



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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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./5:30 p.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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ALL THINGS NEW

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Take the DMI Survey!

LINK BELOW: portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/y15dpy



Due by April 4th!



**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!

Welcome New Parishioners!

Samuel & Claire Reinhardt on Roundhill Drive

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

- April 3 40 Days for Life
- April 4 DMI Survey due
- April 9 Lenten Day of Reflection
- April 10 Boy Scout Troop 169 BBQ
- April 24 Donna Cori Gibson Concert

Stewardship March 14-20

#AssumptionTogether	\$573.00
Black-Indian Missions	\$72.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$50.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$200.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$260.00
Fill the Gap	\$7,000.00
General Fund 2022	\$26,202.13
Lifeline Coalition	\$25.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Partner in Education	\$68.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$5.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$505.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,023.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$60.00
Total	\$37,053.13

Mass Intentions †

March 27	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Donald Nary †
9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Rick Allgeyer †
Noon	Linda DeClue †
6:00 p.m.	Carole & George Brueggemann †
March 28	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Kendra Mahr †
8:00 a.m.	Donald Nary †
5:30 p.m.	Ed Perniciaro †
March 29	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Ray Clark †
8:00 a.m.	John and Frances Meagher †
5:30 p.m.	Molly Langford
March 30	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Dan Delaney †
8:00 a.m.	Jerry Pyle †
5:30 p.m.	Alicia Winechel
March 31	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Eugene Buerke †
8:00 a.m.	Paul & Mary Sauburger †
5:30 p.m.	Jim McMahon †
April 1	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Tom & Dorothy Figliola †
8:00 a.m.	Don & Brett Grant †
5:30 p.m.	Tony Sansone †
April 2	SATURDAY
8:00 a.m.	Jim Einspanier †
5:00 p.m.	Kenneth Kline †
April 3	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
10:30 a.m.	Destura Family †
Noon	Rick Allgeyer †
6:00 p.m.	Linda DeClue †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Larry Chott
Jerome Coleman
Peggy Connelly
Cheri Geil-Cotner
John and Gen Deely
Tom and Barbara Deely
Sister Amelia DeMarco
Mary Lou Distler
Wilma Dorsey
Fred Dulle
Timothy Dunn
Helen Enright
LeRoy Ettling

OUR MILITARY

**denotes parishioner*

Tracy Freeman, USAR
Michael Fresenberg, USA
Thomas Graham, USAF
Josh Gregory, USAR*
Devon Harris, USN
Jason Hawkins, USMC
Chris Hemmelgarn, USA*
Victor Huber, USA*
Kaeli Kluesner, USAF
Christopher Konradt, USMC
Andrew Kremmel, USMC
Matthew Kren, USA
Max Kren, USMC

† Usual contributions for Mass offerings are \$10.

Please stop by the Parish Office to arrange to have a Mass offered.

Job Opening— St. Joseph Imperial

Parish Secretary – Full-Time

St. Joseph Parish in Imperial is seeking a parish secretary who will be the primary point of contact for parishioners and visitors.

Responsibilities include a full range of clerical tasks as well as calendar management, database updates, and bulletin preparation. Please submit a resume and cover letter with salary requirements to hr@sjparish.org.

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 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the church!

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Returning to Normal

Slowly, life is returning to normal after the government mandated shutdowns that interrupted so many other aspects of our life including the mission of the Church. Assumption parishioners have been great throughout it all, taking the inconveniences in stride and always trying to keep their neighbors safe. As you know, Assumption Parish has been at the forefront of returning to normal: our Early Learning Center was one of the first children's programs to reopen after the hard lockdown of all institutions. We brainstormed ways to allow seniors to meet safely and even attend Holy Mass from their vehicles. Of course, the fish fry was unstoppable with an incredible drive-through. We had outdoor events for families, including a scaled-down picnic last year that everyone loved.

But now life is getting back to normal. One example is the massive response we have had to this year's fish fry. Our Sunday Mass attendance is returning to normal and many of our organizations are meeting again. Maybe some things may never be the same, but it is great to feel like normal again. Some activities just naturally returned to normal, but some need to be deliberately restarted. Here's a short list of activities I would like to see parishioners make a special effort to start again.

