



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS,
AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

—ZEPHANIAH 3:17

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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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December Holy Day Mass Times

**Fri., December 24 & Sat., 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)

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

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

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

Special Events

Dec. 24/25 Christmas

Jan. 14 Youth Choir sings at the
STL Ambush Game

Notice:

The financial stewardship contributions from last weekend were not available at the time of print. They will be included in the next possible bulletin. Thank you!

Thank You!

Thank you to the Assumption Cub Scouts & their parents for decorating the rectory for Christmas, making it "merry and bright" for our priests!



Help needed for PSR

The Assumption PSR program is looking for additional staff to improve class nights on Mondays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. We are looking for a PSR assistant (helps Ms. Stringer throughout the night), Confirmation teacher (7th/8th grade), and available substitute teachers. These positions will start in January. Please contact Director of Elementary Religious Education, Valerie Stringer, to apply or for more information by emailing her at stringerv@assumptionstl.org.

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: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

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.



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!

Mass Intentions †

December 12	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Don Grant †
9 a.m.	John & Helen Bennett †
10:30 a.m.	Adam & Lucy Schamber †
Noon	Edward & Maude Schnurr †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
December 13	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Helen Moore †
8 a.m.	Tim Rogaczewski †
December 14	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Delma Holdmeyer †
8 a.m.	Dillon Chiodini †
December 15	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Ina Braun †
8 a.m.	Joseph Tocco †
December 16	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	Jim Stecher †
December 17	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Tony & Delma Holdmeyer †
8 a.m.	Ann Seyer †
December 18	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Gerald Puricelli
5 p.m.	Don Leonard †
December 19	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Tom Renaud †
9 a.m.	Mary Sue Bruner †
10:30 a.m.	Robert G. Seyer †
Noon	Robert & Rosemary Wolff †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Bert Pohl
Ron Pohl
Michelle Powers
Ann Prasuhn
Valerie Rauscher
Agnes Reichert
Chris Roche
Kathryn Rothweil
Patricia Rudolf
Dan S.
Teresa Samuels
Bill Schacht III
Lenore Schellhase

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Todd Smick, USN
Aaron Staryak
Robert Stockwood, USMC
Andrew Titus, USN*
Matthew Titus, USN*
Eddie Torres, USAF
Marti Torres, USAF
Jenna Welchlen, USA
Steven Wodraska, USN
Nicole Wright, USA
Joshua Zarr
Tim Andrews, USCG
Isaiah Angeli, USMC*

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



World Marriage Day Mass on February 13

Save the Date —There will be a special Mass at the Cathedral Basilica on February 13, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony on World Marriage Day. Archbishop Rozanski will be presiding. More details to follow!

Rest in Peace:

Donald Nary
Jerry Pyle

† 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

A Look Back at 2021 Maintenance Projects

We are truly blessed by so many parishioners who give of their time and talent asking nothing but to help our parish grow and prosper for our Lord. It is appropriate to point out the accomplishments of our Maintenance Committee and volunteers who have completed many key projects over the past year. Please take time to appreciate the work and accomplishments made by our volunteers.

New Garage: The biggest addition this year was the new garage that now shelters our Assumption Shuttle, parish pick-up truck, scout trailer, picnic items and the fleet of lawnmowers for our army of lawn care volunteers. Since the main structure was completed by contractors in February, our parish volunteers have added a 12-foot by 30-foot storage loft, restroom, and safety bollards. The volunteers saved our parish thousands of dollars and greatly enhanced the space.

LED Lighting: During the past 4 months, approximately 98% of the lights in our parish buildings were converted to LED lights. This project has resulted in a \$7,000 rebate from Ameren with another \$3000+ rebate to follow. The LED lights will dramatically cut parish electric expenses in the future.

Knobbe House: As a late addition to our project list for this year, several of our Maintenance Committee members and volunteers renovated the exterior and interior of the Knobbe House. The basement needed many hours of waterproofing and there were many other repairs and alterations necessary so the building could serve as the new St Martha's Hall "drop-in center." Now the building will help women and children who have experienced domestic abuse. A new roof and flooring was contracted out to support the new renovations. The exterior will be painted in the spring.

