



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 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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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

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New Parishioners

Welcome!

Maria Duran on
Golf Ridge Dr.

William & Lisa Cissell
and family on
Lambeth Ln.

Luke Meyer on
Villa Knoll Dr.

Special Events

Reconciliation Oct. 11 & 12
Parent/Child class

Men's ACTS Oct. 13–16
Retreat

Senior Ministry Oct. 17
Lunch & Memory
Care presentation

Trunk or Treat Oct. 21

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!



Baptisms

Congratulations to Ascella Jean who was received into the Church on Sunday, September 25th at her Baptism! Ascella is pictured with her parents Andrew Joseph and Natalie Christine and godparents Amanda Rachelle and Eric Brett.



September 26th— October 2nd Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$196.00
All Saints Day	\$107.00
All Soul's Day	\$200.00
Endowment	\$200.00
Formation of Permanent Deacons	\$1,175.00
General Fund	\$32,370.75
Maintenance	\$181.00
Partners in Education	\$100.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$25.00
Pro Life March for Life	\$53.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$202.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,027.00
Tithe for the Poor	\$10.00
Total	\$37,846.75

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 9	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	John & Helen Bennett †
9:00 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
10:30 a.m.	Gayle A. Kenniston †
Noon	Emil & Lidia Gavach †
6:00 p.m.	People of the Parish †
October 10	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Raymond Sherman †
8:00 a.m.	Bart Connors †
October 11	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8:00 a.m.	James Dooley Sr. †
October 12	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Rosemary Deloff †
8:00 a.m.	Vi & Al Camenzind †
October 13	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Mary Sherman †
8:00 a.m.	Don & Brett Grant †
October 14	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	John Caskanett
8:00 a.m.	Jean Vogler †
October 15	SATURDAY
8:00 a.m.	Alma & Elizabeth Behan †
5:00 p.m.	Michael Konersman †
October 16	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	Steve Sherman †
10:30 a.m.	Gayle A. Kenniston †
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish †
6:00 p.m.	Emil & Lidia Gavach †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Ron Pohl
Ann Prasuhn
Valerie Rauscher
Chris Roche
Kathryn Rothweil
Patricia Rudolf
Dan S.
Teresa Samuels
Bill Schacht III
Madeline Seward
Urban Shocker

OUR MILITARY

**denotes parishioner*

Isaiah Angeli, USMC*
Davey Ardrey, USAR
Ryan Boedeker
Kyle Bottorf
Robert Bryant III, USAF*
Dominic Catalano
Dakota Chappel
Lauren Chellis, USN
Michael Cole
Sean Danaher, USAF
David DiFranco, USA
Kevin Deitz
Matthew Eberhart, USA

† 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 9:

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

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

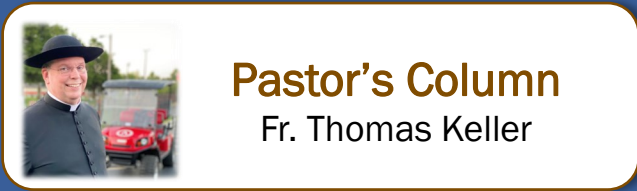
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Rest In Peace

Michael Edward Reese

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

Eucharistic Revival Part I

A few months ago, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops started a “Eucharistic Revival” initiative. The bishops hope that Catholics will renew their devotion and love for the presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I always think it is important to remember that the Holy Eucharist is a gift, but this gift is different than other gifts, the Eucharist is a Person not a thing. Therefore, Holy Communion is a relationship and demands certain effort on our part to receive the Gift appropriately.

Blessed Sacrament

When the priest pronounces the words “this is my body” and “this is the chalice of my blood” the ordinary bread and wine ceases to be bread and wine and becomes the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. From that moment, the Eucharist receives the reverence, devotion and love due to Jesus. You will notice the special care the priests take when handling the Body and Blood of Jesus as well as the honor rendered by genuflections. As communicants approach the Sacrament, a profound bow is prescribed before receiving Holy Communion on the tongue or the in the hands.

Sunday

Since the time of the Apostles, Christians have gathered “on the first day of the week” to celebrate the Mass. The Mass is the starting point of a relationship with Jesus. Every Catholic is obligated to attend Mass every Sunday, as well as the Holy Days of Obligation that are enacted by the bishops.