Perpetual Adoration: St. Paul said, "*Pray without ceasing.*" While the Adoration Chapel never officially closed, many adorers stopped their normal routine. If you have never been a Eucharistic Adorer, this is a great time to consider becoming one. Adorers commit to one hour of prayer a week at any time of day or night (except during regular morning Masses). Then set your alarm and arrive for your time of prayer. Adorers often spend the hour praying the rosary, reading scripture or another spiritual book, sitting in silent adoration of Jesus, or speaking to Him from their hearts. If you want to become an Adorer, please contact Deacon Dave at schaeferd@assumptionstl.org or call 314-487-7970 ext. 1205.

Funeral Luncheons: One of the *Corporal Works of Mercy* is to "bury the dead." We had a beautiful tradition of sharing food with families as they grieved a loved one. But in order to restart funeral luncheons, we need new volunteers. Volunteers are divided into teams and usually make a dish once or twice a month. The dish can be dropped off in the Church Lower Level between 6:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. We also need volunteers to help with the kitchen, serving lines, and scheduling. If you want to become a Funeral Luncheon volunteer or get more information, please see page 9 of the bulletin.

Liturgical Choirs: "*Sing a New Song to the Lord*" - Psalm 98. One casualty during Covidland was our tradition of liturgical music. While our cantors and musicians have done a fantastic job, congregational singing was muffled under masks, and people just don't sing like they did before. A choir helps everyone feel comfortable singing in a group. If you love to sing, even if you have never been in a choir before, please consider joining our adult choir. They have lively practices on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If you have time during the week, please consider joining our funeral choir. We have amazing people in our choirs, and you will love being a part of their fraternity and fellowship. If you can sing, please contact Nancy Pyle at pylen@assumptionstl.org

ACTS Retreats: St Paul said, "*Let everything you do be done in love.*" Soon more information will be announced regarding our men's and women's ACTS retreats. This one experience has done more to transform the lives of Assumption parishioners and Assumption parish than anything. Why? Because it helps unite the head and the heart in Christ. If you have not been on an ACTS retreat or know someone who might benefit from the experience, ACTS might be the perfect opportunity to reconnect with Christ and others.

God bless,
Fr. Keller

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION



Saturday, April 9th 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus!

8:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Carlson

Presentations by Archbishop Carlson:

"Let Us Not Grow Tired of Praying"

"Let Us Open Our Hearts to Christ in the Holy Eucharist"

Adoration, Confession, and Benediction
are included in the day.

A light breakfast and lunch are also provided!

This free event is open to all parishioners.

Please register at

assumptionstl.org/lenten-day-of-reflection

or contact Stan to sign up at 314-630-8211.


**40 DAYS
FOR LIFE™**

Prayer Vigil

March 2-April 10

**Assumption will man
the local vigil at Planned
Parenthood Forest Park from
11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Sunday, April 3**

Prayer volunteers are needed for one-hour time slots
throughout the day. To sign up, visit assumptionstl.org/40days
or contact Tim Hessel at 314-807-0510.

Your presence on the sidewalk can change the mind of an abortion-minded parent.

Spring Mowing and Maintenance

We are nearing the beginning of the mowing season and are looking for volunteers to help with the mowing and grounds maintenance! Mowing begins

**Wednesday, April 13th at 4:00 p.m.
and continues weekly on Wednesdays.**

Anyone interested in joining our group can contact Ken Dunn at 314-406-0511.



Lift Up Your Voices! Choir is Coming Back!

It's been a LONG break, but the Assumption Adult Choir is gearing up to sing! And we need your voice! If you love singing, even in the shower, why not share your voice as we lead the congregation in praising our Lord in song? If you are unsure, just do as our Lord suggested . . . "Come and see!"

Practices are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in church. We are warming up our voices and will be singing at Masses later this spring! If you have any questions, please see Music Director Nancy Pyle after any Mass or call her at 314-322-6105. And remember, "When you sing, you pray twice."



