



## GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2022



SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" - Lk 17:10b

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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

### CLERGY

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## Attention

Wednesday October 5th  
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour and  
Confessions will be  
canceled.

Please see Father Keller's  
letter for more details.

## Special Events

Priest's Convocation    October 3-7  
  
Men's ACTS Retreat    October 13-16  
  
Senior Ministry            October 17  
Lunch & Memory  
Care presentation  
  
Trunk or Treat            October 21

## Baptisms

Congratulations!

Isabella Marie  
Ascella Jean  
Addilyn Rae

who were received into the Church  
on Sunday, September 25th at their  
Baptism!



## 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!

## Stewardship September 19-25

#AssumptionTogether	\$174.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	\$50.00
Fill The Gap	\$10.00
Formation of Permanent Deacons	\$50.00
General Fund	\$20,638.96
Lifeline Coalition	\$500.00
Maintenance	\$505.00
Partners in Education	\$25.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$5.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$59.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,948.00
Tithe for the Poor	\$525.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,494.96</b>

## 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 †

October 2	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	Gayle A. Kenniston †
10:30 a.m.	Honesto & Victoria Veneracion †
Noon	Dale Koch †
6:00 p.m.	Craig Wnuk †
October 3	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Steve Sherman †
8:00 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
October 4	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Bart & Marilyn Angeli
8:00 a.m.	Robert C. Wolff, Sr. †
October 5	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Fr. Keller
8:00 a.m.	Leonard Factor †
October 6	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Angela Sherman †
8:00 a.m.	Joseph Witte †
October 7	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Rick & Ruth Shipley
8:00 a.m.	Larry Vogler †
October 8	SATURDAY
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Buehler
5:00 p.m.	Timothy Meagher †
October 9	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	John & Helen Bennett †
9:00 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
10:30 a.m.	Gayle A. Kenniston †
12:00 p.m.	Emil & Lidia Gavach †
6:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
	† denotes deceased

## In Our Prayers

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Arthur Miller
Carole Ann Miller
Mary Miloscia
Debbie Moriarty
Mary Morrow
Bernice Ottenlips
Rosalyn P.
John Paquet
Jim Penrose
Lois Pitchford
Mary Ann Pizzo
Pauline Pizzo
Bert Pohl

### 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 October 2:

**Sunday:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

**Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

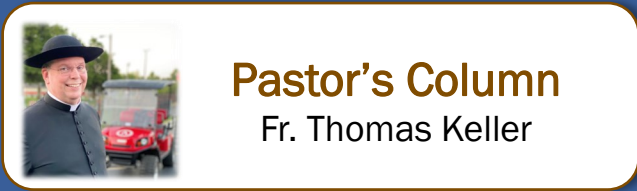
## Rest In Peace

Donna Johnston (July 2022)  
Eileen Driscoll

## 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!





## Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

### Archdiocesan Priests' Convocation

Every four years, the archdiocesan priests gather for a "Convocation" at the Lake of the Ozarks. Although I have not attended recent Convocations, this year, both Fr. Buehler and I are planning to attend. We will leave Monday afternoon and be gone through Thursday October 6th.

Our 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Masses will be offered by visiting priests. A sincere thanks to Fr. Pat McDevitt, C.M., Fr. John Kettelberger, C.M., and Fr. Anthony Wieck, S.J. for covering our Masses!

However, the Wednesday, October 5th 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Confessions will be canceled.

Unfortunately, it is not a week of fun on the lake, instead the priests must attend up to four daily conferences. The conferences will focus on the changing demographics, attitudes, and ministry of our St. Louis archdiocesan priests. Fr. Stephen Fichter, Ph.D. from the Center of Applied Research in the Apostolate from Georgetown University in Washington D.C. will be the presenter and preside over the conferences.

Please remember to pray for our archdiocesan priests and if you can, make little spiritual sacrifices for us. Priests love their flocks and want to see each person thrive spiritually. Please pray that this Convocation will be an opportunity of unity and peace for all our archdiocesan priests.

### All Things New

As you know, the Archdiocese of St. Louis is involved in strategic planning. Planning is necessary because of our 295 archdiocesan priests, 130 are over the age of 70 and 40 are still serving as pastor. With nearly half of our priests ready to retire, and many younger priests already serving in essential non-parish assignments, we are facing major priest personnel issues. Also, we are seeing major demographic changes in St. Louis Catholics: declining birth-rates; many Catholics no longer practice their faith as regularly as previous generations; many have moved out of the St. Louis area; follow career opportunities in other cities, and those who remain in the St. Louis area have moved from the more densely populated neighborhoods to growing suburbs in surrounding counties. Many parishes and Catholic schools are unable to continue to financially support themselves. So, to address all these changes, the archdiocese has decided to "pull the Band-Aid off quickly" and make some very painful choices all at once. However, this plan does more than close smaller parishes, it is completely reorganizing parish boundaries and may ask perfectly viable parishes like ours and our neighbors to make sacrifices for the good of the archdiocese.

