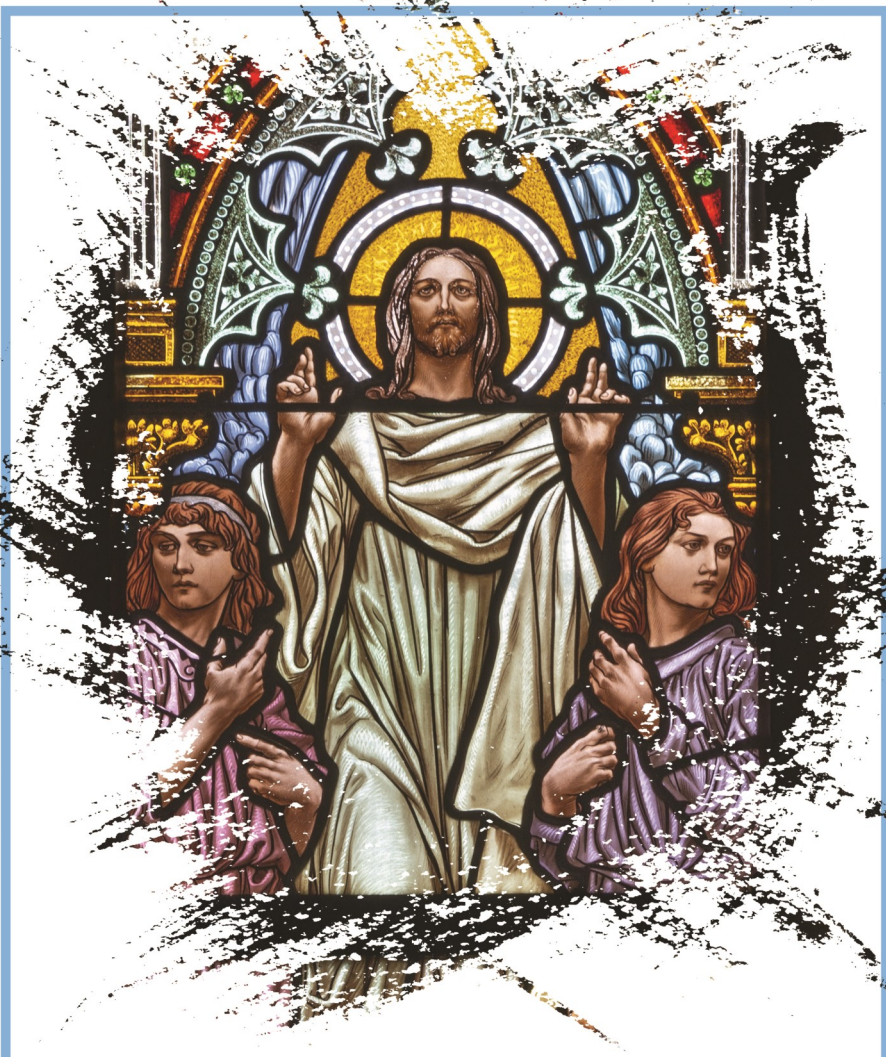




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2022



[HE SAID TO THEM], "TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE PASSAGE IS
FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING." - LK 4:21

4TH 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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INSIDE

It's back!

Catholicism

Want to become a *disciple-maker*?

Join us for... **"The Heart of the Evangelist,"**

led by Fr. Buehler, Sr. Associate Pastor!

