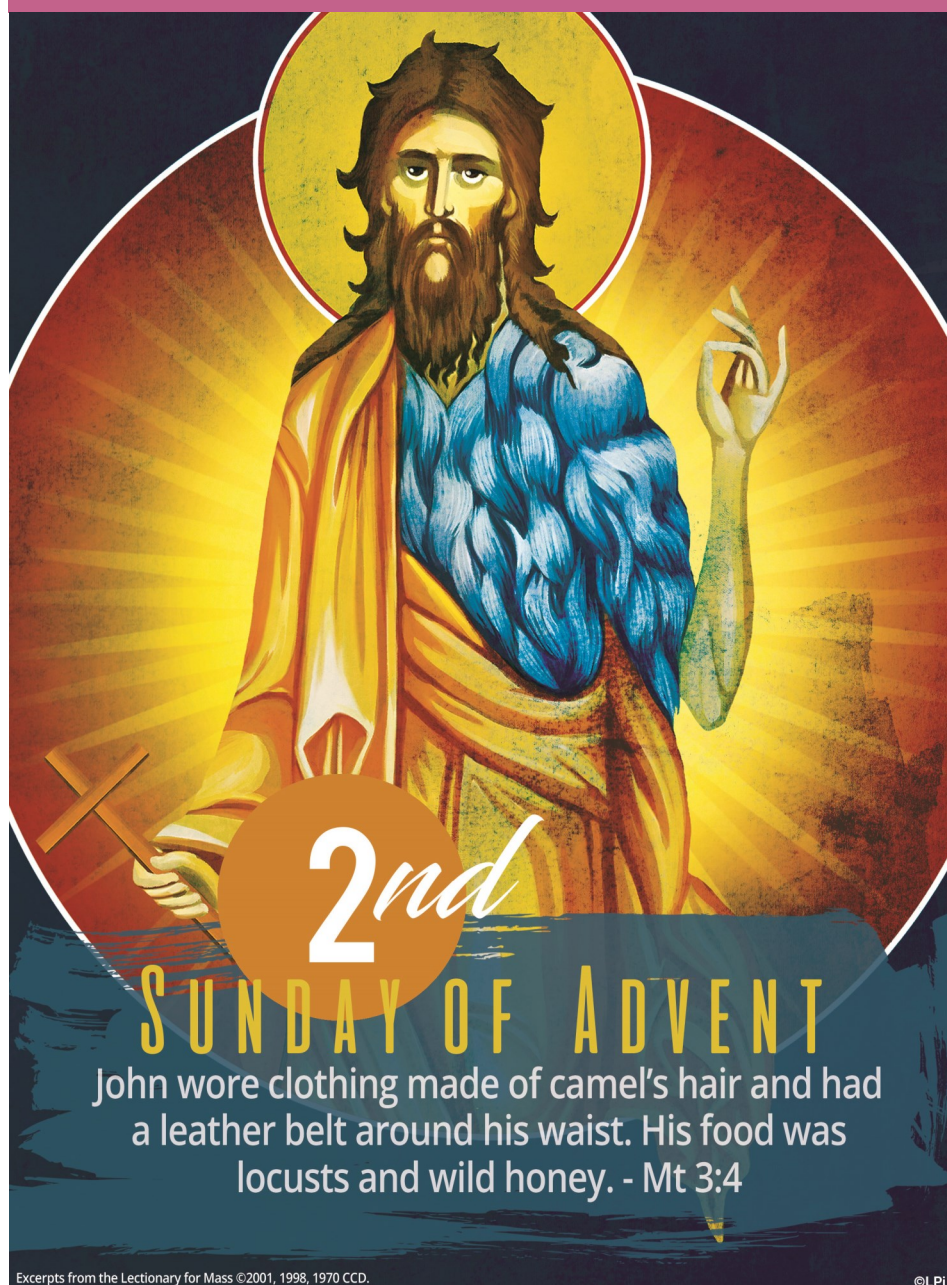




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 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

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
AELC & School Christmas Concert	Dec. 20th

Good News Messenger

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

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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!

November 14th– 20th

#AssumptionTogether	\$20.00
All Saints' Day	\$20.00
All Souls' Day	\$15.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	\$230.00
Christmas	\$50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00
Fill The Gap-Parish School	\$10.00
Formation of Permanent Deacons	\$5.00
General Fund 2023	\$24,294.30
Maintenance	\$15.00
Partners in Education	\$138.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$5.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Retired Priests	\$100.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$368.00
Seminary	\$100.00
Sponsor A Family	\$25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,842.00
Tithe for the Poor	\$100.00
Year End Contributions	\$5,000.00
Total	\$32,362.30

November 21st-27th

#AssumptionTogether	\$174.00
All Saints' Day	\$20.00
All Souls' Day	\$20.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	\$30.00
Christmas	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$45.00
General Fund 2023	\$16,366.50
Immaculate Conception	\$54.00
Maintenance	\$30.00
Partners in Education	\$25.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$103.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$130.00
Sponsor A Family	\$2,600.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$5,536.00
Year End Contributions	\$40.00
Total	\$25,193.50

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

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 a.m., 10 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.



