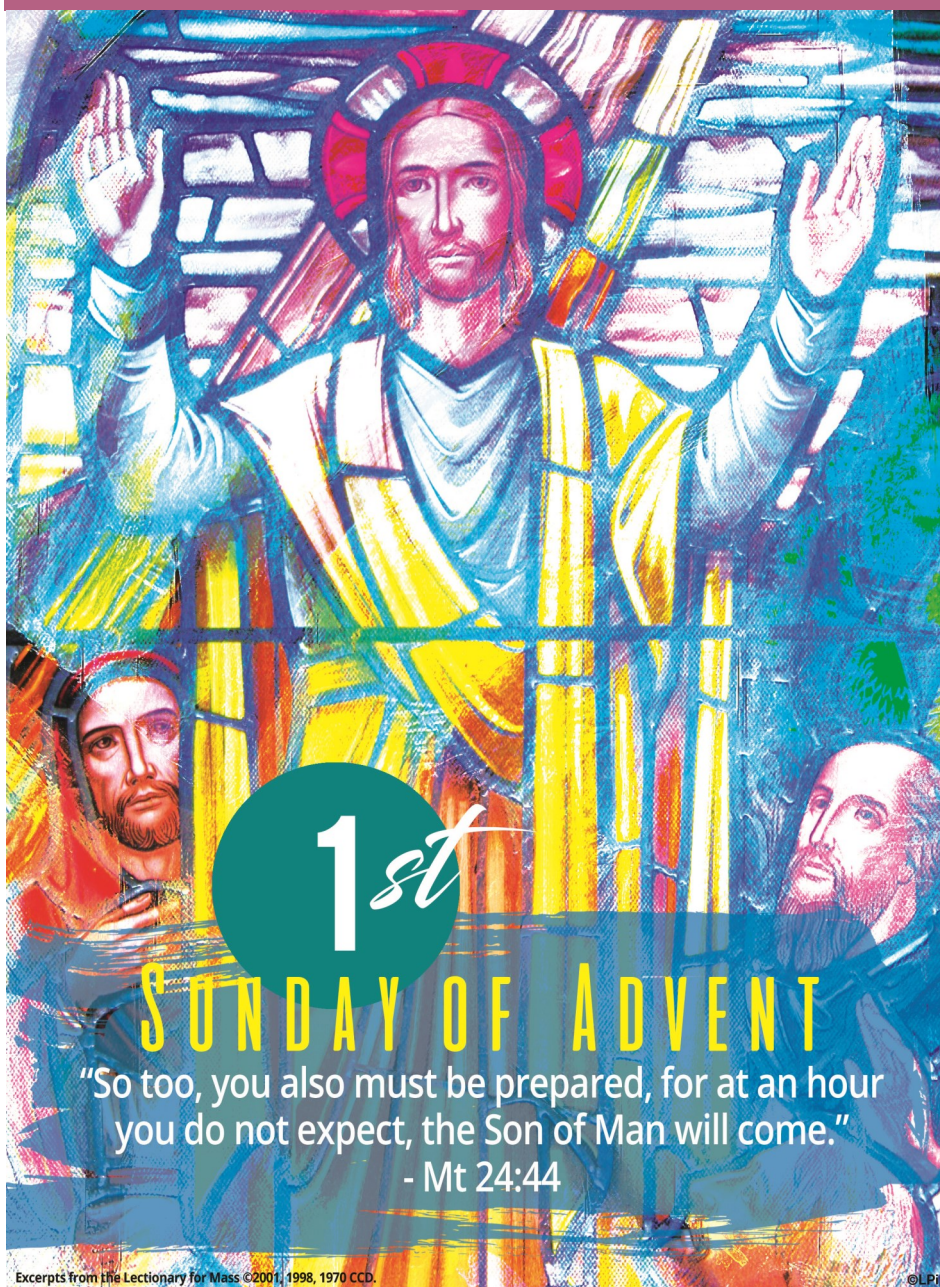




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022



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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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Special Events

First Reconciliation	Nov. 29th
Cookies & Cocoa with Santa	Dec. 2nd
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Dec. 8th
Advent Fun for Young Families	Dec. 11th
Senior Speaker Series: History of Assumption with Msgr. Witt	Dec. 19th
Christmas Concert	Dec. 20th

Good News Messenger

Note, due to the upcoming Holidays bulletin deadlines are as follows:

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December 4	November 23
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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!

December Holy Day Mass Times

Thursday, December 8 — Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses: 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., Noon, 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 24th & Sunday 25th Christmas

Christmas Eve Masses: 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 11 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon

Saturday, December 31st New Year's Eve & Sunday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/New Year's

New Year's Eve Mass: 5 p.m.

