '71 Reunion

Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Were you part of the Assumption Parish School, class of 1971? They are planning their 50th reunion for November 27, 2021! If you want to attend, receive more information or help connect classmates from the class of '71, please contact Mark Riordan at MarkRiordan522@gmail.com or 314-520-4226.



Visit <u>AssumptionSTL.org</u> to register today for Online Giving!

† Usual contributions for Mass offerings are \$10. Please stop by the Parish Office to arrange to have a Mass offered.

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Pastor's Column Fr. Thomas Keller

All Saints Day & All Souls Day

This year, All Saints Day is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation because it falls on a Monday. The Missouri Bishops (along with most of the American Bishops) do not hold Catholics to the obligation of Mass attendance if All Saints Day falls on a Sunday. Why not? I guess I don't know either. Let's just move on.

Regardless, we will have a 7 p.m. Mass on November 1st to celebrate All Saints Day and everyone is welcome to come join in the great solemnity.

Families today often remember the anniversary of a loved one's death. Similarly, since earliest times, the Church has remembered the anniversary dates of the martyrs. These anniversaries became known as "feast days." It is a feast day because the martyrs who voluntarily died for believing in Christ were immediately welcomed into feast of heaven, even if they were a sinner. This may explain why so many Christians were willing to die for the faith!

As the number of martyrs increased, there weren't enough days in a year to commemorate all of them, so only the most popular and important were commemorated. If you attend Mass during the week, you will know when a martyr's feast day is celebrated because the priest always wears red vestments. Some of the dates of martyrs' feast days are very ancient and they are remembered year after year for their courage to die for Christ.

After the persecution of Christians ended, the Church began adding the names of holy men and women to the calendar, even if they were not martyred. At first, the reputation for holiness was all it took for the Church to remember the anniversary of their deaths with a special Mass. Eventually, to be certain that a person was in heaven, a process began to test the theory that someone is in heaven. It is known as canonization. The Church investigates the life of a person to see if they participated in the sacraments regularly and lived a life of heroic virtue (not ordinary virtue but heroic virtue). Then, the Church waits to see if miracles are attributed to the intercession of that person. The Church's canonization process continues today with new saints being added to the calendar. In fact, there are way too many saints for all of them to be remembered on a specific day in a year.

But there are also Catholics who lived quiet lives of virtue and died in a state of grace whom no one notices. These people are in heaven too. The Church is equally as proud of the humble person who loved God and neighbor, repented from sin and grew in virtue, as it is of a well-known, canonized pope!

So, All Saints Day is set aside to celebrate the lives of **all people in heaven**, known and unknown. All Saints Day is one of the days of greatest celebration in the Church. Hopefully, each one of us will be in heaven someday to join in the eternal celebration of the saints!

But as a reminder that unlike the martyrs who instantly go to heaven after their deaths, most of us must undergo a period of purification after death in order to be "perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." Purgatory is a place of hope, because having died in a state of grace, the soul is destined for Heaven, but it needs to be freed of the imperfections caused by sin first.

On November 2nd, we will pray for the dead at a special Purgatorial Mass at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

God bless, Fr. Keller

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September 27, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Numerous Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past age 70 benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Donations to this special collection provide funding that helps religious communities care for their aging members.

On the weekend of November 7, all parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Senior religious were influential in establishing Catholic parishes, schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies throughout our archdiocese and the United States. They initiated programs to promote social justice and ministered to the neediest among us. Many of our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little to no pay.

Today, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for a growing number of elder members. Increasing health care costs and decreased income make it difficult to provide necessary medical care, costly medications and basic services. Covid-19 has only increased the challenge to provide adequate care.

Please consider making a financial gift to assist with the care of our senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Many thanks for considering this request.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski

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Archbishop of St. Louis



Assumption Pro-Life Foundation

As we conclude Pro-Life month in October, we thank you for your prayers and the financial support provided by so

many Assumption parishioners. Donations made to Pro-Life can be designated toward the Assumption Youth Group, the Assumption Pro-Life Foundation or the general Pro-Life fund which support various Assumption Pro-Life initiatives. The Assumption Youth Group sends a group of students and parents to the annual March for Life each January in Washington, DC.

