



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2022



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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"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?
... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

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Baptisms

Congratulations to Andrew who was received into the Church on Sunday, August 28th at his Baptism! Andrew is pictured with his mother, Mary and his godparents Katie and Gregory.



Congratulations to William, Bennett and Amelia who were received into the Church on August 28th at their Baptism! William, Bennett and Amelia are pictured with their parents, Michael and Ivana, and godparents, Kellie and John.



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!

Special Events

- September 8 EDGE Kickoff
- September 16-18 Senior Ministry Retreat
- September 19 Senior Ministry Lunch & St. Martha's Presentation
- September 20 Blood Drive
- October 3 Pet Blessing



Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

Open 24/7
Contact the Parish Office
for the key code

Stewardship August 22-28

#AssumptionTogether	\$175.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$155.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$30.00
Fill the Gap– School	\$10.00
General Fund	\$16,279.23
Maintenance	\$55.00
Partners in Education	\$50.00
Pro-Life Foundation	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$682.00
Tithe for the Poor	\$50.00
Total	\$17,491.23

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 †

September 4	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	John & Helen Bennett †
9:00 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
10:30 a.m.	Gayle A. Kenniston †
Noon	Arthur Schaefer †
6:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
September 5	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	Steve Sherman †
September 6	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8:00 a.m.	Tom Wencewicz †
September 7	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Bernice Adams †
8:00 a.m.	Charles W. Letchworth †
September 8	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Alberta Franklin †
8:00 a.m.	John & Francis Meagher †
September 9	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Alvina Mueller †
8:00 a.m.	Angela Sherman †
September 10	SATURDAY
8:00 a.m.	John Brueggemann †
5:00 p.m.	Mary Ann Catalano †
September 11	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Fr. Thomas Keller
9:00 a.m.	Ed Perniciaro †
10:30 a.m.	Gayle A. Kenniston †
Noon	People of the Parish
6:00 p.m.	Danny Martin †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Connie Hartman
Ursula Heimos
Theon Heisserer
Jacqueline Helberg
Bill Henzey
Sheree Henzey
Roxanne Holdegraver
Arlene Horn
Richard G. Horn, Jr.
Barbara Huber
Amy Hufker
Jean Huston
Lorraine Jackson

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Timothy Scott, USMC
John Siebert
Todd Smick, USN
Aaron Staryak
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

† 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 September 4:

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Welcome New Parishioner

Sheri Luaders
of Fawnwood Drive

Rest in Peace

Allen Brinton



Happy Labor Day! The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th. **Masses on Labor Day** are at 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

On September 11, two Kenrick Glennon seminarians will join us for Sunday Masses. As you know, Assumption is a destination for seminarians twice a year. Usually in summer break a seminarian will call the Rectory home and during the school year two seminarians will help at Sunday Masses and work with our Assumption Youth Ministry during the week. This school year we welcome Peter Bergkamp and Alex Rickert. Below are quick biographies submitted by Peter and Alex.

God Bless,
Fr. Keller

Hello Assumption Parish! I am so excited to join your parish family this year! I've known John Paul Angeli since we entered seminary together four years ago and have heard many great things about your community! Just a little bit about me: Born a Kansas City metro native, my parents and I moved out to the Washington DC metro area when I was young. While we were out there (in addition to adding another three sons to the mix), we converted from our previous Protestant church to the Roman Catholic Church, and since then, I've only grown in my love for Our Lord and the Church which He has established. We later moved back out to Kansas City, and I spent the rest of my childhood there. Much to the chagrin of my high school senior ambitions, through consistent conversation with God in the Sacraments and silent prayer, I realized as I was finishing out high school that Jesus was inviting me to enter seminary to discern the diocesan priesthood. Ever since I gave Him my yes, He has been working a transforming conversion in my heart and mind to draw me ever closer to Himself. I look forward to sharing more of the particulars with you and getting to hear your stories in the coming months! Some of my interests include Ultimate, Spikeball, hiking, (hammock) camping, kayaking, reading, and cooking.

In Mary, the Cause of Our Joy,
Alex Rickert, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

Hello! My name is Peter Bergkamp and I am a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas. I am entering my first year of theological studies at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and I am excited to say that I will be serving at your parish this upcoming year. You will see me at Sunday Masses, youth group activities, and other events. A little bit about myself is that I come from a family of six other siblings, and we grew up on a farm in south central Kansas. I have thought about becoming a priest for as long as I can remember, although I haven't always desired that myself. It wasn't until my third year at Kansas State University (go cats) that I finally decided to enter the seminary. Thanks be to God; the past three years have been very formative, and I look forward to continuing my formation over the next four years. Please introduce yourself to me as I start coming around the parish on Sundays. I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you.

