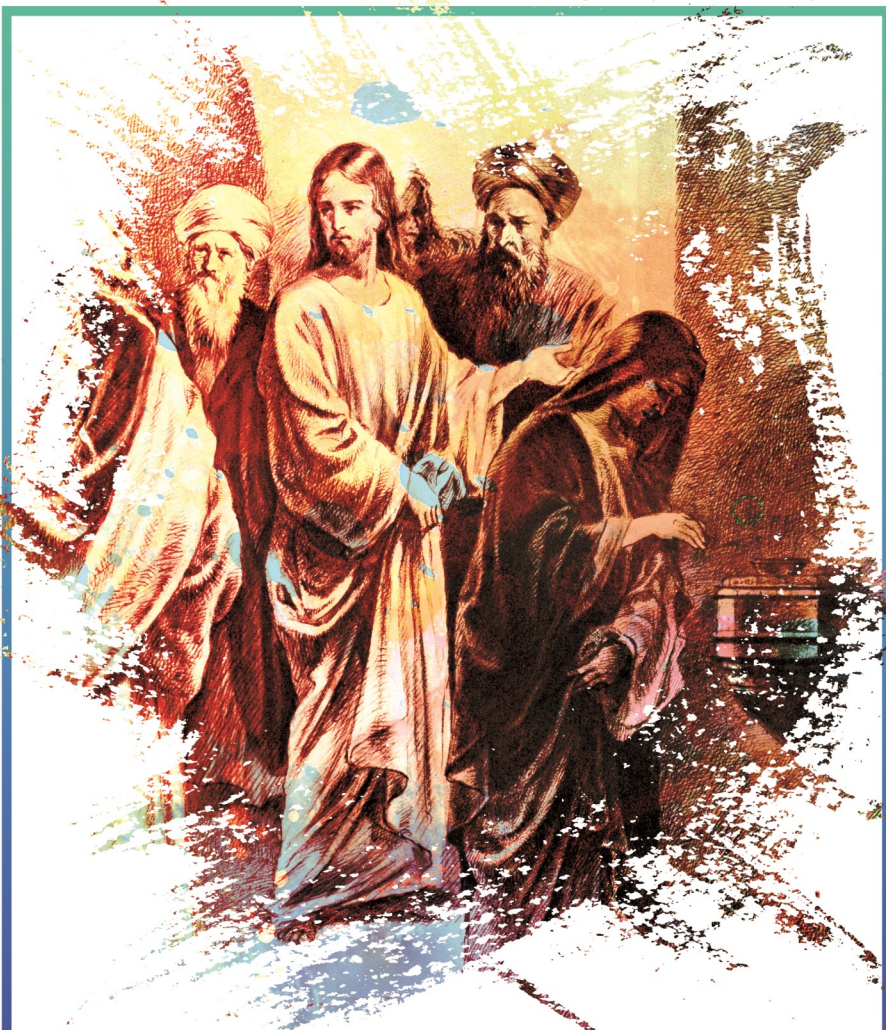




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 2021



"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, THIS POOR WIDOW PUT IN MORE
THAN ALL THE OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE TREASURY."
- MK 12:43

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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. Buehler

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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!



Sponsor-A-Family for Christmas!

Sponsor a Family needs your help! Once again, your generous donations are making Christmas a reality for those in need. Assumption is once again sponsoring elementary school kids from Saint Elizabeth, in addition to several local families. Please consider making a cash donation, or gift cards in \$25 increments to places like grocery stores, Target or Walmart. Even the smallest gift can make a difference! Please call Amy Craigwith questions at 314-221-4268.

Special Events

Nov. 20 Fall Campus Clean-Up

Nov. 25 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass followed by Thanksgiving Brunch

Nov. 28 Ladies' Advent Tea

Dec. 1 Advent Penance Service

October 31 Stewardship

#Assumption Together	\$153.00
All Saints	\$523.00
All Soul's Day	\$760.00
Assumption	\$40.00
Diaconate Formation Fund	\$90.00
General Fund 2021	\$22,717.78
Maintenance Fund	\$55.00
Mission Society – October	\$10.00
Partner in Education	\$50.00
ProLife	\$790.00
ProLife Stewardship	\$213.00
ProLife Foundation	\$650.00
Retired Religious	\$375.00
Sponsor A Family	\$900.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$768.00
World Mission Sunday	\$195.00
Total	\$28,289.78

St. LouisHELP Medical Equipment Drive Results

“On Saturday, October 9th, St LouisHELP had their annual medical equipment donation drive. Assumption was one of seven collection sites that day. Out of the seven collection sites, the most equipment was collected at Assumption! So much equipment was donated that St LouisHELP had to rent a second UHaul truck to handle all the donated equipment. This is the first time St LouisHELP had to rent a second truck! In the words of Laura Singer, the executive director of St. LouisHELP, “Assumption **ROCKED!**”

On behalf of St LouisHELP I want to thank the Assumption parishioners who donated to this equipment drive!”

-Tim Hessel, Assumption Parishioner & St. LouisHELP Volunteer

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.