Assumption-Mattese will be hosting two All Things New archdiocesan strategic planning Listening Sessions each beginning at 6:00 p.m. on November 9th and 10th in the Parish Center.

Parishioners are asked to sign-up for one Listening Session. To sign-up, please go to <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Listening-Sessions>

Also, the archdiocese has prepared "workbooks" for each parish demonstrating demographic, enrollment, and financial trends. To view parish workbooks, go to <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Parish-Workbooks>

Your participation is important to the future of Assumption Parish and the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Please take time to sign-up, review the data in the workbook and participate in a Listening Session.

God bless,  
Fr. Keller

## Want to Help a Neighbor in Need This Christmas?

### Donate to Sponsor-A-Family!

Assumption is once again partnering with St. Elizabeth's with Sponsor-A-Family! As covid forced us to use more gift cards and buy fewer gifts last year, we are again requesting gift cards in \$25 increments and cash donations for the toy purchases. This year we will sponsor nearly 200 elementary school kids, providing them each with a toy, and a few gift cards for their families. With so many kids and families in need, we are hoping for your early and generous support. SAF will also provide for 10-12 local families through St. Vincent de Paul. Please drop your gift cards or cash off at the parish office and make sure it's clearly identified as SAF. Checks should be made payable to Assumption.

Questions? Call Marilyn Angeli at 314-210-8297 or Kathy Boulicault at 314-220-9511.



### Women's White House Retreat

Do you find it difficult to find time to truly relax, quiet your mind and talk to God? A retreat at White House is the perfect opportunity to find the peace, quiet and the inspiration your soul is looking for. It's like a 3-day vacation with God!

Join the women of our parish on our annual retreat from November 14-17. Retreats at White House are silent, guided retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. All of your meals are provided and everyone receives their own private accommodations. There is no set fee to attend. White House operates on a free-will offering basis.

To register call 1-800-643-1003 or visit [www.whretreat.org](http://www.whretreat.org) to find additional dates. When registering tell them you are with Assumption Group. For more information call Gayla Arendt 314-578-2647.



### 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 present the Thursday to Sunday retreat with spiritual direction provided by our priests. The retreat is held at the Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka. Accommodations include a private room/bath. 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. The balance is 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:

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## Ladies Little Flower

The Ladies of the Little Flower will meet on Monday, October 10th, at 1:00 p.m. in the church lower level.

Mary Brucher will be our guest speaker and will talk about how and when our Ladies of the Little Flower group began. New members are always welcome!

For questions please contact, Robbie Hesse at [rmh2522@gmail.com](mailto:rmh2522@gmail.com).

### 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? Assumption Shuttle Bus is picking up riders for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass every week. We also may be able to arrange transportation for you to larger 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@Assumptionstl.org](mailto:ShuttleBus@Assumptionstl.org)

## PSR

### Parish School of Religion

Does your child in Kindergarten through seventh grade attend public school?

We look forward to working closely with every family to help provide a Christ-filled school year for all students of the parish who attend a public school. Our PSR program strives to balance religious instruction with the experiences of Catholic community, service and worship throughout the year. It attempts to meet the needs and understanding of all children and families recognizing that there are varying degrees of catechetical background, understanding and experiences. It is our goal to work with you and support the faith formation of your child.

It's not too late to register for PSR. Classes meet on Monday evenings 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

For more information or to register contact Valerie Stringer at 314-487-7970 ext. 2218



## Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

October 3	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
October 4	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
October 4	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
October 7	8:00 a.m.	Mass & Potluck Breakfast following
October 8	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
October 10	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
October 11	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
October 11	1:00 p.m.	Cards
October 17	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
	12:00 p.m.	Senior Ministry Speakers Series Lunch & Memory Care Presentation
October 18	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
October 18	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
October 25	1:00 p.m.	Cards
November 1	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
November 8	1:00 p.m.	Cards

If you or someone you know within our parish boundaries is in need of assistance, please call:

**The Society of**  
**St. Vincent de Paul Hotline:**  
314-289-6101, ext. 2227

## Senior Speaker Series Lunch & Memory Care Presentation Monday, October 17

Join us at noon for lunch and a presentation on memory from a nurse and representative from ACM\*. They will share behaviors of early memory loss and cognitive issues seniors may face. Learn what behaviors are a cause for concern and what are best practices. There will be an opportunity for questions.