God bless!
Peter Bergkamp, Diocese of Wichita





Annual Golden & Silver Wedding Jubilee Mass

Sunday, October 9

The annual Golden & Silver Jubilee Mass celebrates couples with 25, 50, or over 50 years of marriage. The Golden & Silver Jubilee Mass will be held Sunday, October 9, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

To register for the Golden & Silver Wedding Jubilee Mass click this link:

[Golden/Silver Jubilee | For Marriage | Marriage & Family Life | Archdiocese of St Louis \(archstl.org\)](#)

For more information: www.archstl.org/jubilee or call 314.-792-7178.

Cathedral Concerts

FREE chamber music concerts that brings the great music to you.

Saturday, September 10

7:00 PM

Epiphany of Our Lord
Catholic Church
6596 Smiley Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63139

Sunday, September 11

4:30 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1351 Motherhead Road
St. Charles, MO 63304

Confirmation 101

**** MANDATORY FOR 7TH GRADE ****

Who: All 7th Graders & parents

When: 09/13/22 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Where: The Cafeteria

Why: Mandatory meeting for all who seek to be confirmed in May

CONTACT ANNA HUSSEY FOR
MORE INFORMATION
HUSSEYA@ASSUMPTIONSTL.ORG
(314) 487-7970 EXT. 1211



Assumption Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

SEPT 4: NO LIFE NIGHT

SEPT 7: UPPER ROOM

SEPT 11: LIFE NIGHT

All events are held in the youth room of the Salesian House. Contact Caitlyn Sextro (chickeyc@assumptionstl.org) for more info!



EDGE FALL KICKOFF

SEPT 8TH 6:30PM-8PM

Join us for fun, games and Chick fil a
@ the Salesian House Contact Anna
Hussey if you have any questions
(314) 784-8767



EDGE is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It is open to 6th-8th grades. We will meet once a week on Thursdays from 6:30-8PM (starting September 8th) for fun, faith and community. Our goal is to help foster a relationship with Jesus. We want to help the Middle Schoolers understand the Catholic teachings in a relatable way.

Contact Anna Hussey for more information
314-784-8767 or husseya@assumptionstl.org

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Tuesday,
September 20, 2022

2:00-6:00 p.m. in the
Church Lower Level

Please call to schedule an appointment:
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
[RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter: **ASSUMPTIONCC**

Streamline your donation experience
and save up to 15 minutes by visiting
[RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) to complete
your pre-donation reading and health history
questions on the day of your appointment.



Understand the Church's teachings on cycle-of-life issues, so you can clearly communicate to your family about these difficult decisions.

This free seminar is for everyone: singles, parents of young families, those caring for aging parents, and those facing illness or death.

Lunch will be provided and there will be no direct or indirect solicitation.

Plan with heart.
Invest for good.



The Parishes of the South County
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THE CONVERSATION:

A Catholic Perspective
on Cycle-of-Life Issues

PRESENTED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 1, 2022

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. (lunch provided)
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque • Parish Hall
4900 Ringer Road • St. Louis, MO 63129

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- *Principles of Catholic Bioethics, Fr. Peter Fonseca, M.A., MDiv., M.S.*
- Ordinary & Extraordinary Means of Preserving Life
- Quality of Life & the Dignity of the Human Person
- *Advance Directives & Estate Planning, Raymond Kreienkamp, JD, Husch Blackwell*
- *Charitable Legacy Planning, Michael Weisbrod, Roman Catholic Foundation*
- *Funeral and Cemetery Planning, Msgr. Norbert Ernst, Pastor St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Church*
- Pastoral Care of the Sick & Dying
- Anatomical Donation & Cremation

To register, please visit
<https://bit.ly/3d49o4l> or call 314.918.2892

Senior Lunch & Lecture Series

Join us Monday, September 19th for lunch catered by Krause Katering followed by an enjoyable presentation by Saint Martha's Hall. A Catholic Charities organization helping women and children affected by domestic abuse. Their family resource center, located on our campus provides counseling services but St. Martha's provide housing and other services at another location. Their presentation will cover all the resources and services available from this agency.

The program will begin at noon. There is no cost but free will offerings will be accepted.

You must RSVP to the Senior Reservation Line at 314-487-7970 ext. 1228 by 4:00 pm on September 15th.



A new session of TMIY is set to begin. This year we will explore “The Vision of Man Fully Alive”, how to be the man, husband and father God created you to be. This is open to all men, age 21 and over, and you need not have attended last year to participate. There is no cost to attend, but your willingness to discover God’s plan for you.

Sessions begin on Monday, September 19 in the Church Lower Level. We begin at 8:15 p.m. with a social gathering, video presentation begins at 8:45 p.m., followed by small group discussion. We will end by 9:45 p.m.

