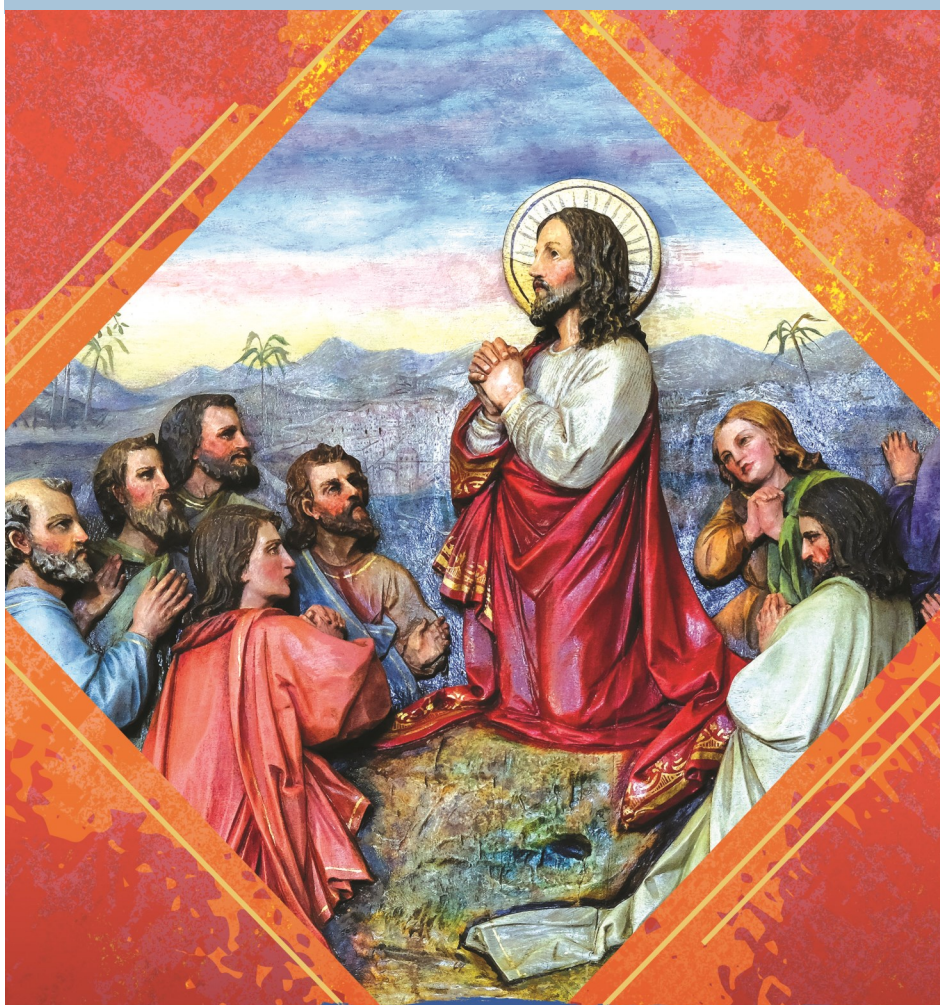




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

July 9, 2023



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28-30**

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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

Blood Drive	July 12
Summer Concert Series	July 20
Backpack Blessing	Aug 13
Feast on a Feast Day	Aug 15



Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

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

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!



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: _____

ZipCode: _____



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.

Stewardship June 26 – July 2

#AssumptionTogether	\$145.00
Candle Fund	\$31.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$20.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$20.00
Fill The Gap-Parish School	\$10.00
Friends for Life Campaign	\$75.00
General Fund	\$29,056.50
Maintenance	\$206.00
Partners in Education	\$410.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$25.00
Pro-Life Foundation	\$25.00
Pro-Life March for Life	\$53.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,329.00
Tithe for the Poor	\$10.00
	\$32,420.50

Mass Intentions †

July 9	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Gayle Kenniston †
Noon	Tom Villa †
6:00 p.m.	James Allen, Sr. †
July 10	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Elmer L. Kauffmann †
8:00 a.m.	Marie Gremaud †
July 11	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Don Russell †
8:00 a.m.	Anne Stecher Skoff †
July 12	WEDNESDAY
6:30 p.m.	Marcia Tiemeyer †
8:00 a.m.	Elmer H. Kauffmann †
July 13	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Michael Gabrielse †
8:00 a.m.	Dorothy Kelly †
July 14	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Ashley McMahon †
8:00 a.m.	Vi & Al Camenzind †
July 15	SATURDAY
8:00 a.m.	Bill Kelly †
5:00 p.m.	Donald Volansky, Sr. †
July 16	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Noon	Gayle Kenniston †
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Donald Buhr †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