New Year's Day Masses: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, 6 p.m.

November 7th— 13th

#AssumptionTogether	\$365.00
All Saints Day	\$200.00
All Soul's Day	\$80.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	\$1,975.00
Formation of Permanent Deacons	\$25.00
General Fund	\$21,867.17
Maintenance	\$5.00
Partners in Education	\$177.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$25.00
Pro-Life Foundation	\$125.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$623.00
Sponsor A Family	\$900.00
St. Louis Review	\$35.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,525
Total	\$27,927.17

Registering at Assumption

<https://assumptionstl.org/online-registration>

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 †

November 27	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	Gayle A. Kenniston †
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Noon	John & Francis Meagher †
6:00 p.m.	Andrew & Helen Roeslein †
November 28	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Karen Altnether †
8:00 a.m.	Raymond Sherman †
November 29	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Eileen Murphy †
8:00 a.m.	Barbara Reagan †
November 30	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Virginia Weindel †
8:00 a.m.	Mary Sherman †
December 1	THURSDAY
9:00 a.m.	Mary Rosenkoetter †
8:00 a.m.	Thomas & Helen Bujewski †
December 2	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Thoman Nolan †
8:00 a.m.	Don & Brett Grant †
December 3	SATURDAY
8:00 a.m.	John & Elena Hemple †
5:00 p.m.	Tom Aleto †
December 4	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Gayle A. Kenniston †
Noon	Marlene Kauffmann †
6:00 p.m.	Don Nary †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Carol Koller
Elizabeth Kelly
Bob Kemper
Kent Kenniston
Debra Kersting
Victor Klutho
Jean Kovarik
Terry Krieger
Johanna Kubot
Marilyn Lammerts
Cletus Lauer
Genevieve Lauer
Janet Leisure

OUR MILITARY

**denotes parishioner*

Timothy Scott, USMC
John Siebert
Todd Smick, USN
Aaron Stryak
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 11/27:

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Rest In Peace

Colleen Epstein
Mary Bazzetta

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



Friends, Advent is the liturgical season of vigilance or, to put it more mundanely, of waiting. During the four weeks prior to Christmas, we light the candles of our Advent wreaths and put ourselves in the spiritual space of the Israelite people who, through many long centuries, waited for the coming of the Messiah: “How long, O Lord?” (Ps. 13:1).

Waiting is very hard for most of us. I suppose we human beings have always been in a hurry, but modern people especially seem to want what they want when they want it. We are driven, determined, goal-oriented, fast-moving. Waiting is especially hard when we see others experience, or experience ourselves, great struggles, anxieties, and sufferings. I am sure that every religious person, every believer in God, at some

point wonders, “Why doesn’t God just straighten everything out? Why doesn’t the all-powerful and all-loving Creator of the universe simply deal with the injustice, suffering, violence, and sin that so bedevil his world?”

We can hear precisely this cry in the prophets of ancient Israel. All of them—Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Zechariah, etc.—utter some version of “How long, O Lord?” One form that this expectation takes is a yearning that the God of Israel would come to reign as king—which is to say, as one who has the power and authority to right every wrong. A passage from the fifty-second chapter of the prophet Isaiah speaks exactly in these terms: “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the one bringing good news, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, saying to Zion, ‘Your God is King!’” (Isa. 52:7). The prophet is envisioning the great day when Yahweh will take charge and set things right, when he will “bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations” (Isa. 52:10)—that is to say, roll up his sleeve, asserting his dominance over his enemies.

The fundamental message of Christmas is that this prophecy has come true—but in the most unexpected way: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:1, 14). Jesus of Nazareth is not simply one more in a long line of prophets, not one more wisdom arguer, not just another religious hero; rather, he is what Isaiah and his prophetic colleagues longed for: God himself in the flesh, come to rule. We know that kingly authority is involved in this enfleshment of God, for St. John reminds us: “What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:3–5). The evangelist is telling us that the Word has come to fight an enemy, and the enemy will not prevail.

We have prepared a free book for you. I hope this book—which includes reflections, poems, and prayers from across two thousand years of Catholic history—draws you more deeply into the mysteries of the Advent and Christmas seasons: Israel’s longing for the Messiah, the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin by the angel Gabriel, the Incarnation of God in Mary’s womb, the journey of Joseph and the Mother of God to Bethlehem, the Nativity of our Lord, and finally, the life of the Holy Family. In dwelling on these mysteries throughout this sacred time, may you come to a renewed encounter with the living reality of Christ, the “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isa. 9:6).

