



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6, 2022



5th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

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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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It's back!

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. 11 World Day of the Sick
Healing Prayer Service

Mar. 21-23 Parish Mission

Stewardship January 30

#AssumptionTogether	\$70.00
Christmas	\$20.00
Diaconate Formation	\$ 5.00
Fill The Gap	\$10.00
General Fund	\$18,244.27
Lifeline Coalition	\$310.00
Maintenance Fund	\$55.00
Partner in Education	\$365.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$25.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Retired Religious	\$2.00
Seminary	\$2.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$130.00
St. Louis Review	\$430.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1049.00
World Mission Sunday	\$2.00
Total	\$20,704.27

Mass Intentions †

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 †
February 7	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Rose Marie Auck †
8 a.m.	Marilyn Folkl †
February 8	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	James E. Dooley, Sr. †
8 a.m.	Vi & Al Camenzind †
February 9	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Lynne Rapp
8 a.m.	Helen Moore †
February 10	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Charles Birke
8 a.m.	Sharon & John Kaag †
February 11	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Joseph Hess †
8 a.m.	Rick Allgeyer †
February 12	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Thomas & Helen Bujewski †
5 p.m.	Timothy Meagher †
February 13	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Dillon Chiodini †
9 a.m.	Timothy Meagher †
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Noon	Henrietta Dostal †
6 p.m.	Linda DeClue †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Johanna Kubot
Marilyn Lammers
Cletus Lauer
Genevieve Lauer
Janet Leisure
Ray Leisure
Marietta Lewandowski
Marie LoPiccolo
Kristen Lowry
Ed Lueders
Ann Macke
Daniel Macke
Diane Maixner

OUR MILITARY

**denotes parishioner*

Jordan Osmack
Daniel Parker, USA
Michael Rapp, USN
Derek Ryan
Timothy Scott, USMC
John Siebert
Todd Smick, USN
Aaron Staryak
Robert Stockwood, USMC
Andrew Titus, USN*
Matthew Titus, USN*
Eddie Torres, USAF
Marti Torres, USAF

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

Weekly Readings

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Rest in Peace:

Richard Blumm

Carolyn Fechner



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Reflection on the Archdiocesan Strategic Plan

A lot of people are talking about All Things New. It has been a wake-up call to the changing demographics in the Church. However, the Archdiocese of St. Louis is, by no means, the only institution experiencing tremendous major changes. All dioceses in the United States and Europe are experiencing declining membership, but so are Protestant churches, social clubs, fraternal organizations, and charitable groups. As our world becomes more connected through the Internet, real groups of people gathering in one place to achieve a common goal are becoming rare.

However, churches are also really experiencing attrition due to a movement from religious to secular worldviews. "Secularization" means people no longer live like God is important.

A lot of Catholic authors have speculated about what to do with declining Church membership.

Some authors suggest faithful Catholics work together to create a strong religious culture so their children can experience the joys of Catholicism. Sharing the rich traditions of the Church, cultivating devotions, and presenting a clear "Catholic way of life" gives lives meaning and security. If you already have Catholic sensibilities, you will fit right into this community. These authors describe the Church like "Noah's Ark." All the faithful gather "in the ark" to support and inspire one another as they wait for the storms of secularism to pass. If you think about it—I'm pretty good at creating a Noah's Ark culture!

Other authors suggest the Church shift back into "missionary mode" like the times of the Apostles. This means each Catholic must be willing and capable of helping others find faith in Jesus Christ and discover our Catholic tradition. In the secular world, that is becoming increasingly hostile to Christianity, it takes courage to share our faith with others. This isn't my strong point, but I enjoy working with people to do this well.

Some may think these are two opposing models, but I see one important similarity – both need Faithful Catholics to be successful. One model evangelizes the next generation, while the other evangelizes adults. In the past, the culture just supported being a "good Catholic", but today, the lure of secularism is too great. Unless one intentionally chooses Christ, one will choose a secular and God-less way of life by default. One author, Sherry Weddell uses a phrase "Intentional Disciple" to describe how someone has to break free of the culture in order to commit to living for Christ and helping others find Christ.

I believe we must think of All Things New as more than just a reshuffling of parishes and schools, but rather about Catholics recommitting themselves to Christ in an increasingly secular world.

Assumption News: I want to say thank you to Cecilia Detwiler. For the last 3½ years, she has been our Coordinator of Evangelization. She published the Good News Messenger and managed our website and social media accounts. Her artistic and editorial skills will be missed! Through her efforts, Assumption was able to integrate a communication tool called Flocknotes into our parish ministries and began using Formed.org effectively to evangelize. Cecilia also worked with young adults in ABIDE and Young Family Fellowship, as well as providing support for several other parish and school organizations. We wish Cecilia well and we remember her in our prayers with deep gratitude for all the work she has done at Assumption.

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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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



Newly Baptized!



Cillian James Valentin was baptized on January 30th. Congratulations to Cillian, his parents Scott and Julia, and his Godparents Marguerite and Sam.

New Altar Servers

Our 4th grade altar servers were inducted into the St. John Berchman's Altar Society recently! They have been faithfully preparing for weeks and now they are ready to serve at Mass!



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13TH!**

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 Hoelsing. 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 Deacon 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!

Superbowl!
Super Sunday!
Super Bake Sale!

Sat. Feb. 12 & Sun. Feb. 13
Bake Sale in the Church
Lower Level after Masses!



Miss donuts this month?
This is even better
– a bake sale for BOOKS!

All donations will be used to purchase “The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen – 365 Days of Inspiration.” The books will be distributed to each family during the Lent-Easter season.

Support the bake sale by dropping off baked items at 4:30 pm Sat. Feb. 12 or before any Mass on Sun. Feb 13.

And stop by after Mass on Feb. 12-13 to pick up some great baked items for your family!

Visit AssumptionSTL.org
to register
today for
Online Giving !



UPCOMING EVENTS
Assumption Youth Ministry

FEB 6: Life Night
Augustine Spirituality

FEB 9: Upper Room
Mental Health Series, pt 3

FEB 13: No Life Night

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



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!

Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life

Please join us to pray a
75th Living Rosary For Life
honoring Our Lady of Lourdes.

When?

- ◆ Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022
- ◆ 2:30 PM

Where?

- ◆ Assumption Parish of Mattese
- ◆ We will gather in Church.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
Feb. 20	Feb. 10
Feb. 27	Feb. 17

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PICK OF THE WEEK

February 6, 2022

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BERNADETTE

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



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