Pamela Gebauer
Jane C. Grimm
Greg Guidry
Connie Hartman
Ursula Heimos
Jacqueline Helberg
Bill Henzey
Sheree Henzey
Arlene Horn
Richard G. Horn, Jr.
Barbara Huber
Amy Hufker
Barbara Huelsing
OUR MILITARY <i>*denotes parishioner</i>
Marti Torres, USAF
Jenna Welchlen, USA
Steven Wodraska, USN
Nicole Wright, USA
Joshua Zarr
Tim Andrews, USCG
Isaiah Angeli, USMC*
Davey Ardrey, USAR
Ryan Boedeker
Kyle Bottorf
Robert Bryant III, USAF*
Dakota Chappel
Lauren Chellis, USN

† 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 7/9:

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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

LAST RITES

“Last Rites” includes the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the Sacrament of Penance, the Apostolic Blessing, and Viaticum. Unfortunately, as a person declines, a priest will confer whatever rites are possible in the hope of aiding a soul to heaven. Ideally, someone should see a priest while they are conscious so they can be fortified by ALL the sacraments of Holy Mother Church that are available to them. After all, sacraments confer grace, but one must be willing to receive the grace.

Faith and Hope in Eternal life

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confers graces to assist the sick person so they can endure illness with faith and hope in eternal life. The Anointing of the Sick is not limited to just the dying but anyone with a serious illness should receive it at the onset of illness. It can be repeated as the illness progresses together with the Sacrament of Penance as often as it is beneficial to the soul.

The Authority to Forgive Sins

Ideally, the caregiver calls a priest before the last moment in order that the fully conscious person can make a good and thorough confession and receive sacramental absolution. All too often I arrive at the bedside of someone who is dying, and he or she is surprised that I ask them to make a good confession and sometimes they even refuse! I'm not sure why modern Catholics wave Confession – all I can say is that when I'm moments away from Final Judgement, I would throw in a little extra effort. Also, one cannot receive Holy Communion without having first confessed all mortal sins.

When a person is unconscious, the Sacrament of Anointing can forgive sins - presuming the unconscious person confessed regularly in life. The same is true if the priest speaks to the unresponsive person hoping they can at least hear his voice asking them if they are sorry for the sins of their whole life and then the priest confers “conditional absolution.” The condition is that the person hears the priest and is sorry. Contrition and repentance before death is called “Final Perseverance.”

Purification of the Soul

Mortal sin has two consequences: it deprives the soul of heaven, and it disfigures our soul. The Sacrament of Penance forgives sins and opens heaven to us again; but the soul, disfigured by the inclination to sin, must be restored to righteousness through the purifying effects of prayer, charity, and acts of penance, which helps us grow in virtue. However, defects of the soul that are not purified in life must be eradicated after death in the sufferings of Purgatory. The soul enters into God's presence once it is freed from all attachments to sin and worldly affections. The Apostolic Blessing is a special conferral of God's mercy to purify a soul when one is near death, hopefully relieving the soul of Purgatory. (I say hopefully because the Church cannot overcome one's final attitude toward sin and one never presumes to supersede God's justice).

Perfect Unity with Jesus

Finally, when someone receives Holy Communion for the last time, we call it “Viaticum.” It is Latin meaning “Food for the Journey.” Christians since the earliest days want to make that final journey across death with Jesus in the certain hope that Jesus will lead us to Paradise. This is the most beneficial aspect of Last Rites and the ultimate experience of a “happy death.”

The Last Rites are built on the **Christian virtue of Hope**. We hope that our prayers and the dying person's repentance will inspire “final perseverance from sin” and a “happy death” which means we are surrounded by the angels, saints, the Blessed Mother and Jesus Himself in our last moment.

God bless,
Fr. Keller

WE'RE HIRING!



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6:15 TO 7:30 PM, K-7TH GRADE

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New families should contact the
PSR director, Valerie Stringer
stringerv@assumptionstl.org



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Contact Brian at golftournament@assumptionsports.org or (314) 753-3351 for additional information.

Assumption PSR needs NEW TEACHERS

Positions open for 2023-24
Elementary and
Middle School



Apply today by emailing
PSR Director Valerie Stringer:
stringerv@assumptionstl.org

Classes meet on Mondays, 6:15 to 7:30 PM

July Senior Speaker Series

Monday, July 17th Senior Ministry will welcome Shine Bright dancers! Parishioner Michelle Westerman's

dance group will showcase their talents during their performance.



Please call
314-487-7970 x1228
to RSVP by July 13th.

Shine Bright Dance Project

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with catered lunch at 12:00 p.m. The performance will start after lunch.

Need a ride? Go to AssumptionSTL.org/shuttle or contact our Transportation Coordinator, Judy Talleur, by calling 314-487-7970 x1228, or email ShuttleBus@AssumptionSTL.org

Questions? Contact Deacon David at 314-487-7970 x1254.