**Wednesdays, February
7 - 8:30 p.m. 2, 9, 16, & 23**
in the Church Lower Level



**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!

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

Feb. 2 Inside Catholicism Night #1

Feb. 4-6 Parish SEEK Conference

Feb. 11 World Day of the Sick
Healing Prayer Service

Mar. 21-23 Parish Mission

January 23 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$70.00
Candle Fund	\$31.00
General Fund 2022	\$27,090.25
Lifeline Coalition	\$102.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Memorial Gift	\$100.00
Partner in Education	\$25.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$5.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Retired Religious	\$5.00
Seminary	\$35.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$65.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$780.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,514.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$60.00
Total	\$29,892.25

Mass Intentions †

January 30	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Leonard Knobbe †
9 a.m.	Katharina Scheffel †
10:30 a.m.	Gerard Behnen †
Noon	Patricia Price Cornelson †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
January 31	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Wayne Ashwell
8 a.m.	Dennis Brown †
February 1	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Barbara Ann Helms
8 a.m.	Delma Holdmeyer †
February 2	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Marie Schiller †
8 a.m.	Jo Ann Renaud †
February 3	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Leonard Knobbe
8 a.m.	Ina Braun †
February 4	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Al & Amelia Bauer †
8 a.m.	Verna Humes †
February 5	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Gerard Behnen †
5 p.m.	Don Leonard †
February 6	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Robert Loosmore †
9 a.m.	Helen Moore †
10:30 a.m.	Annetta T. Long †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Erna Dwars †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Amy Hufker
Jean Huston
Lorraine Jackson
Harold Johnston
Julie Kauffmann
Carol Koller
Elizabeth Kelly
Bob Kemper
Kent Kenniston
Debra Kersting
Victor Klutho
Jean Kovarik
Terry Krieger

OUR MILITARY

**denotes parishioner*

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
Stephen Miloscia, USN
Ryan Nardin
Todd Nicely, USMC*
Ryan O'Neil, USA

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

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11

Holy Hour for Vocations

All are invited to a Holy Hour for priestly and religious vocations on Friday, February 4, 2022 from 7-8 p.m. The Monastery of the Poor Clare is at 200 Marycrest Dr. St. Louis, MO 63129. The monastery entrance sign is next to the Goddard Daycare Center.

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to Barb & Bob Kemper, who will celebrate their 51st Anniversary on January 31!

Rest in Peace:

Caroline Fechner



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Archdiocese Strategic Planning – Next Steps

In last week's column, I discussed *All Things New*. If you missed it, here's a quick summary. The Archdiocese of St. Louis is beginning a multi-year strategic plan called "*All Things New*" to address the demographic changes throughout the archdiocese and deal with an aging and shrinking population. If you read that column, it was a wake-up call. Now that it has our attention—what do we do?

Our archdiocese needs a unified plan to address the problems that touch all parishes. A "corporate restructuring" will be insufficient, as an institutional and personal spiritual renewal are what are needed. It is important that every parishioner avoid that attitude that someone else will fix this. **Your participation will be necessary.** For internet-savvy people, you can go to allthingsnew.archstl.org.

First, like everything that matters in the Church, we begin with **prayer**. The phrase "*All Things New*" comes from the Book of Revelation. "The one who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' " The passage speaks of the old order passing away and Christ renewing the earth. It is a passage about Christ transforming the world through the Church. But first, we must be renewed with prayer.

Next, we need to restructure our priorities to make a bigger difference in the lives of our children and our neighbors – believers and unbelievers alike. A word people use a lot today is "**evangelization**." Pope St. John Paul II spoke of evangelization almost daily in the last decade of his life. Sometimes we think an evangelist is a fiery speaker on stage, but Christ gives us all the command to "Go make disciples."

John Paul II realized that we can't teach about Christ unless we offered an experience of Jesus first. This means our relationships must be humble, holy, inviting, inspirational. We may need to re-learn how to do this. We also must live lives of integrity;

meaning we live what we believe. For this, we may need a conversion of heart. We must all see ourselves as "disciple-makers."

Finally, the Church in St. Louis must redirect our resources to better serve the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. By working together, we can make a bigger difference in the lives of others. The greatest assets of our archdiocese – our parishes and schools – can also be our biggest obstacles. Sometimes, we keep them going because they are meaningful to me, but we forget that they were founded to make a difference in the world. By practicing **stewardship** through careful consolidation of our resources, we can assure vibrant families of faith scattered throughout the St. Louis area.