Visit AssumptionSTL.org to register today for Online Giving!

Mass Intentions †

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 †
December 5	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Virginia Weindel †
8:00 a.m.	Karen Altnether †
December 6	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Barbara Pieper †
8:00 a.m.	Janet Thiemann †
December 7	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Gerard Grewe †
8:00 a.m.	Rosemary Wolff †
December 8	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Karen Altnether †
8:00 a.m.	Angela Sherman †
Noon	Tara McLafferty †
5:30 p.m.	James Allen, Sr. †
7:00 p.m.	Robert Lause †
December 9	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Arlene Torrillo †
8:00 a.m.	Steve Sherman †
December 10	SATURDAY
8:00 a.m.	Jerry Pyle †
5:00 p.m.	Robert Brush †
December 11	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
10:30 a.m.	Gayle A. Kenniston †
Noon	Linda DeClue †
6:00 p.m.	Donald Volansky, Sr. †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Brenden McDaniels

Dionne McPike

Kevin McPike

Carolyn Messmer

Ken Messmer

Judith Metzger

Arthur Miller

Carole Ann Miller

Mary Miloscia

Debbie Moriarty

Mary Morrow

Bernice Ottenlips

Rosalyn P.

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Michael Faulkner,
USMC*

Wyatt Flieg, USN

William Florich, USAR*

Tracy Freeman, USAR

Michael Fresenberg, USA

Thomas Graham, USAF

Josh Gregory, USAR*

Devon Harris, USN

Chris Hemmelgarn, USA*

Victor Huber, USA*

Kaeli Kluesner, USAF

Christopher Konradt,
USMC

Andrew Kremmel, USMC

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Weekly Readings

For the week of 12/4:

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

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab
and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3
and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps
103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps
98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6,
11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3,
4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps
80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt
17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps
146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5

Rest In Peace

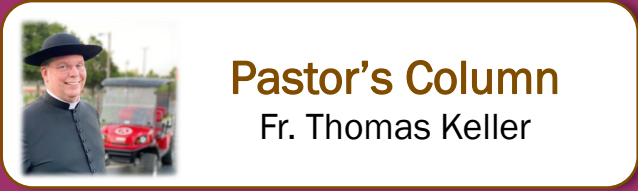
Anthony "Tony" Magio

Happy Birthday

Congratulations
Selma Usina who is turning
90 years young
December 20th!

Notice:

The parish office is closed
Thursday, December 8th for
the Holy Day.



Giving Opportunity

There are many reasons why people like to make year-end gifts. Some people feel generous this time of year and other people need to make a gift for tax purposes. No matter why one wants to give, we hope you remember Assumption.

A year-end gift to Assumption can help ease the pressure and continue to provide the much-needed operational services so many people rely on, like our seniors who use the shuttle bus, our young people who benefit from our school and youth ministry, and the ongoing maintenance of church buildings. Most of all we need to provide just salaries so we can continue to retain and hire the best staff. A year-end contribution to Assumption Parish will help assure that we can continue to flourish. If a year-end contribution is not possible, please consider a modest increase in your weekly offertory contribution. In either case, know that we truly appreciate your generosity!

If you prefer electronic giving, we have several convenient methods available. Just scan the QR code below or go to osvhub.com/assumptionstl/giving/funds to make a one-time gift, or to enroll in our electronic offertory. Don't hesitate to contact the parish office if you need assistance and our staff will help you.

With deep gratitude for the support that you provide to our parish and for the love that you extend to me as your pastor; know that you remain in my prayers, particularly that this Advent will be a prosperous time of preparation for a joy-filled Christmas for you!

Holy Day of Obligation

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Thursday, December 8th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation so all Catholics must attend Mass that day unless one has a serious reason of health, employment or travel on that day. Our Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., Noon, 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

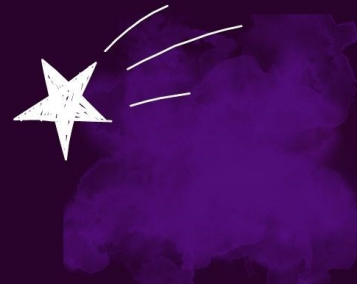
Lock your vehicle doors!

Apparently there have been an increasing number of incidents in South County where items have been taken from unlocked vehicles - please lock your car doors. Assumption has outdoor cameras, but they will not prevent, nor always positively identify someone looking for valuables in vehicles.

God bless,
Fr. Keller



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

**ALL AGES
WELCOME!**

Bring the child Jesus from your
home nativity sets!



For more information:
stringerv@assumptionstl.org

2022 Gift Giving Tree

Little girls waiting for dolls; mothers hoping for clothing and diapers for their children; the elderly looking forward to a new sweatshirt or blanket- **Please remember to bring your gifts to church no later than noon Mass next Sunday, December 11th with your ornaments securely attached to your gift.** Also, if you attend noon Mass next Sunday, we could use many extra hands to move the gifts to the church basement.