Assumption Parish
**SUMMER 2023
CONCERT**

JUL 20 | AUG 17
Adam Sitter Band | **Kyle Huelsing Band**

COURTYARD &
LOWER PARKING LOT
6:30PM - 8:30PM

**Free Admission
(free will offering)**
Bring family, chairs and some snacks
and enjoy the music!

Edge Summer Events

Every Thursday from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



Mass and Breakfast

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Mass followed
by donuts

Pray and Play

Alternating Thursdays where we say a
short prayer and then play a sport



Edge Nights

Alternating Thursdays where we play a
game, listen to a talk, discuss, and pray



FEAST ON A FEAST DAY

AUGUST 15TH

JOIN US FOR A FOOD TRUCK FRENZY DINNER! PIZZA, SNOW CONES AND MORE!

Questions?
Contact Valerie Stringer
stringerv@assumptionstl.org

*Kona Ice
Doughboys
Wood Fired Pizza*

Assumption Parish Senior Ministry

Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

July 10	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
July 11	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
July 11	1:00 p.m.	Cards
July 13	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
July 17	12:00 p.m.	Senior Speaker Series
July 18	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
July 24	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore

*** First Friday breakfast will be suspended for the summer and will resume October 6th.*

Questions? Please contact...
Dominoes: Marilyn Hogenmiller 314-894-8194
Cards: Ron Reiter 314-347-5881

WINTER WONDERLAND

ASSUMPTION AUCTION GALA
JANUARY 20, 2024
ROYALE ORLEANS BANQUET CENTER

AUCTION NEWS & FAQ'S

Q. What is the difference between ACTION and AUCTION?

A. U!

And boy do we need all of YOU! This Auction will not be a success without each and everyone of us pulling together to do all that we can! We will be asking a lot of you in the next several months, and we ask for your tremendous support!

Thank you to all of you who visited with us at last week's Doughnut Sunday! Thanks for the questions! Thanks for the FAMILY ADS! Thanks for taking snowflake tags! Our Winter Wonderland is just getting started and we are excited to experience it with you!

If you have any NEW ITEMS that you are considering getting rid of, please share it with us before donating it to another agency! As long as it is new-we will find a home for it!

Have more questions?
Contact auktion@assumptionstl.org

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



Upcoming Events

July 9: No Life Night

Rest up after Steubenville!

July 12: Upper Room

3v3 Basketball Tournie & Summit

July 16: Life Night

Summer BBQ & Yard Games

Open to any teen in high school.

All events are held in the youth room of the Salesian House.

Contact Caitlyn Sextro (chickeyc@assumptionstl.org) for more info!

SAVE THE DATE! ASSUMPTION PRO-LIFE BANQUET September 16th, 2023

6PM Appetizers/6:30PM Banquet & Program
Church Lower Level/ St. Marie Hall

This event is for Assumption Pro-Life
Foundation Members. Interested in
becoming a member?

Contact Linda Bergfeld at 314-843-6981



Sing of Mary
Sacred Music performed by
The Catholic Women's Choir:
Polyhymnia

August 14th
3:00-4:00pm

Assumption – Mattese
Catholic Church
4725 Mattis Road
Saint Louis, MO 63128

LIVING WITH LOSS:

Widow/Widower Support Group

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. And 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.

We meet on the third Sunday of the Month in the Rectory basement (side door along Mattis) from 10:15-11:45.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, July 16.

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

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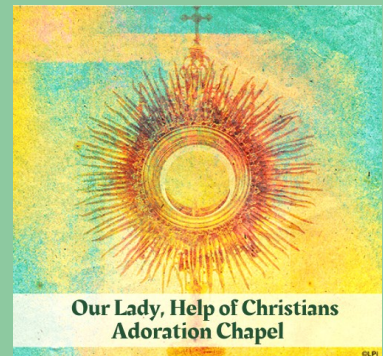
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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
July 16	July 6
July 23	July 13
July 30	July 20

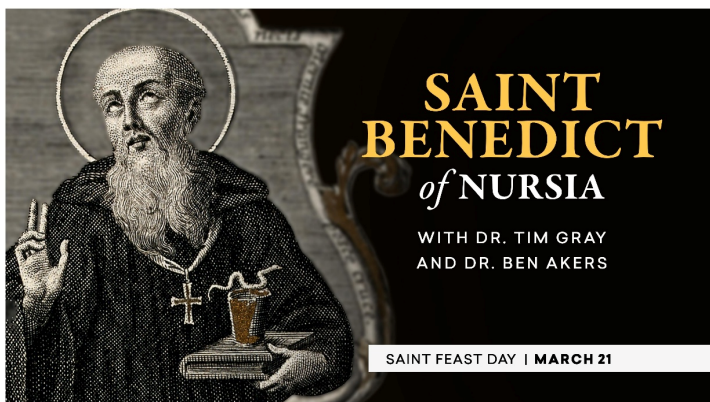
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