



## GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

4th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022



### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28a

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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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Congratulations to  
Jim and Karen Fesler  
who celebrated  
40 years of marriage  
May 1, 2022



Con-  
  
gratulations  
to our Second Graders  
who received their  
First Communion  
last weekend.

## Special Events

May 12	Confirmation
May 14	K of C Golf Scramble
May 21	Pro-Life Banquet
May 22	Fr. Keller's 25th Anniversary Mass
June 1	SEEK22.NEXT
June 4	Summer Barbeque

## Stewardship April 25—May 1

#AssumptionTogether	\$401.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$5.00
Candle Fund	\$31.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$108.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$5.00
Church in Central & East- ern Europe	\$5.00
Easter	\$60.00
Easter Flowers	\$255.00
General Offertory 2022	\$27,109.50
Holy Land	\$50.00
Maintenance	\$183.00
Partners in Education	\$400.00
Preserving our Heritage	\$25.00
Pro-Life March for Life	\$53.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Retired Priests (Regina Cleri)	\$165.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2642.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,532.50</b>



*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.*



## Mass Intentions †

May 8	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Lawrence Birkenmeier †
9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Eleanor Catanzaro †
Noon	Linda DeClue †
6:00 p.m.	Gayle A. Kenniston †
May 9	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Dora Tartney †
8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Catalano †
May 10	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	David Hall †
8:00 a.m.	Vi & Al Camenzind †
May 11	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Robert Duggan †
8:00 a.m.	Honesto & Victoria Veneracion †
May 12	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Abby Strauss †
8:00 a.m.	Donald Peters †
May 13	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Benedictine Priors
8:00 a.m.	Evie Pagano †
May 14	SATURDAY
8:00 a.m.	Ed Perniciaro †
5:00 p.m.	Henry Sendin †
May 15	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
10:30 a.m.	Karen Klouse †
Noon	Becky Arambula †
6:00 p.m.	Gayle A. Kenniston †
	† denotes deceased

## In Our Prayers

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL

John Paquet
Jim Penrose
Lois Pitchford
Mary Ann Pizzo
Pauline Pizzo
Bert Pohl
Ron Pohl
Ann Prasuhn
Valerie Rauscher
Agnes Reichert
Chris Roche
Kathryn Rothweil
Patricia Rudolf

### OUR MILITARY

*\*denotes parishioner*

Todd Smick, USN
Aaron Saryak
Andrew Titus, USN*
Matthew Titus, USN*
Eddie Torres, USAF
Marti Torres, USAF
Jenna Welchlen, USA
Steven Wodraska, USN
Nicole Wright, USA
Joshua Zarr
Tim Andrews, USCG
Isaiah Angeli, USMC*
Davey Ardrey, USAR

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

## Weekly Readings

**For the week of May 8:**

**Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

**Next Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Help is needed to set up tables and chairs for Fr. Keller's celebration!

**Set up:** Saturday, May 21, Parish Center Parking Lot, Time: To Be Determined

**Tear Down:** Sunday, May 22, Parish

## SoulCore Mat Exercises

SoulCore is open to all people, all ages! SoulCore is a form of meditative exercise to the Rosary. We meet on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Church Lower Level. Please bring mats and weights, if you'd like!

## 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



## Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

May is the month dedicated to the Mother of God. Traditionally, Catholics have “**May Crownings**,” pray the Rosary, and even reconsecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during May. I encourage everyone to honor the Mother of God and our Heavenly Mother by recommitting ourselves to her Divine Son during this month.

Now, we need to remember all moms on this **Mother's Day**. We are grateful to all mothers, living and dead, who have: 1. Chosen Life for their children, 2. Sacrificed of themselves time and again for their children, 3. Welcomed others into their family. We are so blessed at Assumption to have so many good examples of motherhood.

Speaking of motherhood... motherhood is forefront again in our nation. I have been going to Washington D.C. for the *Annual March for Life* since 1989. I've been 26 times. I remember one year while I was walking past the Capitol building, I thought, “this country will never abolish abortion but at least the young people walking today will be convinced that killing an unborn child is always wrong.” Another year, I remember thinking, “even if the Supreme Court does overturn *Roe v. Wade*, it will be even more difficult to change the culture to respect human life.” The last time I went to the March for Life was about 5 years ago and there was hope that the current Supreme Court might overturn *Roe v. Wade*, and I felt somewhat overwhelmed thinking, “I shouldn't get my hopes up.” After I got home, I was talking to one of the people who was with me on my first March for Life, and she asked, “do you think eventually there will be a day when we all go to D.C. one last time to celebrate the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*?” I laughed and said, “I still can't believe that will ever really happen.”