Outdoor Crucifix and Altar: If you haven't noticed, the crucifix that was previously located in the Parish

Center has been relocated to the side of the rectory along with a new altar, special new roof, and special lighting. All this was accomplished by parish volunteers. What an amazing job by all who made this beautiful project possible! Feel free to stop by and say a prayer!

Communications Wiring: A group of volunteers pulled almost 4,000 feet of communications cable in the occupied building of our parish saving \$4,000 in late summer.

Gardeners, Lawn Care Volunteers &

Fall Clean-Up: Again, this year the parish has saved thousands in expenses by volunteers, planting and watering flowers, mowing the lawns, and cleaning the parish grounds to keep our parish beautiful for all to enjoy.

Some of these guys get grumpy when I call them out by name, but I hope they know we are all very grateful for the hard work and the contribution of their time and talent. IF you have a knack for maintenance or caring for the campus flowers, lawns, or buildings, get to know these parishioners, as they will keep you busy and having fun. Thanks!

Year End Giving

Every year, some parishioners are in a position to make a "year-end gift." Whether it is distributions from investments or a desire to make a charitable gift at this time of year, please consider Assumption Parish. Your gift helps us to continue our mission here in South County. Whether it is sacramental and pastoral ministry, education, youth ministry, adult faith formation, senior ministry, or outreach to those in need, Assumption Parish will turn your gift into an experience of Jesus Christ through the diligent work of our staff or the enthusiastic service of our parish volunteers. Please consider a year-end gift to Assumption.

God bless, Fr. Keller

Thank You from the St. Vincent de Paul Society!

The Assumption Saint Vincent de Paul Society would like to express our sincere appreciation to the members of the Parish and our school children for the many canned goods, food and monetary donations given at our annual Thanksgiving Mass celebration. Your continued overwhelming generosity will help us to assist hundreds of our Neighbors In Need for many months to come. Here is a picture of our Full Pantry stocked by you! May God Bless You!



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 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 December 19. Call Bobbi Farley at 314-805-1827 for more information.

Meals for the Homeless Poor

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish needs a volunteer group (10 to 12 people) to prepare dinner for the homeless once a month on either the 8th of each month or the Thursday after the 11th of each month. There are usually 75 to 80 homeless who gather for a meal at 5 p.m. (weekdays) and Noon (weekends). If you would like to gather a group of parishioners and friends to help prepare and serve the homeless one a month, please contact Rachel Schoenberger, Volunteer Coordinator at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, at 314-231-9923, for additional information.


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at Assumption

Wednesdays
6-6:45 p.m.

Saturdays
4-4:45 p.m.

Sundays
Before All Masses

Want to win a \$250 Amazon Gift Card?

Help Assumption Parish & Schools hire additional help!

We need:

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

**Any Parishioner, Staff Member or School/ELC Parent
whose referral leads to a hiring will be
rewarded with a \$250 Amazon Gift Card!**

For more information or to refer us a candidate,
go to: AssumptionSTL.org/apply!



Dynamic Catholic, Alive! - Gaudete Sunday

Rejoice! On Gaudete Sunday we remember the joy that is coming soon to the world: Jesus Christ. Where do we find our joy in life? If we seek it in anything but Christ, we are missing out because true joy comes from the knowledge that God loves us and has come to save us from sin and death. As John the Baptist preached, true joy comes by way of repentance. Our desire for holiness and pursuit of genuine freedom from sin and death inspire us to renounce evil and to open a place for Christ to enter our hearts, minds, and souls. When we are open to experiencing the grace of Christ, we can receive mercy, forgiveness, healing, consolation, and peace along with joy. (CCC 523-524, 719-720)

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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!

Spiritual Direction Available

All men and women are welcome to take advantage of this Spiritual Direction, which is offered here at Assumption! This involves a spiritual companionship with the Director listening to your faith journey with the intent of helping the Directee recognize how the Holy Spirit is leading and working in your life. Assumption parishioner Rita Baughman was commissioned and certified as a Spiritual Director by Archbishop Rozanski, and would be happy to accompany others on this journey. To make an appointment, please contact the Parish Office at 314-487-7970.



As the liturgical year ends and a new one begins, tune in to Covenant Network for the best in Catholic radio programming to help you prepare your heart to receive the Christ Child this Christmas season. Tune in to KHOJ 1460 AM or 96.7 FM on the radio or listen live on our free Covenant Network App or at OurCatholicRadio.org.