For more information contact

Deacon Michael Thompson at thompsonm@assumptionstl.org



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next two **IN-PERSON** weekend experiences are listed below. Both are being held in St. Peters. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

9/30/2022—10/2/2022
12/2/2022 - 12/4/2022
Courtyard Marriott
St. Peters, MO

ACTS Retreat for Assumption Men

Adoration, Community, Theology & Service

October 13—16

An ACTS retreat is centered on how we as Catholics can improve our relationship with God and build a better, stronger faith community. A team of Assumption men presents the Thursday to Sunday retreat with spiritual direction provided by our priests. The retreat is held at the Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka, Missouri, where accommodations include a private room/bath for retreatants. Transportation to and from the retreat center is provided. Cost for each retreatant is \$275.00. A non-refundable registration fee of \$75.00 is payable with your registration. With the balance due anytime before or at check-in for the retreat on October 13. Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. Funds are available to assist those in need. All requests are confidential. For more information on the retreat or to inquire about financial assistance please contact:

Brad Macko, Director
 314-620-0685
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tomgranville88@gmail.com

Kevin Hill, Co-Director
 314-571-8095
kmhill@yahoo.com





ALL THINGS NEW

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*Young Adults (Ages 18-39):
Take the newest survey on the
All Things New website!*

It's due Monday, September 12th

[https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/
Ways-to-Engage/Young-Adult-Survey](https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Young-Adult-Survey)



Fatima Rosary Group

All are welcome to join the Fatima Rosary Group each Tuesday in Church to pray the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. During and at the end of the Rosary, we have an opportunity to offer any special intentions to our Heavenly Mother Mary and ask she console us and bring these to her Son, Jesus, for us. Come once, twice, or every week—whatever fits your schedule! Questions? Call Mary at 314-359-4116.

Want to learn more about
the Catholic faith
or how to
become Catholic?

**Contact our coordinator of RCIA, Deacon David Schaefer, at
schaeferd@assumptionstl.org.**



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

September 19	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
September 19	11:30 a.m.	Senior Ministry Speakers Series Lunch & St. Martha's Hall Presentation
September 26	10:30 a.m.	SoulCare
October 3	10:30 a.m.	SoulCare
October 4	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
October 7	8:00 a.m.	Mass & Potluck following
October 10	10:30 a.m.	SoulCare
October 17	10:30 a.m.	Dominoes
	11:30 a.m.	Senior Ministry Speakers Series Lunch & Memory Care Presentation

Calling All Senior Card Players

Are you interested in playing cards regularly? Do you want to form a group? Call the Senior Reservation line at 314-487-7970. Leave your:

- ♦ Name
- ♦ Phone number
- ♦ Day of the week you are available
- ♦ What card games you are interested in playing regularly



Assumption Senior Ministry Presents

A Parish Retreat for Seniors, September 16-18, 2022



**"Pray with holy hands lifted high,
without anger or controversy." (1 Tim. 2:8)**

**Come away and rest awhile at this three-day parish
retreat tailored especially for Assumption Seniors!
Retreat will take place in Church and the Church Lower Level**

- Friday, Sept. 16 - 8:00 a.m. Mass through 4:00 p.m. supper**
- Saturday, Sept. 17 - 8:00 a.m. Mass through 4:00 p.m. supper**
- Sunday, Sept. 18 - 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by brunch**

Register Early - Limited Space!

- ◆ Talks by our parish priests ◆ Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Chaplet of Divine Mercy ◆ Anointing of the Sick
- ◆ Rosary ◆ Benediction ◆ Reconciliation

**Breakfast,
Lunch, and
Supper will
be provided.
Retreatants
will return to
their own home
each day
after supper.**

Registration Form - Parish Retreat for Seniors, Sept. 16-18, 2022

Name: _____

Email: _____

Name you would like on your name tag: _____

Street Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please indicate if you need transportation: To church? _____ Back home? _____

Dietary Restrictions, please specify: _____

To better accommodate your medical needs/physical restrictions (ex. assistance with medical care, use walker or wheelchair), please indicate with a check here _____ and you will be contacted. Bring any medications with you.

Cost: \$45/each

Scholarship funds are available. Contact Deacon David Schaefer at 314-487-7970, Ext. 1254

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Bring the form and check (\$45/each, payable to "Assumption Parish") to the Parish Office (Rectory) in envelope marked "Senior Retreat" no later than Friday, September 12, 2022.

OR mail registration and check to: Donna Braun, 13540 Bahnfyre Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128

Questions? Donna Braun, donnabrain27@gmail.com or 314-277-4086

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Good News Messenger

Issue Deadline (4 p.m.)

September 18 September 8

September 25 September 15

October 2 September 22

- Please go to www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions and submit an online form to request event promotion and/or book a room
- PDF files cannot be used
- .jpg files required for any photos/graphics

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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!

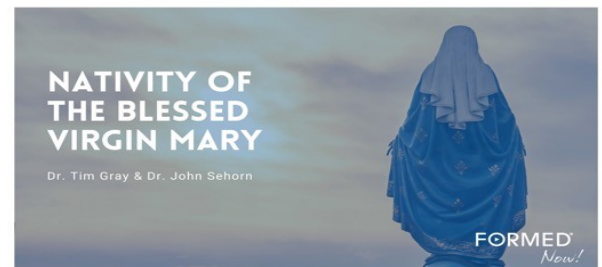
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PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 4, 2022

FORMED NOW: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week, listen as Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the traditions surrounding Mary's life and how her life is a model of humility for Christians.



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