Each year, the Assumption Pro-Life Foundation provides approximately \$10,000 of financial support to ten local organizations which support a culture of life.

Foundation revenues in 2021-2022 will once again be distributed to the following ten organizations:

Our Lady's Inn, Birthright Counseling, Coalition for Life St. Louis, Thrive St. Louis, Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, Defenders of the Unborn, Vitae Foundation, Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life Billboards, The Archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate, & The Pregnancy Resource Center (South County)

Three levels of Foundation support are available:

- 'Gold Membership' at the \$125 level provides significant financial support to our Pro-Life beneficiaries and entitles an individual/couple to two seats at the annual dinner, plus eligibility for the monthly and annual cash drawings
- *'Silver Membership'* at the \$75 level provides moderate support to our beneficiaries and entitles an individual/couple to their choice of two seats at the annual dinner <u>or</u> eligibility for the monthly and annual cash drawings
- 'Bronze Membership' at the \$25 level provides basic yet vital support to our Pro-Life beneficiary organizations

An example of the use of general Pro-Life funds is our recent contribution of \$2,500 to the Knights of Columbus. These funds will specifically be used to help fund the Knight's Ultrasound Initiative to replace the ultrasound machine used at the Pregnancy Help Center here in South County. Ultrasound images are a key tool in helping convince expectant parents that their child is truly a live human awaiting birth. The new ultrasound machine is expected to be in service here in South County during the first quarter of 2022.

Please continue to pray for the success of all Pro-Life programs. We appreciate your support!

Holy Land Olive Wood Carvings Sale in the Church Lower Level —November 6 & 7

On the weekend of **November 6**th & 7th, a Catholic couple from the Holy Land will be visiting Assumption to market olive wood hand carved religious articles made by the Christian artisans in the Holy Land. With the hostilities worsening in the Holy Land and a lack of Christian pilgrims due to COVID, the outlets for the olive wood hand carvings have been closed. This has led to unemployment increasing up to 75% & many Christians leaving the Holy Land in order to find other ways to market their handiwork. However, the absence of a living Christian community is very disastrous for the Holy sites, such as the **Church of** Nativity and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

This sale is to strengthen the Christian presence in the city of Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, and the surrounding areas. All proceeds will go directly to the Christian families and the artisans who are working in this type of hand carvings. They will be displaying all kinds of olive wood religious art works such as: Nativity scenes, Crucifixes, figures, rosaries, etc. These works are unique and not usually found in religious stores. These crafts make wonderful presents for all occasions, especially Christmas! Their price range is from \$5.00 to \$900.00. Checks and credit card are welcome. Please take the opportunity after Mass on November 6th & 7th to check out these unique crafts and hopefully you would be able to assist our brothers and sisters in the Land of Jesus by purchasing some of these religious goods. Buying one piece will help prevent Christians from leaving the Holy Land!

Baptisms:



Hazel was received into the Church on October 24, 2021 at her Baptism! Pictured with Hazel are her parents, Nicholas & Lynette, her godparents, Chris & Molly, as well as her older siblings & Deacon Dave!



Congratulations to Hadley on her Baptism on October 24, 2021! Pictured with Hadley are her parents, Josh & Kristin, & her godparents, James & Lisa, as well as big sister Kaley!

Assumption Parish & Schools are HIRING!

- K-8 Teacher's Aids
- Preschool Teachers & Aids
- Aftercare/Childcare Workers
- Maintenance Staff

Go to AssumptionSTL.org/apply!





Want to Help a
Neighbor in Need
this Christmas?
Donate to
Sponsor-AFamily!

Sponsor-A-Family is up and running! Once again, we are asking for your help to make Christmas a reality for those in need! We are asking for gift cards in \$25 increments or cash donations for the elementary school kids and families at St. Elizabeth's parish. We will also be sponsoring local families through St. Vincent de Paul. Your gift, no matter what the amount, will make a difference! Thank you and please call Amy Craig with any questions at 314-221-4268. Merry Christmas!

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Retreat Opportunities in South County at the White House Retreat Center!

White House Retreat has several upcoming retreats with space available! Finish 2021 strong with breathtaking views and a 3-day Ignatian Spirituality experience!