Mass Intentions †

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 †
November 8	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Helen Bell †
8 a.m.	Karen Krouse †
November 9	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	Roy Ottenlips †
November 10	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Edward & Ruth Pfaff
8 a.m.	Karen Klouse †
November 11	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Loretta Brandt
8 a.m.	Al & Vi Camenzind †
November 12	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Marilyn Folkl †
8 a.m.	Joan Klutho †
November 13	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Jamie Ligot †
5 p.m.	James Aubrey †
November 14	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Jean Dulle †
9 a.m.	Don Grant †
10:30 a.m.	Anna Schamber †
Noon	Wilbert Eckstein †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Theresa Failla
Caroline Fechner
Jim Fesler
Lorretta Fieser
Donna Fitzwilliam
Pamela Gebauer
Jane C. Grimm
Greg Guidry
Connie Hartman
Theon Heisserer
Jacqueline Helberg

OUR MILITARY

**denotes parishioner*

Stephen Miloscia, USN
Ryan Nardin
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

Weekly Readings

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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



**Sunday,
November 14
2:30 p.m. in
Church**

In the month of November, we will pray a living Rosary honoring Bl. Carlo Acutis, a 15 year-old Italian boy who died in 2006. Bl. Carlo was an amateur computer programmer, a lover of soccer, & a devoted Catholic with a special love for the Eucharist.

† Usual contributions for Mass offerings are \$10.

Please stop by the Parish Office to arrange to have a Mass offered.



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Holiday Schedule

I like to publish the holy day Mass schedule as soon as possible because I know many parishioners like to build their family holiday schedule around the celebration of Holy Mass. Last year was still very tentative due to COVID mandates and we added many Masses due to social distancing requirements. Assuming the COVID situation continues to improve, we will be returning to a normal schedule as much as possible.

The one thing to note is that Christmas and New Year's fall on a Saturday this year and that may affect the regular Mass schedule, as well as affect the obligation to attend Mass. Christmas remains a Holy Day of Obligation. However, this year, New Year's (The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Please take a minute to review the Mass schedule! All Sunday Masses will remain at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m., Noon and 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Day (Civil Holiday)

9 a.m. Mass followed by the Parish Family Thanksgiving Brunch

Wednesday, December 1 - Advent Penance Service

6-7 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception (IS Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses: 6:30, 8, 10 a.m., Noon, 7 p.m.

Holy Hour: 6-7 p.m.

Friday, December 24 & Saturday, December 25 - Christmas

(IS a Holy Day of Obligation)

Christmas Eve Masses: 4, 6, 11 p.m.

Christmas Morning Masses: 8, 10 a.m. and Noon (no 5 p.m. anticipated Sunday Mass)

Friday, December 31 & Saturday January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God / New Year's (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

New Year's Eve Mass: 6 p.m.

New Year's Day Mass: 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

God bless,
Fr. Keller



"The Four Last Things"

Part 1 of 4

Fr. Buehler
Associate Pastor

*"Praised are you, my Lord, for our sister bodily Death,
from whom no living man can escape.*

Woe on those who will die in mortal sin!

*Blessed are they who will be found
in your most holy will,*

for the second death will not harm them."

-St. Francis of Assisi, *Canticle of the Creatures*

These words of St. Francis may be somewhat startling. Yet how important were they to the very heart of who he was and what he said and did. We might be most familiar with images of St. Francis holding bird-baths, surrounded by squirrels, but many images of him also show him contemplating a skull, a symbol reminding us that we will one day die.

Memento Mori! Remember that you will die!

Before we get ahead of ourselves, why would we contemplate such a morbid sounding reality? One of the pillars of the Judeo-Christian spiritual life is to remember that this life is not all there is. In fact, many of the saints, starting with St. Paul on down through the centuries, exhorted Christians to meditate with regularity on what have come to be called the 'Four Last Things' – Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell.

November is traditionally the month to contemplate these things in a more intentional way.

But why would we do this? Aren't there more pleasant things to think about? Mercy and forgiveness? Love of God and neighbor?

"We do not want you to be like those who have no hope."

1 Thessalonians 4:13

As a priest, I regularly visit people at the end of their life. I also am privileged to be with their families before and after their death. Further, I've had conversations with funeral directors about their experiences with grieving families and friends.

The constant drum beat is this: For those without faith, death is terrifying and crushing, or there is a cynicism

about it. But for those who have *faith* – understanding and believing what God has revealed to us about this life, its end, and what is next – there can be great sadness, but there is also peace and a foundation for making sense of things.

What is death?

I've had the profound privilege of being at the bedside of someone when he or she died on several occasions. Some I knew, others I didn't. While there is something natural about this – we expect it in some vague way – there is also something shocking about it. The body still appears very much the same, but the 'life force' behind it is now gone. And this mysteriously strikes the heart as something wrong. Scripture confirms that this wasn't meant to be: "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living." Wisdom 1:13. God made us for eternal life! But through sin, death and suffering entered the world (see Romans 5:12-14).

