



## GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022



"FOR THE MEASURE WITH WHICH YOU MEASURE WILL  
IN RETURN BE MEASURED OUT TO YOU." - LK 6:38

7<sup>TH</sup> 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!*

**Wednesday, February 23**

**7 - 8:30 p.m.**

**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

March 4 First Fish Fry

Mar. 21-23 Parish Mission

April 9 Lenten Day of Reflection

April 24 Concert

## Stewardship February 7-13

#AssumptionTogether	\$263.00
Ash Wednesday	\$20.00
Fill The Gap	\$10.00
General Fund 2022	\$20,863.43
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Partner in Education	\$125.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$165.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,442.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,898.43</b>

## President's Day

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of President's Day. Thank you!



## Mass Intentions †

February 20	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Rick Allgeyer †
Noon	Thomas W. Vorholt †
6 p.m.	Sal and Eleanor Catanzaro
February 21	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Charles Birke
8 a.m.	Gerard Behnen †
February 22	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Steve Bromschwig †
8 a.m.	Jan Czarnecki †
February 23	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Anthony Tornatore †
8 a.m.	Gerard Puricelli †
February 24	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Mary Elizabeth O'Neill †
8 a.m.	Rose Marie Zinser
February 25	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Eloise Nilges †
8 a.m.	Bob Schraut †
February 26	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Richard Jaggie †
5 p.m.	Barbara Reagan †
February 27	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9 a.m.	Carmella Langhammer †
10:30 a.m.	Rick Allgeyer †
Noon	Wallace Stuart †
6 p.m.	Linda DeClue †
	† denotes deceased

## In Our Prayers

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Moriarty
Mary Morrow
Loretta O'Driscoll
Bernice Ottenlips
Rosalyn P.
John Paquet
Jim Penrose
Lois Pitchford
Mary Ann Pizzo
Pauline Pizzo
Bert Pohl
Ron Pohl
Ann Prasuhn

### OUR MILITARY

*\*denotes parishioner*

Dakota Chappel
Lauren Chellis, USN
Michael Cole
Sean Danaher, USAF
David DiFranco, USA
Kevin Deitz
Matthew Eberhart, USA
Michael Faulkner, USMC*
Wyatt Flieg, USN
William Florich, USAR*
Tracy Freeman, USAR
Michael Fresenberg, USA
Thomas Graham, USAF

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

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38  
**Monday:** Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29  
**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19  
**Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40  
**Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50  
**Friday:** Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12  
**Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16  
**Next Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

## Welcome New Parishioners!

Hannah Averick on  
Village Royale Lane

Dave & Lisa Dapron on  
Morning Field Place

Paul & Alex Hoskins on  
Garden Circle Court

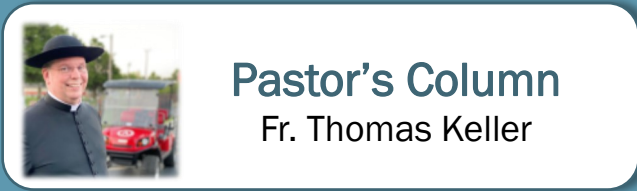
Pete & Peggy Knobbe on  
Briarmist Place

Alex Lauko on  
Village Royale Lane

David Nieder and Courtney Syberg on  
Kassebaum

## Rest in Peace:

Natalie Turner  
Kathy Goodyear



## Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

### WELCOME

Welcome to Lily Kinnison who will serve as our parish “Digital Content Specialist.” This is the title people get who are responsible for designing and updating social media accounts and websites. She will be with us at least until the Fall. Also, we welcome Sage Braymiller who is our new Maintenance Assistant. Finally, Shari Heitmann, our current bookkeeper in our parish office, has moved from part-time to full-time.

However, the search goes on for educational staff to help us complete this school year. Our grade school needs a P.E. teacher and a maternity-sub for our 2nd grade. Our Early Learning Center still has several openings including staff for the Infant Room and the Pre-K Room. Please invite anyone you might know to inquire for more information.