RETREATS ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS:

November 4-7 (Men)
November 15-18 (Women)
November 25-28 (Men's Recovery, for men in A.A.)
November 29 - Dec. 2 (Co-Ed)
December 2-5 (Men)
December 9-12 (Men)
December 17-19 (Women)

Each person receives private lodging (bedroom with private bathroom and shower) and all meals! The only set cost is a \$50 deposit due at registration. White House Retreat operates on a free-will offering basis. While this is a Catholic retreat experience, people of all faiths are welcome to attend retreats at White House! Call 314-416-6400 or go to whitehouseretreat.org for more information or to register!

ADVENT DAYS OF PRAYER

Don't have time for a weekend away? Try attending one of our Advent Days of Prayer! These are like a miniretreat and are for people who don't have the time to make a full 3-day retreat at White House but want to experience some of what we have to offer! Only 2 days have openings—December 14 & 15 —so if you'd like to attend, act fast! Each day will include two morning conferences, lunch, an afternoon conference and the Eucharist. Priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well. The event should conclude by 3 p.m. Call 314-416-6400 or go to whitehouseretreat.org for more information or to register!

The cost is \$25 per person (per event) and registration is taken on a first-come first-served basis. Call 314-416-6400 to register and pay by phone. You can also mail a check to 7400 Christopher Dr. St. Louis, MO 63129. Please be sure to include a note indicating which day you would like to attend and the names of those you are registering.

PARISH HOLY HOUR

The Parish Holy Hour is open to everyone! It is intended as an opportunity for parishioners to spend time in prayer & adoration, as well as receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Join us each Wednesday from 6 - 7 p.m. in the church.



BOY SCOUT TROUP 169 PIZZA SALES

Important reminder! Next Sunday is **Pizza Pickup Day** from 8:30 a.m. until

1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please remember to pick up your order as we do not have facilities for storage. Inquiries may be directed to Mark Kenniston at 314-283-0063. Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Volunteers Needed for Holiday Season!

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store located on the corner of Lemay Ferry Road and Lindbergh is looking for volunteers to work in the store as we approach the holiday season. If you wish to volunteer, please note that you do not have to be a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and you can pick your own hours.

If you are interested, please follow the following steps:

- Go to <u>www.SvdpSTL.org.</u>
- Click on the tab "Ways to Help".
- Drop down to "Volunteer in Store".
- Click on "Please Complete an Application" & follow the prompts.

If you work at the store, be sure to tell them you are from Assumption Parish! We will then receive credits for vouchers to give to our Neighbors in Need. These vouchers help us provide clothing, furniture and household goods at no cost to those in most need. Thank you!





Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

**Monday, November 1, 10:30 a.m. — Mall Walking Club

Tuesday, November 2, 11:30 a.m. — All Souls Remembrance Prayer Service
We will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in Church, followed by a "mini-lunch" (sandwich, cookie, water) in the Church lower level. **RSVP to the Senior Ministry Reservation line (487-7970 X1228)**no later than Monday, Nov. 1 at Noon.

**Monday, November 8, 10:30 a.m. — Mall Walking Club

Tuesday, November 9, 1 p.m.— Dominoes

Tuesday, November 16, 1 p.m. — Bingo

Tuesday, November 30, 1 p.m. — Dominoes

**Mall Walkers, please meet at 10:30 a.m. at the South County Mall entrance to the left of Macy's which faces Lindbergh. We will stretch, visit and start walking at 10:45. Contact Al Nary 314-541-5443 or Amy Catalano-Usry 314-723-0183 for more info or with questions. Correction: The number listed for Amy in last week's bulletin was incorrect. This is the correct number.

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Good News Messenger

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Nov. 4 Nov. 14 Nov. 21 Nov. 11

- Please go to <u>www.assumptionstl.org/</u> bulletin-submissions and submit an online form to request event promotion and/or to book a room
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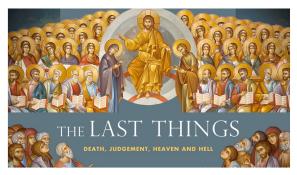
PICK OF THE WEEK

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LAST THINGS

School Principal

This film presents the reality of death and what will follow for every person: first the particular Judgment before God, then Heaven or Hell as our destination for all eternity. The Catholic teaching on Purgatory is also explained, giving examples from the Scriptures and philosophy.



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