Next practical steps:

1. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2, every parishioner will be asked to fill out the "**Disciple-maker Index**." The survey responses will provide valuable data to shape the strategic plan.
2. Next Fall, there will be 350 **listening sessions** throughout the archdiocese. Everyone will be welcome to participate a listening session.

I'm very proud of Assumption parish, as I know that many of our parishioners already embrace these values. It is evidenced by your generosity to charities, the energy to make our school, ELC and PSR a place of faith, the success of ACTS Retreats, and even the overwhelming response to attend next week's SEEK22 Conference. Many Assumption parishioners have already taken the step to become "intentional disciples" and "disciple-makers."

God bless, Fr. Keller



January 25, 2022

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we celebrate a pivotal moment in the life of Church – one in which St. Paul was called by Jesus to participate in the saving story of salvation in a new way. Through St. Paul's acceptance of this call, he became one of the biggest and earliest evangelizers in our Church's history.

In St. Louis, we too are called to a new chapter in our nearly 200-year history. The model that fulfilled its mission in growing and evangelizing the Church during the last century has become archaic. Jesus is calling on us to re-energize and reshape our efforts to share His saving message.

I am excited to share with you today the official launch of our archdiocesan strategic pastoral planning initiative known as "All Things New." Under the leadership of Father Chris Martin, Vicar for Strategic Planning, we will assess every aspect of our Archdiocese and make the necessary adjustments to our ministries and supporting structures to reflect the needs of our communities for the next century. We anticipate that these adjustments will be the most sweeping changes that the Archdiocese has witnessed in its history.

"All Things New" seeks to enable a vibrant Catholic presence across every square mile of our Archdiocese by renewing the church in its mission of proclaiming the Gospel, and securing a vibrant future. Throughout this process, we will be mindful of our three-fold goals: engaging in unceasing prayer, defining and implementing a unifying vision, and ensuring intentional stewardship of the gifts that God has given to us over these past 200 years.

With St. Paul, let us begin this journey together with prayer. Opportunities for prayer and eucharistic adoration will be held throughout the Archdiocese, asking for God to enter our hearts and minds and guide our actions as we consider the best path forward.

Throughout this process, you will have several opportunities to provide feedback on your aspirations for the Archdiocese. The first of these opportunities will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, where every Catholic in the Archdiocese will be asked to take a survey. This survey, known as the Disciple Maker Index, will ask you about your beliefs, participation, satisfaction, and attitudes about your faith and your local parish experience. I encourage you to complete this survey so your voice can be heard at this important moment.

I thank you in advance for investing and serving God's one Holy Church here in St. Louis. Please know that you are in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Mitchell T. Rozanski

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

Anointing of the Sick Prayer Service & Luncheon

February 11 is "World Day of the Sick", which is an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. ***All Seniors, as well as others who are in need of physical or spiritual healing, are invited.***

- ♦ 11:00-11:30 a.m. Rosary & Confessions
- ♦ 11:30 a.m. Anointing of the Sick
Blessing for Seniors
Lourdes Prayer
- ♦ 12:00 p.m. Hot Lunch
(in church lower level)
by Krause Katering

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schaeferd@assumptionstl.org
314.487.7970, ext. 1254

Reservation required for lunch!
**Masks required while in the church.*

Please RSVP by Feb. 7
to Assumption Senior Ministry Office
314.487.7970, ext. 1228



Annual Assumption Men's White House Retreat on March 3-6

Men of the parish are invited to participate in the annual Assumption men's retreat at White House. We are currently fully booked and in a waitlist mode. However, we are seeking additional men to contact as inevitable cancellations occur in the coming weeks.

The retreat will begin with dinner on Thursday, March 3rd and conclude with lunch on Sunday, March 6th, 2022. The weekend is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola and will include group conferences, celebration of the sacraments and plenty of time for peaceful prayer, reflection, and relaxation. Please refer to www.whretreat.org for information about this beautiful 80 acre facility, which overlooks the Mississippi River in Oakville. The retreat house currently has capacity for 72 retreatants. Each retreatant has a private room and bathroom plus three sit-down meals per day.