State of Grace

While every Catholic is obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, a Catholic may only receive Holy Communion if they are “in a state of grace”, meaning one’s soul is free of mortal sin, or heaven forbid, if one falls into sin they receive sacramental absolution before returning to Holy Communion.

Proper Disposition

It is easy to come to Holy Mass distracted about something in our lives. We might be angry at another person, preoccupied with something, or just prone to daydreaming today. If we realize we have been at Mass without focusing on the profound gift of Christ’s life given to us in Holy Communion it might be best to wait until we have a proper disposition to approach Him in humility and love.

Fasting

In addition to being in a state of grace, communicants also should fast for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. Water and medicine do not break the fast.

The Thanksgiving

When one has received Holy Communion and returns to the pew, it is a perfect time to take a moment to recognize that you are now united body and soul with Christ Himself. It is a perfect time to thank Jesus for all the blessings and graces He bestows on you. It is also a privileged time to open your heart to express love and willingness to give your life to Him.

Sacramental Grace

Three special graces, called Sacramental Graces, are given to us when we receive Holy Communion. First, our union with Christ is increased. Second, we are separated from sin. Finally, our charity is increased.

God bless,
Fr. Keller

Pro-Life Month Continues!

Through the Assumption Pro-Life Foundation, parishioners financially support twelve organizations which promote pro-life causes, including the support of parents and children in need. Pro-Life Foundation contributions can be made by using the envelopes in the pews, or on the parish website, <https://www.osvhub.com/assumptionstl/giving/funds/prolife-foundation>. This week, we want to specifically highlight the following organizations that are supported by our Pro-Life Foundation.

Our Lady's Inn (ourladysinn.org)

Since 1982, Our Lady's Inn has served as a life-affirming alternative to abortion for almost 7,000 women who have chosen life for their unborn babies. For 40 years, these families have been housed and supported in their efforts to live healthy and productive lives, achieve educational goals, gain employment, and secure stable housing. Assumption parishioner Al Nary is actively involved in this ministry.



Birthright (birthrightstl.org)

Since 1971, Birthright has provided pregnancy support to over 200,000 women in the St. Louis area. Birthright's services are free and confidential. Services include medical-grade pregnancy tests, professional counseling, and postpartum support. Birthright provides care from the beginning of pregnancy and for as long as needed following birth. Assumption parishioners Linda Bergfeld and Shirley Zoellner are actively involved in this ministry.



Angels Arms (angelsarms.org)

Angels Arms is a community-supported foster care system in which parents and children thrive. Angels Arms seeks to engage local communities to provide a home, resources, and meaningful experiences for needy children. They specifically seek to keep siblings together for a sense of family. Currently there are 13 foster homes in our area associated with Angels Arms serving those in need.



Gabriel's Retreat Ministries (gabrielsretreat.org)

This new ministry intends to help women find love and support when they are experiencing challenges of pregnancy and parenthood. The goal is to engage women through love and support. This will bring hope and peace in a time of unexpectedness. Gabriel's retreats are offered at no cost to the mother. These are Catholic-based retreats but they are open to women of all faiths. The focus is on helping them nurture their faith and feel supported as beloved daughters of God. Through these experiences, they will grow in community with others and find joy in motherhood.



The Pregnancy Help Center (thepregnancyhelpcenter.com)

Provides a variety of support programs: education, pregnancy testing, and ultrasounds. They believe the more knowledge parents have, the more confident they'll feel about making a life-affirming pregnancy decision. No cost clinical pregnancy testing is offered and verified by medical staff. No-cost limited obstetrical ultrasounds are performed by a licensed sonographer. In 2022, Assumption parishioners – in cooperation with other parishes and the Knights of Columbus/Fr. Griffin council – provided a new ultrasound machine with improved technology which provides clearer images of the unborn child.



40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil

In coordination with prayer vigils throughout the world, Coalition Life (www.coalitionlife.com) is sponsoring a daily prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood Forest Park from September 27th through November 6th.