JONAH PRAYER MINISTRY

*Need Prayer? Come!
First Sunday of
each month after
9:00 a.m. Mass
Starting April 3*

Jonah Prayer Ministry is about being present to fellow parishioners through prayer and praying with expectant faith knowing God brings about transformation/healing/growth.

Just as Jonah cried out to God in his time of distress, God longs for us to call upon Him in times of spiritual, emotional, and physical challenges. The Ministry involves stating, with faith in God's healing power, what your prayer needs are to 2-3 Ministers who will then pray for you, calling upon the Holy Spirit to guide them, and entrusting your needs to Jesus' healing powers.

**No sign up, no cost, and it's
completely confidential!**

Any questions, or if you are being called to pray for others in this ministry, please contact the coordinator, Rita Baughman at rita.baughmanofs@gmail.com



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

March 28	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
March 29	11:00 a.m.	Journey through Lent
April 1	8:00 a.m.	First Friday Mass and Breakfast*
April 4	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
April 5	11:00 a.m.	Journey through Lent
April 5	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes

*The location of First Friday Breakfast is decided at the end of Mass. For more information on Dominoes or First Friday Mass & Breakfast, contact Dennis & Marilyn Hogenmiller at 314-894-8194



**EVERY FRIDAY Dine in! Carry out!
IN LENT Pre-order for
4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Curbside Pickup!**

Now accepting homemade desserts!
Bring desserts to the school main entrance
**BEFORE 3:00 p.m. or
to the gym AFTER 3:00 p.m.**

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Knights of Columbus Fisher House Benefit Golf Four Person Scramble



Why?

- ♦ The 20-suite "Fisher House in St. Louis" on the JB VA Campus is operating at a 95% occupancy rate.
- ♦ Fisher House provides free lodging so families can be together while their soldier receives treatment.
- ♦ You can help us support these military families!

Where?

- ♦ Forest Park Golf Course, 6141 Lagoon Drive, Saint Louis, MO 63112

When?

- ♦ Saturday, May 14, 2022, 7:30 am shotgun start, (registration 6:30 am, coffee, donuts, etc.)



- ♦ **Per golfer ENTRY of \$100.00**
- ♦ Includes 18 holes, cart, free beverages on-course, longest drive from the white, yellow and red tees and one (1) mulligan per player!
- ♦ **Prizes** for three (3) flights and two (2) closest-to-the-pin holes!
- ♦ Burger, hot dog, brat buffet with two sides and beverage!
- ♦ **EXTRA!** Raffle items and 50/50!
- ♦ **Mail the Fr. Griffin Knights golf registration form and check payable to "K of C 3586" by Friday, May 6, 2022 to:**
Eric Steger, 9162 Fort Donelson Drive, Crestwood, MO 63123 or
email to ericmsteger@gmail.com

Questions? Call Gary Lottmann, 314-968-3787 or John Lorentz 314-892-2793 or visit www.kofc3586.org

Golfer #1: Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Golfer #2: Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Golfer #3: Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Golfer #4: Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Not a golfer, but wish to help?

- ♦ **Sponsor a flag for \$250!** Name on signage at tee box and receive a frameable commemorative flag!
- ♦ **Sponsor a hole for \$125!** Your name will appear on signage at the tee box!
- ♦ **Make check payable to "K of C 3586" and mail to:**
John Lorentz, 4614 Gatesbury Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128
- ♦ **Questions? Contact John Lorentz, 314-892-2793 or email fcaassoc01@aol.com**
- ♦ **Please note: *The golf tournament will take place unless additional restrictions are implemented.***
Please refer to the Council website for current information: www.kofc3586.org

Assumption Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

MARCH 27: LIFE NIGHT
LUKE 18 MEETING #3

MARCH 30: UPPER ROOM
BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE!
NIGHT ON LENT (PT. 3)

APRIL 3: LIFE NIGHT
LUKE 18 MEETING #4

CALLING ALL 8TH GRADERS!
YOU'RE INVITED TO...