Take this opportunity to step aside and rest awhile in consideration of God's many gifts!

For more information, contact any of the following men: John Laschober (314-680-8281), Jim Haferkamp (314-941-3894), & Mike Meyer (314-604-8127).



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

- Monday, January 31, 10:30 a.m. —SoulCore (Church Lower Level)
Tuesday, February 1, 1 p.m. —Dominoes (Church Lower Level)
Friday, February 4, 8 a.m. — First Friday Mass (8AM) at Assumption, followed by
breakfast at a restaurant (restaurant TBD)
Friday, February 11, 11 a.m. —World Day of the Sick—Healing Prayer Service & Luncheon (Church)
*Please see the flyer on p.6 for more information!



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STL Catholic Men for Christ Conference — Saturday, February 12

Join men from across the Archdiocese for a day of fellowship and iron sharpening iron as our speakers reflect on what it means to be a Man in today's culture using our theme from 2 Corinthians 5:17 : "So Whoever is in Christ is a new Creation; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come". Don't miss this day where we are called together as a community and then sent out to impact the world around us. The conference will be from 8:45 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. on February 12, 2022, with a box lunch & free parking included! The location for this year's conference will be the Si Commons at St. Louis University High School (4970 Oakland Ave. St. Louis, MO 63110). The cost of admission is \$40. and the speakers will be Jeff Cavins, Steve Allgeyer, & Fr. Paul Hoseing. To register, go to catholicmenforchrist.org or contact one of our parish captains. The Assumption Parish Captains for this event are: John Duenwald (314-914-0723), Deacon Dave Schaefer (314-960-1443) and Deacon Mike Thompson (314-630-9336).

STL Catholic Women for Christ Conference —Saturday, March 12

The Catholic Women for Christ Conference offers women a day of spiritually uplifting speakers and a chance to commune with other women on their faith journey. The event will be held at the Si Commons at St. Louis University High School on Saturday, March 12th, giving us a capacity to welcome over 1,000 ladies to the conference! We are thrilled to welcome Julianne Stanz, noted international speaker and Director of Evangelization and Discipleship for the Diocese of Green Bay, as well as Chika Anyanwu, Director of Missionary Experience for Vagabond Missions and Fr. Paul Hoelsing, Dean of Men at Kenrick-Glennon seminary for what is sure to be an inspiring and challenging day. You can register online at catholicwomenforchrist.org or by contacting Dcn. Brian Selsor in the conference office at 314-792-7182. Early bird tickets are available for only \$30, but hurry as early bird pricing is only available through February 17th when prices increase, so sign up today!

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In gratitude, Nancy Pyle and family”

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!

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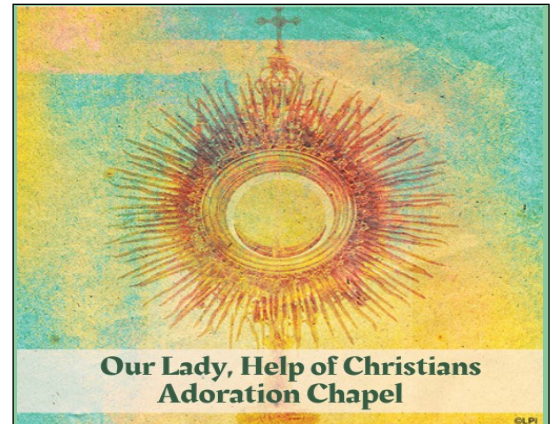
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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 30, 2022

WATCH

AN ORDINARY MARTYR: THE LIFE & DEATH OF BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER

As we celebrate the martyrdom of Paul Miki and his companions this week, we invite you to learn more about a modern martyr from the United States: Blessed Stanley Rother. Join us as we consider this ordinary man who loved extraordinarily.

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