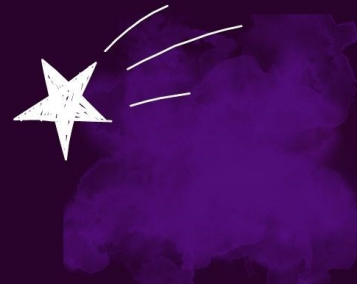
Let us join the great men and women of our tradition, raising our eyes with vigilance for God’s salvation—and receiving in our hearts the amazing grace of his Incarnation.

Get My FREE Book! >> books.wordonfire.org/thewordbecameflesh



Bishop Robert Barron

Advent Fun for Young Families



Sunday, December 11
after 9:00 and 10:30 Masses
Church Lower Level

- Donuts and Hot Cocoa Story Time
- Get creative with a graham cracker Nativity craft
- Bambinelli Blessing

Bring the child Jesus from your home nativity sets!



**ALL AGES
WELCOME!**



For more information:
stringerv@assumptionstl.org

2022 Gift Giving Tree

This week the giving tree is adorned with hundreds of ornaments, each representing a gift for the needy. There is a large tree with general items for adults and a smaller tree with gifts for children.

You may take as many ornaments as you wish from either tree. **All gifts are due by the noon Mass on Sunday, December 11th. Please attach the ornament securely to your gift.**

Questions? Contact
Ann Voegtli 314-799-0593



Want to Help a Neighbor in Need This Christmas?

Donate to Sponsor-A-Family!

Sponsor-A-Family is up and running!

Once again, we are asking for your help to make Christmas a reality for those in need! We are seeking gift cards in \$25 increments, or cash



donations to support the elementary school kids and families at St. Elizabeth's parish. We will also be sponsoring local families through St.

Vincent de Paul. Your gift, no matter what the amount, will make a difference! Donations may be dropped off at the parish office (clearly marked as SAF) or online using the following link:

<https://osvhub.com/assumptionstl/giving/funds/sponsor-a-family>

Thank you and please call Marilyn Angeli at 314-210-8297 or Kathy Boulicault at 314-220-9511 with any questions.

Advent Bake Sale for Books!

A bake sale will be held after all Masses on December 3rd and 4th. Bake and stock up on holiday treats and help us provide great Catholic books for Assumption families, spreading our Catholic faith!

How can you help? It's easy!

- 1) Donate baked items (bring them to the church lower level before or after any Masses December 3rd and 4th.
- 2) Purchase delicious treats at the bake sale.
- 3) Make a donation to support our efforts!
- 4) Volunteer at the bake sale (sign-up with Mary Meyer, 314-607-9596 or meiyomey@yahoo.com)

Help us spread sweetness and faith this holiday season!

Questions? Contact Mary Meyer at meiyomey@yahoo.com



Christmas In Prison Meal

The Christmas in Prison meal at Potosi Correctional Center for the Catholic Community is approaching on December 10th. We are looking for your assistance to help support this event. If you would like to donate money to help pay for meat and other sides; please drop your donation off to the parish office: "Attention Christmas in Prison". If you would like to provide cookies, pies, brownies or other desserts, please bring them to the Church front parking lot on Friday, December 9th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. or Saturday, December 10th from 7:00-8:00 a.m.



Questions? please contact Sue Engel at 314-662-2992 or 314-487-9898 or please leave a message if we are unable to take your call.

Celebrate The Reason For The Season



You're invited to Mary Mother of the Church for a "Happy Birthday Jesus Party" Sunday, December 4th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, kids 4-8 years old are invited to participate in a live nativity, free lunch, face painting, cookie decorating, service projects, and activities.

Optional: bring a baby gift for Jesus to benefit Our Lady's Inn pregnant woman's shelter.

Scan QR code to register.

Questions? Contact Becky McDonnell at mcdonnellparkgoers@gmail.com



Assumption Youth Christmas Concert



The Assumption Youth Choir will perform in a Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 4th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. Please join our Assumption Youth as they lift their voices in song to ring in the season and prepare the way of the Lord.

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
hussey@assumptionstl.org

Women's ACTS Retreat



The next Women's ACTS retreat will be January 26th-29th. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality and prayer life, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to build lasting friendships among our members. A team of Assumption women presents the Thursday to Sunday retreat with spiritual direction provided by our priests. The retreat is held once or twice a year at the Marianist Retreat Center in

Eureka, Missouri, where accommodations include a private room/bath for retreatants.

For full details & more information about Women's ACTS Retreats, please download a registration form at <https://assumptionstl.org/womens-acts-retreat-sign-up>

Questions? Contact Marianne Russell at 314-488-9048 or mkrussell@prodigy.net or Rose Vogan at 314-941-9872 or rdscsvall77@gmail.com



#iGIVECATHOLIC

The Knights of Columbus 3586 at Seven Holy Founders, Assumption, and Our Lady of Providence are again participating in iGiveCatholic this year. Last year you helped us raise over \$1,400 towards replacing the ultrasound at South County Pregnancy Help Center just in time for their volume to pick up with the overturning of Roe v Wade.