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to register today
for Online Giving !



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

Monday, December 13, 10:30 a.m.. —SoulCore **

Tuesday, December 14, 11 a.m.—Senior Advent Prayer Challenge*

Tuesday, December 21, 11 a.m.—Senior Advent Prayer Challenge*
1 p.m. —Dominoes

Monday, January 3, 10:30 a.m.. —SoulCore **

***Save the Dates for the Senior Advent Prayer Challenge on Tuesdays this Advent season!**

We will be doing a spiritual reflection over the 4 weeks of Advent in the Church at 11 a.m., followed by refreshments & community in the Church Lower Level! We will be masked & spread out in the church. Would you like to attend the Senior Advent Prayer Challenge but do not drive? No problem! The Assumption Shuttle Bus is arranged for those needing transportation. For more information, or to request a ride, please contact Senior Core Team member Judy Talleur at 314-852-4090.

****SoulCore Rosary Meditation Activity!**

The focus of SoulCore is to integrate our body, mind, and soul while we strengthen our core and stretch. Using music, scripture, reflections, and movement, we will nourish mind, body, and spirit as the video encourages us to deeper meditation on the mysteries and virtues of the Rosary. (For the majority of exercises we will be seated in a chair however, suggestions are made for those who would like to increase difficulty. Feel free to bring a water bottle if you wish.) PLEASE HELP US SET UP AND PLAN by letting us know you are coming! Leave a message with the Senior Ministry General Voicemail Box, Ext. 1228. For more info or questions, please call Amy 314.723.0183 or Stacey 314.795.8783.



Youth Choir Singing at the STL Ambush Soccer Game!

Give a Christmas Gift
they will love!

Tickets to Assumption Day
with the AMBUSH Soccer Team
on Friday, Jan. 14 at 7:35 p.m at
the St. Charles Family Arena!

Cheer on the Assumption
Youth Choir – AND, students in
Grades 4 through 8 can
join their Assumption classmates
that evening as they sing
“God Bless America!”

Tickets only \$20!

Click on this link to order:
[www.STLAmbush.com/
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Please contact Mary Meyer
at meyomey@yahoo.com
if your child would like
to sing with the choir!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Assumption Youth
Ministry**

DEC 15: Upper Room
STUDY HALL

DEC 19: Life Night
UGLY SWEATER MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

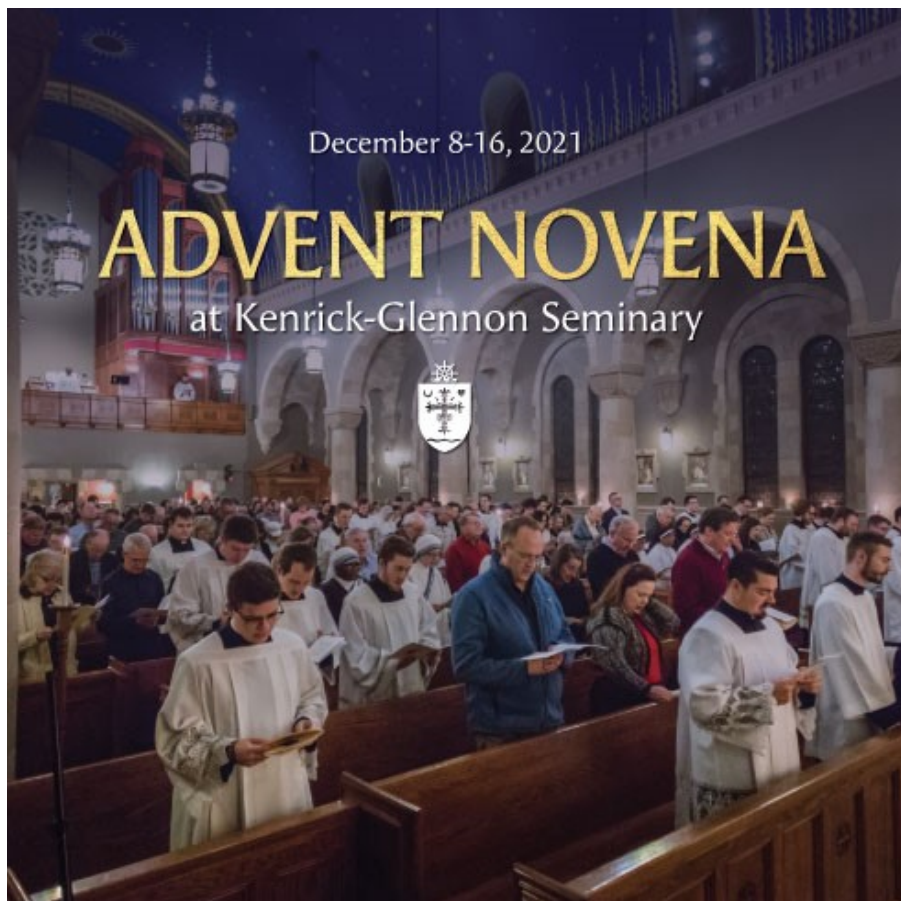
DEC 20-JAN 2: Christmas Break
NO YOUTH GROUP