### ALL THINGS NEW

Many parishioners have asked for more information about the Archdiocese of St. Louis strategic plan called *All Things New*. I recommend everyone go to the website at:

**[allthingsnew.archstl.org](http://allthingsnew.archstl.org)**

I also strongly recommend everyone sign-up for their electronic newsletter at:

**[allthingsnew.archstl.org/Stay-Connected](http://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Stay-Connected)**

Many parishioners have asked about the timeline. This is the tentative timeline:

Lent 2022	Parishioners take the “Disciple-Maker Index” survey
Spring 2022	Archdiocese begins gathering data from parishes
Summer 2022	Committee drafts of possible consolidation models
Fall 2022	Parish listening sessions
Winter 2022-2023	Refinement of models
Pentecost 2023	Archbishop announces plans
2023...	Implementation phase

One of the first takes of the strategic plan is to break down parishes into “planning areas.” We are grouped with 13 other parishes in our geographic area. Here are the parishes in our “planning area”:

Queen of All Saints (Oakville)	St. Francis of Assisi (Oakville)
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Melville)	St. Bernadette (Lemay)
St. Andrew (Lemay)	St. Martin of Tours (Lemay)
St. Matthias (Lemay)	St. Mark (Lemay)
St. Simon (Green Park)	Mary Mother of the Church (Mattese)
Assumption (Mattese)	St. Catherine Laboure (Sappington)
St. Justin the Martyr (Sunset Hills)	
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Crestwood, and Maronite Rite Partnership)	

Please remember, the heart of this plan is to revitalize the Catholic Church in St. Louis, but all the planning will be meaningless unless each of us renew our commitment to our Catholic faith!

God bless, Fr. Keller



### ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."*  
(John 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

**Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022), all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (April 15, 2022)** are days of **abstinence** (refraining from meat) for all Catholics **from age 14 onwards**. On these two days, **fast**, as well as **abstinence**, is also obligatory for those **from the ages of 18-59**. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance. Following are several resources that can aid in finding different forms of prayer and penance.

### ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN RESOURCES

There are many excellent resources for the Season of Lent you might wish to use or share with your parishioners. Following are also a list of some resources available for Lent this year:

- Augustine Institute Formed: <https://formed.org/>
- Best Lent Ever daily reflections: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>
- Bishop Barron Word on Fire Lenten Reflections: <https://www.lentreflections.com/>

Lent is a Season of reflection, penance, fasting, and service. May the Lord strengthen you as you continue to share this message with your parishioners. Be assured of my prayers for both you and the people in your parish throughout this Lenten Season. Together we can make "All Things New" and grow in greater communion as the Body of Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Archbishop of St. Louis

# LENT 2022

**Parish Lenten Charity** – Each year parishioners support a charity during Lent. Each week we highlight different items they need. This year we are supporting our new neighbor's, St. Martha's Hall. They are an agency of Catholic Charities that provides services for women and children affected by domestic abuse. They provide counseling services here on our campus, but they also house women and children at another location. Our donations will go to their housing facility. Please drop off the following items at the Baptismal Font on the dates indicated below:

March 6, First Sunday of Lent	Reusable grocery bags or simple tote bags
March 13, Second Sunday of Lent	Hand soap
March 20, Third Sunday of Lent	Paper towels and toilet paper
March 27, Laetare Sunday	New bath towels and wash cloths
April 3, Fifth Sunday of Lent	Disinfecting products like Lysol spray and wipes

## Throughout Lent

### **Daily Lenten Masses:**

Mondays-Fridays, 6:30am, 8am, and 5:30pm (Saturday 8am).

### **Daily Rosary:**

Mondays-Saturdays, 8:30am.

### **Confessions:**

Wednesdays, 6pm-7pm, Saturdays 4pm-4:45pm  
& Sundays 15 minutes before all Masses.

### **Stations of the Cross:**

Fridays, 2:15pm and 7pm.

### **Lenten Fasting and Abstinence:**

- All Fridays of Lent – Day of abstinence from meat for all Catholics ages 14 and up.

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday – Days of fasting (and abstinence) for all Catholics ages 18-59.

Fasting means to have one full meal and two smaller meals and nothing in-between meals (liquids are permitted.)

### **Fish Fry:**

Fridays during Lent and Good Friday 4:30pm-7pm, Indoor dining and pre-orders for curbside pickup (no drive through orders).