Questions? Contact Ann Voegtli
At 314-799-0593



Sponsor-A-Family – Abundant Grace

This is our first year coordinating the Sponsor-A-Family program and we are overwhelmed, but not surprised, by the generosity of Assumption parishioners. We've been told to expect 11th hour requests that are always met with last minute offerings through the grace of God. The true spirit of Christmas is alive and well here at Assumption.



As a final reminder, please get your gift cards and cash donations into the office (marked as SAF) by Wednesday, December 7th. Or, you can make a donation on-line at:

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

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Angeli at 314-210-8297 or Kathy Boulicault at 314-220-9511

Christmas Blessings to you all!

Fatima Rosary Group

All are welcome to join the Fatima Rosary Group each Tuesday in Church to pray the Rosary at 6:00 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.

Advent Bake Sale Today!

Stop by the church lower level after all Masses this weekend to purchase some delicious baked goods and sweet treats. This holiday bake sale will help spread our Catholic faith!



Assumption Youth Christmas Concert

The Assumption Youth Choir will perform in a Holiday Concert tonight, 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.



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 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Saturday, December 10th from 7:00 a.m. to 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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life Living Rosary for Life

**Sunday,
December 11, 2022
2:30 PM in Church**



We will be honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe as her feast day is Dec. 12, and the Advent Season as we prepare for the birth of Baby Jesus.



**Questions? Contact Anna Maria Usselman
314.487.2066**

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. 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.

Meetings are on the third Sunday of the month in the rectory basement (side door along Mattis) from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, December 18th.

Questions? Call Bobbi Farley at 314-805-1827 for more information.

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

Adoration
Community
Theology
Service

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 others. 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 rdscsval77@gmail.com



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.

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upcoming events

DEC 4: LIFE NIGHT
SEEING THE WAY

DEC 7: UPPER ROOM
SUMMIT BIBLE STUDY

DEC 11: LIFE NIGHT
SEEING THE UNSEEN

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



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.

THE MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CONTEMPLATIVE CORE TEAM INVITES YOU TO:

O Come, O Come
Emmanuel: An Evening
of Song and Praise

(with the O Antiphons)



In the midst of the holiday hustle and bustle, join us as we slow down and bring intention to our preparations for the ever-new coming of Christ into our lives, using the ancient prayers of the Church known as the O Antiphons.

Tuesday, December 20, 2022, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
in the MMOC Church:

5901 Kerth Road
St. Louis, MO 63128
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



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 314-894-8194 (Dominoes) or Ron Reiter 314-347-5881 (Cards)

**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.




Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

Open 24/7. (Contact the Parish Office for the keycode.)



Save the Date

Legacy Gala Dinner Auction

Saturday, April 1, 2023

1030 St. Pius Drive Festus, MO 63028

O Sacred Heart of Jesus. filled with Infinite Love

The St. Pius X High School Legacy Gala

The committee is proud to announce our 40th annual dinner auction on Saturday, April 1 2023! Thanks to the generosity of supportive organizations and individuals like you, this event has become our school's most successful fundraiser year after year. As the holidays are approaching, consider St. Pius X for any items we can use for the silent auction. We are truly grateful for your support so that we may continue to provide the only accredited Catholic based, four-year, college preparatory school in our community.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange pick up of donated items, please contact Amy Atzert at (636) 931-7487 ext. 135 or by email at aatzert@stpius.com.



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at Assumption

Wednesdays
6-6:45 p.m.

Saturdays
4-4:45 p.m.

Sundays
Before All Masses

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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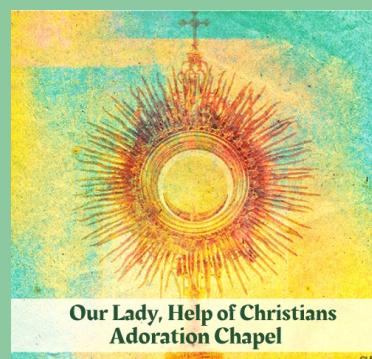
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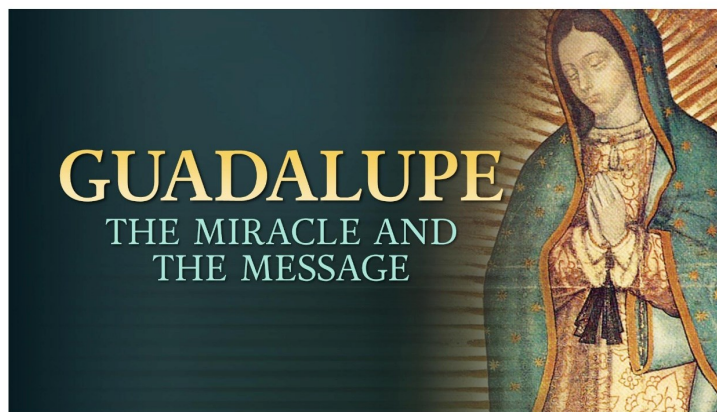
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