Assumption will man the local vigil at Planned Parenthood Forest Park from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 5th. Prayer volunteers are needed for one hour time slots throughout the day. Contact Tim Hessel at 314-807-0510 if you have questions or want to sign up. You can also sign-up on our website. Your prayerful presence on the sidewalk can change the mind of an abortion-minded parent.

Knights of Columbus Developmental Disabilities Drive

Yes, the Developmental Disabilities Drive was held last weekend at Assumption. If you were not able to contribute to Developmental Disabilities drive last weekend, but still want to support this worthy effort, you are in luck. You can contribute online at <https://givebutter.com/vrbInx#>



If you have any questions contact Tim at 314-807-0510.

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 or contact our Transportation Coordinator, Judy Talleur, by calling 314-487-7970 x 1228 or email ShuttleBus@Assumptionstl.org

Senior Ministry & Early Learning Center Halloween Extravaganza

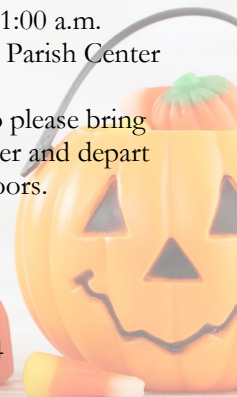
Senior Ministry and Early Learning Center invite all Seniors to come give out goodies to the ELC children, who will have their costume parade at 10:00 a.m.

When: Friday, October 28th
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Where: Assumption Parish Center

Seating is limited, so please bring your own chair. Enter and depart the Parish Center doors.

Questions?
Please call
Deacon David at
314-487-7970 x1254



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

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 24	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
October 25	1:00 p.m.	Cards
October 25	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
November 7	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
November 8	1:00 p.m.	Cards
November 8	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
November 15	1:00 p.m.	Cards
November 15	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study



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.

You may also make a donation online at, <https://osvhub.com/assumptionstl/giving/funds/sponsor-a-family>

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



Prayer Vigil

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Are You Being Called to the Permanent Diaconate?

Please join us for
Diaconate Information Nights
Wednesday, October 19, 2022

OR

Monday, October 24, 2022

**Beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the
Cardinal Rigali Center**

20 Archbishop May Dr. | St. Louis, MO 63119
For more information, 314.792.7433



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Office of the Permanent Diaconate



In Need of Prayer?

Do you feel a call to pray for others?

Do you desire to use your spiritual gifts of prayer given by the holy spirit?

Jonah Prayer Ministers are people just like you who are approved by the pastor for prayer ministry. After training prayer is held in small groups with individuals who request prayer support, maintaining confidence in all matters

Last Sunday
of each
month after
9 a.m. Mass



JONAH PRAYER MINISTRY



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.

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 to find additional dates. When registering tell them you are with Assumption Group.

For more information call Gayla Arendt 314-578-2647.



Assumption Youth Ministry

Upcoming Events

OCT 9: LIFE NIGHT

OCT 12: UPPER ROOM

OCT 16: LIFE NIGHT

All events are held in the youth room of the Salesian House. Contact Caitlyn Sextro (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

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



**BUILDING HEALTHY
relationships**

**Saturday, Nov. 5th
9am - 11am**

Call to register by October 28th
314-487-2062

St. Martha's Drop-In Center
4733 Mattis Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63128



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.

11:30 a.m. Doors Open to Church Lower Level
12:00 p.m. Lunch Served
12:30 p.m. Memory Care Presentation

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



Need a ride? The Assumption Shuttle Bus will pick up riders. Mention that you'd like a ride when you RSVP.

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life Living Rosary for Life

**Sunday,
October 16, 2022
2:30 PM in Church**



We will be honoring the October apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the three shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. We will be praying for peace in the world.

Questions? Contact Anna Maria Usselman
314.487.2066

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Good News Messenger

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

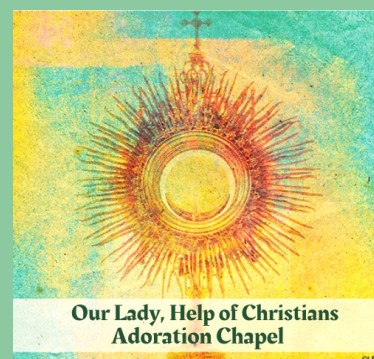
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