## Special Events

**Ash Wednesday:** March 2, Masses: 6:30am, 8am, Noon, 5:30pm and 7pm.

**AYM Spring Retreat for Teens:** March 4-6.

**Parish Penance Service with visiting confessors:** March 9, 6pm-7pm.

**Blessing of Bread on the Solemnity of St. Joseph:** March 19, 8am Mass.

**Parish Mission:** March 21-23, 7pm. Presenter: Maggie Craig.

**Parish Day of Recollection:** April 9, 8am-1:30pm. Sponsored and organized by our Knights of Columbus Council and open to all parishioners.

Presenter: Archbishop Robert Carlson



## 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 in the event of cancellations occurring 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](http://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, February 28. 10:30 a.m. —SoulCore (Church Lower Level)  
Tuesday, March 1, 1 p.m. —Dominoes (Church Lower Level)\*  
Friday, March 4, 8 a.m. — First Friday Mass (8AM) at Assumption, followed by  
breakfast at a restaurant (restaurant TBD)\*  
Thursday, March 17, 1 p.m. —Afternoon Tunes with Boh Bullman

Save the date for this St. Patrick's Day event with community, food, and a sing-along!

\*For more information on Dominoes and/or First Friday Mass & Breakfast,  
contact Dennis and Marilyn Hogenmiller at 314.894.8194.



**Wednesdays**  
6-6:45 p.m.

**Saturdays**  
4-4:45 p.m.

**Sundays**  
Before All Masses

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## Lectio Divina

Daughters of St. Paul



Join the Sisters this Lent and pray with  
God's Word Thursday Evenings

March 3- April 7 @ 6:30 -7:30 PM

REGISTER @ [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3J7GGEF](https://bit.ly/3J7GGEF)  
OR CALL 314-965-3512

## 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](http://catholicwomenforchrist.org) or by contacting Dcn. Brian Selsor in the conference office at 314-792-7182.



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# RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Wednesday,  
March 2, 2022

2-6 p.m. in the  
Church Lower Level

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[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Assumption CC

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## SAVE THE DATE

APR  
9 | 8 AM

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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2022-2023 school year?

- All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- All Catholic high schools
- Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis

Apply online at [TTEF-STL.ORG](http://TTEF-STL.ORG)

Deadline is February 28th, 2022.



Free Online Application



## 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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## Good News Messenger

**Issue**      **Deadline (4 p.m.)**

Feb. 27      Feb. 17  
Mar. 6      Feb. 24  
Mar. 13      Mar. 3

— Please go to [www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions](http://www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions) and submit an online form to request event promotion and/or to book a room

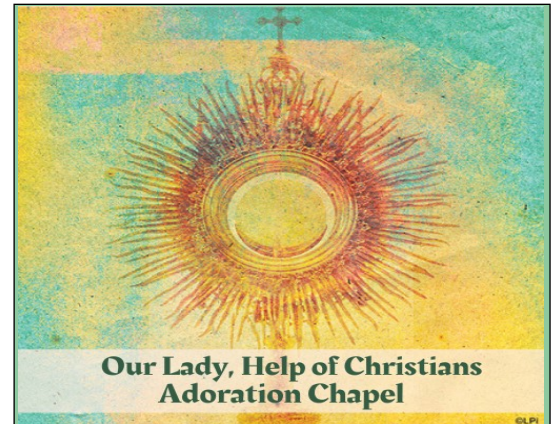
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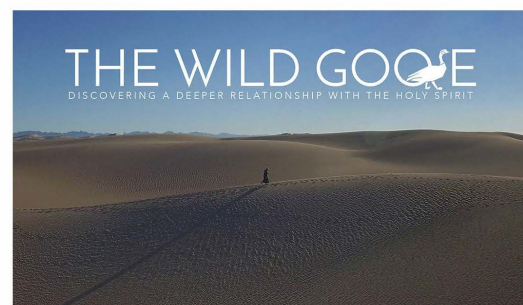
PICK OF THE WEEK

February 20, 2022

**WATCH**

### THE WILD GOOSE: EPISODE 10 THE SPIRIT AND THE DESERT

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.



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