Well, to my surprise, last week the media began reporting that the Supreme Court justices have apparently voted to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Along with that report came outrage from pro-abortion activists. It doesn't matter if the court eventually does overturn *Roe*, our culture is so divided, pro-abortion politicians will find their way around the decision and so the long-overdue celebration will probably have to wait. We'll see.

In the meantime, we will have to endure a constant media bombardment of propaganda saying that this decision strips rights, deepens poverty, etc. Please remember there is another side to this narrative. A lot of people use the phrase “sanctity of life,” but the ProLife movement is not about a theological belief that life begins at conception – it is a scientific truth! A developing human “embryo” or “fetus” is still fully human and a separate instance of human life from his/her mother. If humans have rights that no government can take away (and this is what our Constitution says) then unborn children deserve human rights.

I think there is something else to consider. As our culture becomes more intolerant and totalitarian (meaning - everyone must think alike or be punished) Catholics should be aware that oppression and persecution is likely. Are you ready to stand up for your Catholic Faith even when everyone mocks us or even moves to take away our rights?

In other news: Just so everyone is clear – the event called the **Assumption Summer Barbeque** IS essentially the same as the **Parish Picnic**. The name change reflects that it starts later in the afternoon and there are no carnival rides this year. The lack of carnival rides is a residual effect of covidland. Everyone is welcome to the Summer BBQ, last year it was a great parish family event. The food was great, the music was fun, and the fireworks were amazing. It will be just as awesome this year!

God bless,  
Fr. Keller



## Fr. Keller's 25th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, May 22nd, 2022  
10:30 a.m.



Lunch to follow

## Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life's Living Rosary for Life



Sunday,  
May 15th  
2:30 p.m. in  
Church

In the month of May,  
we will pray the  
Rosary honoring  
Our Lady of Fatima and incorporating  
a beautiful tradition followed by  
pilgrims at the shrine.

Visit [AssumptionSTL.org](http://AssumptionSTL.org)

to register

today for

Online Giving !



## Shuttle Bus for Seniors

Are you a senior who needs a ride to  
Mass? Would you like to attend  
larger, Senior Ministry gatherings,  
but can't get there?


Our Assumption Shuttle Bus is picking  
up riders for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass  
every other week. We also may be able  
to arrange transportation for you to larg-  
er, Senior Ministry events! To sign up,  
go to [AssumptionSTL.org/shuttle](http://AssumptionSTL.org/shuttle) or  
contact our Transportation Coordinator,

Judy Talleur, by calling

314-487-7970 x 1228 or email

[ShuttleBus@AssumptionsSTL.org](mailto:ShuttleBus@AssumptionsSTL.org).





# SEEK22.NEXT

**Wednesday, June 1**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
[assumptionstl.org/seek22next](http://assumptionstl.org/seek22next)

Assumption Senior Ministry presents:

## Plant-Your-Own Flower Basket Party!

Thursday, May 19th at 1:00 p.m.  
Please RSVP no later than May 16th  
to 314-487-7970 ext. 1228



## Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

May 9	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
May 12	6:00 p.m.	Pray & Stay
May 16	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
May 17	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
May 19	1:00 p.m.	Make a Flower Pot
May 26	6:00 p.m.	Pray & Stay

SoulCore and Dominoes meet in the Church Lower Level.

Pray & Stay meets in the grassy area  
near the outdoor shrine.

### LIVING WITH LOSS: Widow/Widower Support Group

If you are widowed and are trying to learn how to Live with Loss, come and join others who understand what you are experiencing. We will give you a safe place to express your grief. And you will meet others who are or have been, where you are. It will be a time for those dealing with the loss of a spouse to come together and share their challenges and triumphs. You do not have to be newly widowed to attend. We know that grief is ongoing. And we also know that it is in sharing our stories that we help others to get through this most painful time. We meet on the third Sunday of the Month in the Rectory basement (side door along Mattis) from 10:15-11:45 a.m. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 15. Call Bobbi Farley at 314-805-1827 for more information.



## Join us for Assumption Night

**Tuesday, July 12**

**6:45 p.m., Cards vs. Dodgers**

Cheer on the Cardinals and the Assumption Youth who will sing the "Star Spangled Banner" to kick off the game! All current 3rd through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited on the field to sing!

**Singers receive a FREE ticket!**

Tickets are Right Field Box Seating,  
and only \$25 each.

(Ticket price listed on ticket is \$44,  
so this is a great deal.)

Join us even if you don't have a singer – it's Assumption Night with the Cards!!!

**Questions? Mary Meyer, 314-607-9596,  
[meymey@yahoo.com](mailto:meymey@yahoo.com)**

Adult Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number Free Ticket(s) for Student Singer(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Number Other Tickets at \$25 each

Check payable to Assumption Parish

Please return this form ASAP with payment to the School or  
Parish Office marked "CARDINAL TICKETS."