all events held in the
Youth Room from 7-9pm

Want to learn more about *the Catholic faith* or how to *become Catholic?*

**Contact our coordinator of RCIA, Deacon David Schaefer, at
schaeferd@assumptionstl.org.**





[Kenrick-Glennon Seminary Advent Novena](#)

All are invited to join the seminary community as we prepare for the joy and splendor of Christmas. Each evening of the Novena will begin at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Joseph and will include prayer, Scripture, a reflective homily, and hymns led by the seminarian choir. All are welcome in-person and on our livestream.

Homilist Schedule for Remaining Evenings:

- Sunday, December 12 – Fr. Anthony Wieck, *O Clavis David*
- Monday, December 13 – Deacon Jim Keating, *O Oriens*
- Tuesday, December 14 – Fr. Jason Schumer, *O Rex Gentium*
- Wednesday, December 15 – Fr. Paul Hoelsing, *O Emmanuel*
- Thursday, December 16 – Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, *O Virgo Virginum*

Livestream:

A livestream will be available each night of the Novena starting at 7 p.m. on the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary Youtube & Facebook accounts.

[FIAT Women's Group December Event](#)

On Thursday, December 16, Fr. Anthony Wieck, SJ, Spiritual Director, will present this month's Fiat talk entitled *Entering into the Expectation of Mary*. We will meet in-person at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary with the following schedule:

8 a.m. - Rosary
8:15 - 9 a.m. - Talk
9 - 9:30 a.m. - Coffee & Refreshments

See Kenrick.edu/fiat for more information.

[Next Women's ACTS Retreat –February 2022](#)

Save the Dates! The next Women's ACTS retreat will be on Feb. 10-13, 2022!

This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality and prayer life, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to build lasting friendships among our members. A team of Assumption women presents the Thursday to Sunday retreat with spiritual direction provided by our priests. The retreat is held once or twice a year (alternating years) at the Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka, Missouri, where accommodations include a private room/bath for retreatants.

For more information about Women's ACTS Retreats, please email Mary at meyomey@yahoo.com.

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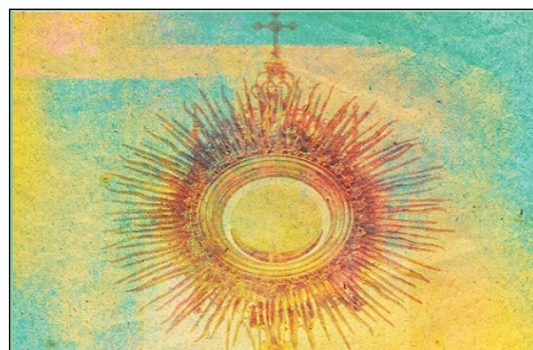
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Dec. 19	Dec. 6

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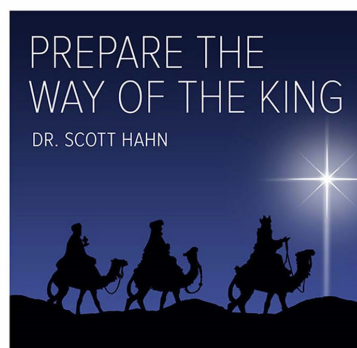
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LISTEN

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Your Advent journey will take on new meaning with Dr. Scott Hahn's illuminating presentation on the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.



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