LUKE 18

April 22-24th

LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE! - SAINT JPII

SCAN TO
SIGN UP



ASSUMPTION *Lenten Challenge* 2022

Please bring in donations to support our new neighbors, St. Martha's Hall!

DONATION SCHEDULE:

Week 4 (March 27): New bath towels and wash cloths

Week 5 (April 3): Disinfecting products

Please drop off all donations at the Baptismal Font

OTHER LENTEN EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday
2:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Saturday
8:30 a.m.

FISH FRY

All Lenten Fridays
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 9

Lenten Day of Reflection
8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Funeral Luncheon Ministry

We are preparing to offer funeral luncheons again!

To be a part of this parish outreach ministry, complete the form below and return it to the parish office/collection basket or go online at assumptionstl.org/funeral-luncheon.

Team Captains

Funeral luncheons are assigned to teams, each with a Team Captain. When a funeral is assigned to a team, the Captain notifies Callers of the dishes needed, schedules Servers for the luncheon, and guides the team in setup, serving, and cleanup on the day of the luncheon.

Callers

Callers are provided with a list of volunteers who have offered to provide dishes for funeral luncheons. Callers contact those volunteers and arrange for the dishes needed for the luncheon.

Servers

Serves the day of the funeral luncheon, accepting dishes from Food Providers, setting up for the luncheon, preparing drinks, and assisting with cleanup.

Food Providers

Food Providers prepare (or buy) a dish that will serve 10-12 people at the luncheon. Here's your chance to prepare and share your specialty dish!

Dishes needed include:

Dessert: cakes, pies, brownies, cupcakes, cookies, etc.

Vegetable/Casserole: potato casserole, green bean casserole, baked beans, pasta, etc.

Salad Ingredients: lettuce, dressing, croutons, shredded cheese, etc.

For planning purposes, we ask that you provide the same dish each time.

Frequently Asked Questions

When/Where do I drop off my dish?

Between 6:30-10:00 a.m. on the morning of the luncheon in the church basement kitchen.

What if I can't provide food on the day requested?

Not a problem! We will call again the next time.

If I volunteered in the past, do I still need to sign up?

Yes! Please sign up again so that we have current contact information.

Questions? Contact Brenda Elfrink at 314-614-6366 or brendaelf@att.net

Please detach and return to parish office/collection basket or sign up online at assumptionstl.org/funeral-luncheon

I/We would like to volunteer for the following: (NOTE: feel free to sign up for more than one!)

☐ Team Captain

☐ Caller

☐ Server

☐ Food Provider --- I will provide ☐ Dessert ☐ Vegetable/Casserole ☐ Salad Ingredient

Name: _____

If possible, I would like to be paired with: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

name of volunteer(s)

Preferred Method of Contact: ☐ Email ☐ Call ☐ Text

Contact Us

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Apr. 17 Apr. 5

Apr. 24 Apr. 14

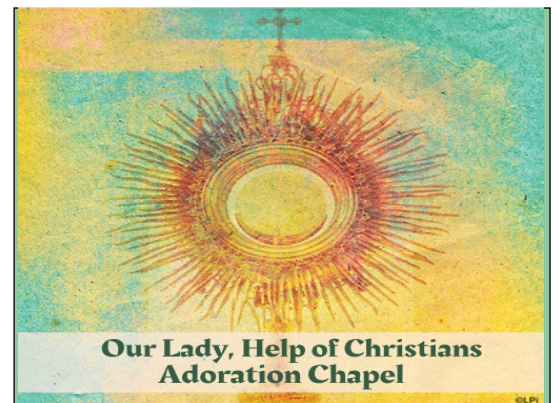
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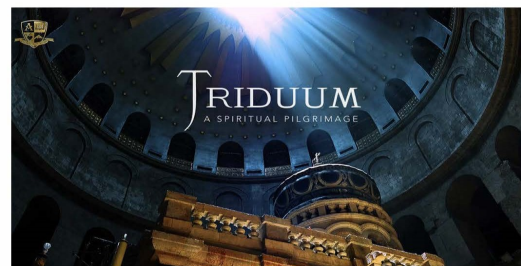
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 27, 2022

WATCH

TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.



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