



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."* - Mt 2:6b

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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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Knights of Columbus Seeks New Members!

Thank you Assumption Parish for helping us raise over \$20,000 others in 2021 for our veterans and kids with disabilities. We're looking to expand into more faith based programs in 2022. However to do so we need new men with new ideas. Come grow with us and learn what more you can do to help your personal spiritual life and the spiritual life of your family. Go to kofc.org/join and put in you wish to join Council 3586 at Assumption.

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.

Special Events

Jan. 14 Youth Choir sings at the
STL Ambush Game

Feb. 4-6 Parish SEEK Conference

Feb. 10-13 Women's ACTS Retreat

December 19 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$145.00
Christmas	\$1,015.00
Christmas Flowers	\$55.00
End of Year—Parish Enhancement/Maintenance	\$7,500.00
End of Year— Where Most Needed	\$550.00
Endowment Fund	\$250.00
Fill The Gap	\$10.00
General Fund 2021	\$30,748.55
Handbells	\$40.00
Immaculate Conception	\$95.00
Maintenance Fund	\$85.00
Partner in Education	\$93.00
Prison Ministry	\$315.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Retired Religious	\$20.00
Seminary	\$325.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,233.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$55.00
Year End	\$4,640.00
Total	\$48,179.55

Mass Intentions †

January 2	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Marilyn Folkl †
9 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Don Grant †
Noon	Delma Holdmeyer †
6 p.m.	Arthur Pozarich †
January 3	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	JoAnn RenAud †
8 a.m.	Helen Moore †
January 4	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Dennis Brown †
8 a.m.	Karen Krouse †
January 5	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	Hilda & James Armstrong †
January 6	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Timothy Meagher †
8 a.m.	Barbara Reagan †
January 7	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	JoAnn Renaud †
8 a.m.	Dorothy Crinnion †
January 8	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Greg Einspanier †
10 a.m.	Don Leonard †
January 9	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	JoAnn Renaud †
9 a.m.	Rick Allgeyer †
10:30 a.m.	Roy Ottenlips †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Rosemary & Robert C. Wolff †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

OUR MILITARY

**denotes parishioner*

Christopher Konradt, USMC
Andrew Kremmel, USMC
Matthew Kren, USA
Max Kren, USMC
Justin Lock, USA
Fr. David Miloscia, USN
Stephen Miloscia, USN
Ryan Nardin
Todd Nicely, USMC*
Ryan O'Neil, USA
Jordan Osmack
Daniel Parker, USA
Michael Rapp, USN

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

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

St. Martha's Hall

Women's Advocate Needed

The St. Martha's Hall new drop-in center is seeking a full-time Women's Advocate. The role of the Women's Advocate is to support and empower women as they work to build a new life, free from violence. Using a trauma-informed lens, these positions work directly with women and to provide crisis intervention, community referrals, basic necessities, and help maintain a safe environment. The Women's Advocate position is Monday-Friday, general working hours are 9 a.m.—5 p.m. Bachelor's degree in related field is preferred but not required. Knowledge of women's issues and the dynamics of family violence is preferred. Must be at least 21 years of age, have a car, and valid driver's license and insurance.

Please email resume and cover letter to Carla Maley at carlam@saintmarthas.org



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Happy New Year!

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked to make Christmas special here at Assumption. Thanks to our church-decorators, our musicians, our lectors, altar servers, and ushers. Thanks to all who made our guests feel welcome. Our Christmas Masses were wonderful celebrations of God's love!

Thanks to everyone who remembered the priests this Christmas. We received an outpouring of love by way of Christmas cards, cookies, brownies, gift cards, gifts of cash, the occasional bottle of wine, and other unique gifts. Fr. Buehler and I are grateful to be part of this generous parish family!

As we come to the end of 2021 and begin 2022, I want to thank all our parish staff and many dedicated volunteers who make Assumption a vibrant parish. Our staff, especially those at our grade school, ELC and PSR have endured two years of COVID protocols and all the controversy that they have created. Their goal has been, and is, to continue Catholic education during this difficult time. Our parish staff have done their best to restore the many great programs that Assumption had before the lockdown and reach out to those still waiting out the pandemic at home.

Despite the many COVID challenges, 2021 was a good year for Assumption, as our many dedicated parish volunteers did their best to contribute to the life of the parish and to reach out to others. As always, the generosity of Assumption parishioners did not fail our many charitable works. We continue to extend our welcome to St. Martha's Hall, as they begin to offer, on our campus, services to improve the lives of women and families in crisis. I believe it is important that we continue to do God's work despite health concerns, trusting that God's Will be done even in difficult times.

As the Archdiocese begins an important year of strategic planning, we pray that God's Will be made clear to all those who are working to adapt our parishes to the changing circumstances in today's Church.

Let us ask for God's blessings on our parish families this coming new year!

God bless, Fr. Keller


CONFESSIONS
at Assumption

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Sundays
Before All Masses



Assumption Women's ACTS Retreat, February 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 will be held at the Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka, Missouri, where accommodations include a private room/bath for retreatants. Cost of the retreat is \$275 per participant.