## LILIANA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN



### May 10 & 11—Fundraiser for Assumption Parish School at Liliana's Italian Kitchen!

On Tuesday, May 10th and Wednesday, May 11th, **Liliana's Italian Kitchen** (11836 Tesson Ferry Rd, St. Louis, MO 63128) will be donating 25% of their proceeds from their dine-in, carry-out, or gift card purchases to Assumption Parish School! Liliana's is open from 11 a.m.-9 p.m., so stop by on May 10 or 11 for lunch or dinner and be sure to mention Assumption!



## Totus Tuus Summer Camp



**JUNE 13-17**  
**9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

Totus Tuus is a missionary-based youth camp full of faith and fun! Open to Grades 1-6!

**Register to attend: [assumptionstl.org/totus-tuus](http://assumptionstl.org/totus-tuus)**

## 5 Pillars of Totus Tuus

EUCCHARIST



CATECHESIS



DISCERNMENT



MARIAN DEVOTION



FUN



Volunteers are needed! Adults, High Schoolers, and Middle Schoolers (7th-8th grade) can sign up to volunteer at [assumptionstl.org/ttv](http://assumptionstl.org/ttv)

  
**CONFESSIONS**  
at Assumption

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

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

**Sundays**  
Before ALL Masses



**Please consider a gift to the  
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Your generosity will  
immerse our communities in  
God's unconditional love, which  
fills all of our hearts and unites us as  
**one family, *Brothers and Sisters All.***



**2022 Annual Catholic Appeal**

Those who are in need of God's love are not strangers. They are family. The parable of the lost sheep teaches us that if any individual in the flock is in peril, then our family cannot rest until our lost sheep is safe. Similarly, if anyone in the Good Shepherd's creation is in need, then our family is in need. If anyone is alone, then our family is in solitude. And if anyone aspires to overcome obstacles, then our family is in need of compassionate support. So let us come together as one Church to lift up any member of our family who seeks God's grace and mercy.

For more than six decades, the Annual Catholic Appeal has brought our Church together in reaching out to our neighbors in need. Whether they struggle under undue burdens and the weight of poverty, wish to pursue a Catholic education or vocation, or are isolated by the divisions in our communities, the Appeal provides a special opportunity to lift up those in need and ensure they can share in the unending blessing of our heavenly Father.

God calls us to act as stewards for our family, Brothers and Sisters All, and your charitable gift to the Annual Catholic appeal directly helps to carry out His work and serve the Lord with gladness.

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# Funeral Luncheon Ministry



We are preparing to offer funeral luncheons again but still need people willing to help out. Below are several of the areas that are most in need, but if your talent is in another area please contact us so we can include you in this most important ministry.

## Would like to help but not sure if your skills match what we need?

Looking for a way to help, but don't get out of the house?

Do you like to make calls to friends?

Can't cook, but like to shop?

### Callers/Texters

We provide you with a list of names of people who have offered to provide dishes for funeral luncheons. Our callers/texters contact these volunteers and arrange for the dishes needed for the luncheons.

### Food Providers

You buy or prepare a dish that will serve 10-12 people at the luncheon.

Here is your chance to show off that specialty dish. Dishes needed are Vegetable/Casserole and Desserts. For planning purposes we ask that you provide the same dish each time.

Questions? Contact Brenda Elfrink at 314-614-6366 or [brendaelf@att.net](mailto:brendaelf@att.net)

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Please detach and return to parish office/collection basket or sign up online at [assumptionstl.org/funeral-luncheon](http://assumptionstl.org/funeral-luncheon)

Contact me. How can I help? \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to volunteer for the following:

Caller/Texter \_\_\_\_\_ Server \_\_\_\_\_

Food Provider: I will provide Dessert \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable/Casserole \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Contact: Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Text \_\_\_\_\_

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## Good News Messenger

**Issue**      **Deadline (4 p.m.)**

May 22      May 12

May 29      May 19

June 5      May 26

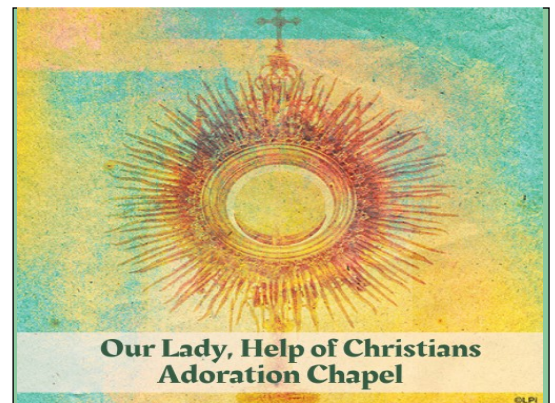
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PICK OF THE WEEK

May 8, 2022

**WATCH**

### FATIMA GEMS

Fatima Gems, hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to three young children in 1917. This series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was 100 years ago.



**FATIMA  
GEMS**

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