On November 29th, you will have the chance to help us again. We have several Prolife and Youth programs we'd love to be able to expand and continue but currently cannot.

To see our causes or support them, go to stl.givecatholic.org/organizations/knights-of-columbus-3586 or search on stl.givecatholic.org for Knights of Columbus.

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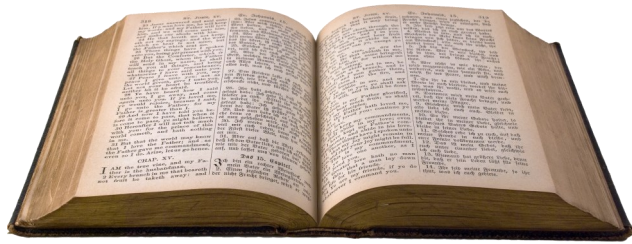
upcoming events

NOV 27: LIFE NIGHT
5th Annual Turkey Olympics

NOV 30: UPPER ROOM
Summit Bible Study

DEC 4: LIFE NIGHT
Seeing the Way

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



Ladies Scripture Study

All ladies of the parish are invited to join us on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospel.

Come whenever you are able.

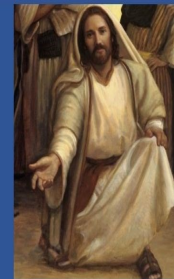
Since we are preparing for the upcoming Sunday it is not necessary to attend every week.

For questions or more information please contact Stacey Macko at 314-795-8783.

NEED PRAYER?

Physically, emotionally, spiritually?
- WE ALL DO!!

Come forward after Mass-no requirements, just faith in Jesus



9:00 MASS
November 27th
Last Sunday of every month

ASSUMPTION . . . JONAH PRAYER MINISTRY

James 5:16 ... pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful and effective.



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

December 5	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
December 6	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
December 6	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
December 12	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
December 13	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
December 13	1:00 p.m.	Cards
December 19	12:00 p.m.	Senior Speaker Series: History of Assumption
December 20	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
December 20	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
December 27	1:00 p.m.	Cards

Questions? Contact Marilyn Hogenmiller
314-894-819 (Dominoes) or Ron Reiter 314-347-5881 (Cards)

Senior Potluck Breakfast Is Back



The Senior Potluck Breakfast is back December 2nd following 8:00 a.m. Mass in St. Marie Hall (Church basement).

Leave your dish on the cart outside of the elevator. Please clearly mark what is in your dish.

Coffee, juice and water provided.

Need more information or have questions call Marilyn Hogemiller at 314-894-8194



Meals Program at Saint Peter & Paul

Did you know that at the Meals Program at Saint Peter & Paul we supply more than just a meal. We provide a safe environment for the guests to come in from out of the elements to eat a homecooked meal, comradery, a nurse to provide advice, medical students from SLU give “footwashes”, eye exams and glasses from the LIONS, hygiene items, blankets, and clothing. How can you help? We are always accepting donations of the following items:

- Coats, hats, and gloves (new or gently used)
- Socks (patterned or colors preferred)
- Belts (new or gently used)
- Blankets (new or gently used)
- Sweatshirts, Hoodies and Jackets (new or gently used)
- Athletic pants/long pants (new or gently used)

Please call or email Rachel Schoenberger at 314-231-9923 / office@stspeterandpaulstl.org
Thank you in advance for your care to the less fortunate!

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.

DECK THE HALLS OF GLENNON HOMES TOUR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 * 10AM – 3PM

St. Louis Homes + Lifestyles and the Glennon Guild are pleased to present a self-guided tour of four homes beautifully decorated for the holidays by some of St. Louis' top design teams and talented homeowners. Best of all, proceeds from the tour support the children cared for by SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital!

Scan the QR code for more information and to purchase tickets!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next IN-PERSON weekend experiences are listed below. Sign-up now!

For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

2/3/2023 - 2/5/2023 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO

3/17/2023 - 3/19/2023 - Villa Maria Retreat Center, Springfield, IL

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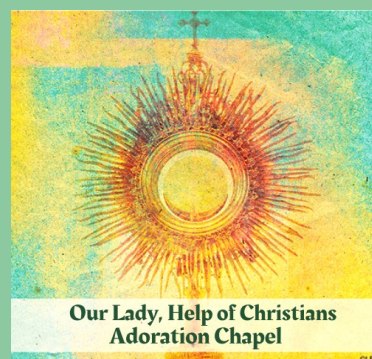
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— Please go to www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions and submit an online form to request event promotion and/or book a room

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Questions or comments?

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