Reservations required 314-487-7970 x 1228, by October 13th

\*ACM is a nonprofit organization that is focused on geriatric coordination.



## October Is Pro-Life Month

Since Roe v. Wade was established in 1973, over 60 million abortions have occurred in the United States. This past year, respect for human life has been at the forefront in our country's news and politics. The Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade on June 24, 2022, holding that there was no longer a federal constitutional right to an abortion. Some misinterpreted this news as eliminating access to abortion in our country. This really means that each state can determine abortion services in that state. Over half of the 50 states have either made abortion illegal or strictly limited access.

Missouri ended the right to abortion following the Supreme Court decision. The Missouri Governor promptly signed a proclamation activating the Right to Life of the Unborn Child Act, ending elective abortions in the state. However, just across the river in Illinois, the Governor has reaffirmed his commitment to keep abortion as a "fundamental right" under Illinois law. This position was lauded by Vice President of the United States during a recent visit to the state. Based on media coverage of abortion supporters throughout the country, the work of building what the Catholic church calls a 'Culture of Life' is far from over.

Regardless of state access to abortion, the real challenge is conversion of millions of hearts who have accepted a right to choose over the last 50 years. The reported strength and passion of this position indicates the magnitude of the work to be done to foster a well-formed conscience.

Therefore, the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB - [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife))**, the **Archdiocese of St. Louis Respect Life Apostolate ([www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate](http://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate))** and our **Assumption Pro-Life Group ([www.assumptionstl.org/respect-life](http://www.assumptionstl.org/respect-life))** all continue to focus on building a Culture of Life in our country.

During the month of October, we will highlight active efforts which encourage the choice of life and which support young families in need. Plans include the annual Life Chain hour of prayer along Mattis on Sunday October 2nd and short presentations following weekend masses by representatives of area pro-life organizations that our parish supports. In addition to your thoughtfulness and prayers for Life, we will also have envelopes in the pews requesting donations to enable pro-life activities and services both within our parish and in the surrounding area.

Stay tuned also for additional pro-life articles in the Good New Messenger during October!





The new year of 'That Man Is You' has begun. We are exploring "The Vision of Man Fully Alive". Come and join other men of the parish and discover the man God created you to be. Meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. on Monday evenings in the church lower level.

For more information, contact Deacon Michael Thompson, [thompsonm@assumptionstl.org](mailto:thompsonm@assumptionstl.org).

Assumption  
Youth Ministry

# Upcoming Events

OCT 2: LIFE NIGHT

OCT 5: UPPER ROOM

OCT 9: LIFE NIGHT

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



## BOY SCOUT TROUP 169 PIZZA SALES

They're Back!  
Boy Scout Pizza Sales have started!  
The Boy Scouts will be outside of  
church on Sundays taking  
pizza orders.  
You can also order on-line at  
[BoyScoutPizza.com](http://BoyScoutPizza.com)

Pizza pick up will be  
Sunday, October 30th  
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
in the School cafeteria.

Inquiries may be directed to  
Mark Kenniston, 314-283-0063.



## Middle School Youth Ministry EDGE

**What:** EDGE is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program.

**Who:** It is open to students 6th-8th grade.

**When:** We will meet once a week on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**Why:** 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.

Sign-up for our Flocknote by texting Parents to 84576

For more information contact Anna Hussey 314-784-8767 or [husseya@assumptionstl.org](mailto:husseya@assumptionstl.org)



## Stewardship Evening With Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski

The Stewardship Office is hosting a “Stewardship Evening with Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski” on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

The event will be held at the Cardinal Rigali Center in Fleur-de-lis Room from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The Archbishop will share some insights and personal stories, followed by a talk by Dave Baranowski, Director of Stewardship.

All are invited to attend this free event. Reservations are preferred.

Please contact Dave Baranowski ([davidbaranowski@archstl.org](mailto:davidbaranowski@archstl.org)) to reserve your seat.



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Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
October 16	October 6
October 23	October 13
November 6	October 20

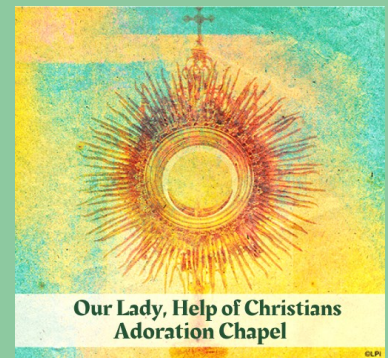
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