*Please note: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. Funds are available for those needing assistance, and all requests are kept in strict confidence. if you have questions or if you may need financial assistance to be able to attend, please contact the Retreat Director, Mary Meyer, at meyomey@yahoo.com or at 314-607-9596.

Assumption Women's ACTS Retreat Registration Form:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Name you would like on your name tag: _____

Street Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Home Phone w Area Code: _____

Cell Phone w Area Code: _____

Work Phone w Area Code: _____

Dietary Restrictions, please specify:

Medical Needs / Physical restrictions (ex. Assistance with medical care needed, difficulty with stairs or walking, etc.) please specify:

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Home Phone w Area Code: _____

Cell Phone w Area Code: _____

Work Phone w Area Code: _____

Email address: _____

I am a member of _____ Parish

(For office use): Deposit Amt: \$_____ Check Date: _____ Check #: _____

Return to: Maureen Downey, 4643 Lodgewood Ln., St. Louis, MO 63128
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JOIN US!

Do you want to see your family, parish or diocese ignited with the Catholic faith? Do you want to be able to confidently share the good news and equip others to do the same? Join us this February at SEEK22 conference. Dive deep into the vision of what God has called each of us to do – to live as missionary disciples – and receive hands-on, Christ centered ways to bring this vision to life in your parish, community and diocese.

When: February 4 – 6

Where: Assumption-
Mattese Parish

4725 Mattis Rd. St. Louis, MO 63128

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER

Contact: The Parish Office
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AssumptionSTL.org/seek-22

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Classes meet on Mondays, 6:15 to 7:30 PM



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

Monday, January 3, 10:30 a.m. —SoulCore* (Church Lower Level)
Tuesday, January 4, 1 p.m. —Dominoes (Church Lower Level)
Friday, January 7, 8 a.m. —First Friday Mass at Assumption,
followed by breakfast at Cracker Barrel
Tuesday, January 18, 1 p.m. —Dominoes (Church Lower Level)
Thursday, January 20, 1 p.m. —Afternoon Tunes Sing-A-Long
with Bob Bullman**(Church Lower Level)

***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 at 314.723.0183 or Stacey 314.795.8783.

****Afternoon Tunes Sing-A-Long with Bob Bullman!**

Musician Bob Bullman, who has played and sang in various bands and music groups over the years, will be bringing his guitar out to Assumption and treat our Senior Ministry to an afternoon of tunes! He has a wide knowledge of popular music from different eras, so he will be playing some of the classic hits, as well as taking requests from the crowd (time permitting)! We will have refreshments for your enjoyment, as we gather around for an afternoon of music and community!

Have a song you'd like to sing along to? Send your requested songs to Bob via email at rpb5@charter.net.

[Naming & Commendation Rite: Finding Comfort, Healing & Hope](#)

Saturday, January 8, Christ Prince of Peace Parish (Manchester)

8:35 a.m. (following the 8 a.m. Mass)

"I am the Resurrection and the life." - John 11:25

All are welcome to attend Naming & Commendation, a prayer service developed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis to meet the needs of families whose child died before birth for any reason (including miscarriage, accident, abortion or still birth). Parents and families of any religious background are invited to attend, whether the loss was recent or long ago. The rite will offer parents and families an opportunity to name the child, bring peaceful closure to great loss, and unite with our merciful God. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Susan Nowak at susananowak@sbcglobal.net.



**GET YOUR TICKETS FOR ASSUMPTION DAY
WITH THE ST. LOUIS AMBUSH SOCCER TEAM!**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022 AT 7:35 P.M.



**Cheer on the Assumption
Youth Choir as they sing
"God Bless America!" at the
St. Charles Family Arena!**

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$20!

To purchase your tickets, go to:
STLambush.com/2022-01-14-assumption

**Please contact Mary Meyer at meyomey@yahoo.com if your child is in
Grade 4 through 8 grade & would like to sing with the choir at the game!**

Save the Dates

JUNE 13-17

Totus Tuus Summer Camp



Open to Grades 1-6



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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Assumption Youth
Ministry**

DEC 20-JAN 2: Christmas Break
NO YOUTH GROUP

JAN 9: Life Night
TABLE SOCCER!!

JAN 12: Upper Room
Mental Health Series, pt. 1

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



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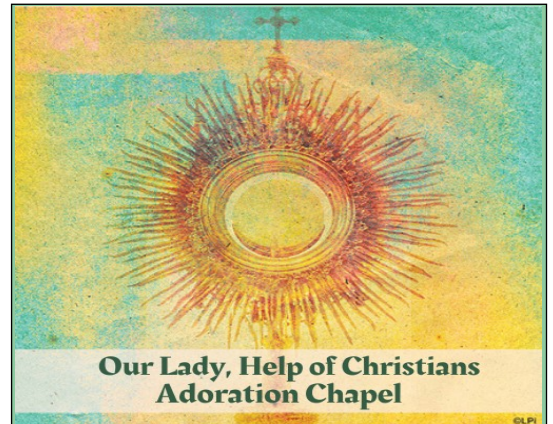
Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
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Jan. 9	Dec. 30

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January 2, 2022

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