Death Transformed

If left there, death would truly be the end. But God, in his mercy, did something remarkable. He sent his Son, Jesus, to become like us in all ways but sin. Out of love for you and me, he willingly took the consequences of sin upon himself, even unto a most shameful and painful death on a Cross! He truly died. And, he truly rose from the dead! Jesus shows us he is stronger than death! That it no longer need be the end! And so, Christians can say with St. Paul, "O death, where is your victory... where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55)

St. Joseph, patron of a happy death, pray for us!

Christ transforms death from an end into a door to eternal life. But, as Jesus reminded us this past Wednesday's Gospel, we must 'Strive to enter through the Narrow Gate'. St. Francis speaks of this too in his *Canticle*. Heaven is not automatic. We have to prepare for it! And this need rightly lends a little urgency to our life: How do I know if, in God's sight, I am ready?

Much could be said, but I leave you with this: St. Joseph is the patron saint of a prepared, or happy, death. When he died, he had Jesus and Mary by his side. Are you close to the Lord and to Our Lady? If so, then do not worry. If not... why not? ...*to be continued...*

INSIDE

Catholicism

"The Spirit & The Sacraments"

This week's episode from "The Wild Goose" series!

Wednesday, November 10

**7 - 8:30 p.m. in the
Church Lower Level**

**Join us as we watch a video presentation
by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR,
about the nature of the Holy Spirit,
followed by discussion in small groups!**



**4725 Mattis Rd
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BOY SCOUT TROOP

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PIZZA PICKUP

Important reminder!
The Boy Scout pizzas are ready for pickup after all Masses today, Sunday, Nov. 7. Please pick up your freshly prepared pizza in the school cafeteria between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. today. 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 for your generous support!



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

****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.

Gather your friends & join the women of Assumption Parish
for an evening of *prayer & community*, as well as a
delicious Italian dinner catered by Giuseppe's!



Sunday, November 28
5:30-8:30 p.m.
in the Assumption Parish Center

Guest Speaker:
Fr. Matthew Baugh, SJ
Faculty Fellow in Catholic Studies at SLU

\$120 for a table of 8
or \$15 per person for an individual

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Advent by Candlelight Registration:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

☐ I will host a table of 8. Enclosed is my check for \$120.

Hostess provides dessert, cups for coffee/tea, & table decorations. You will receive a letter that details items to bring.

☐ I am joining _____ (hostess name) & am enclosing my check for \$15.

☐ I plan to attend, but I don't have a group. I am enclosing my check for \$15.

List other individual women you wish to sit with:

☐ If someone will walk me through the process, I will help host a table.



RSVP: Due by November 22
Questions? Contact Lynn DiRaimondo at 314-496-7477
Mail registration form with check (payable to Assumption Parish)
to Lynn DiRaimondo - 12511 Sunset Dr. St. Louis, MO 63128

**ATTN: Separated, Divorced,
Widowed, or Remarried
of All Ages**

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed, and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7 p.m., at the Saint Catherine Laboure parish cafeteria (next to the playground) 9740 Sappington Road, Sunset Hills, Missouri. SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed, and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provides the opportunity to share your personal story with caring people. Ask about our same day \$5 discount for new memberships! For more information, please call Michelle Wack at (314) 540-7400.

Basket Collection

Do you have large, empty baskets at home? Did you win items at the auction and would like to recycle the basket the items came in? Please bring to the Parish Office, or place empty baskets near the Baptismal font at church. This will be a great help to our next parish auction! Thank you!

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.

Thanksgiving Drive for the Assumption St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry

As we approach Thanksgiving & our annual appeal to help our *Neighbors in Need*, here are some items our Food Pantry needs!

Suggested Items:

- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Sloppy Joe Mix
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Tuna
- Shampoo
- Laundry Detergent



ABIDE

Abide is a young adult ministry that meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, unless otherwise announced on social media. Follow Abide on Facebook or Instagram at @abidestl to stay in the loop on all upcoming young adult events!

Want to win a \$250 Amazon Gift Card?

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We need:

- K-8 Teacher's Aids
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- Maintenance Staff

Any Parishioner, Staff Member or School/ELC Parent
whose *referral leads to a hiring* will be
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For more information or to refer us a candidate,
go to: AssumptionSTL.org/apply!



Visit AssumptionSTL.org
to register today for Online Giving !

[Christmas Craft Fair](#)

Plan your Christmas shopping early! Church of the Magdalen's (S. Kingshighway 63109) 29th Annual Holiday Craft Fair (juried) will be Saturday, November 20th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the former St. Mary Magdalen school building. Approximately 40 juried crafters will present hand crafted items. Quilt Raffle, Attendance Raffle, Baked goods and BBQ (11 a.m. -3 p.m.) will be available. For more information, please call Cookie at (314) 832-4531.

FALL CAMPUS CLEAN-UP AT ASSUMPTION-MATTESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

On Saturday, November 20, we need some volunteers to help us with cleaning up our Assumption Parish grounds! If you would like to help, please meet at the white garage after the 8 a.m. Mass. For more information, contact Ken at ken.dunn61@gmail.com.

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
Nov. 21	Nov. 11
Nov. 28	Nov. 18

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