



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

September 3, 2023



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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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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Special Events

Good News Sunday	Sept. 3
Labor Day	Sept. 4
Pro-Life Banquet	Sept. 16
Senior Ministry Speaker Series	Sept. 18
Red Cross Blood Drive	Sept. 26



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!



Stewardship Aug 21– Aug 27

#AssumptionTogether	\$370.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$45.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$175.00
Fill The Gap-Parish School	\$10.00
Friends for Life Campaign	\$45.00
General Fund	\$23,182.11
Maintenance	\$30.00
Partners in Education	\$10,064.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$981.00
	\$34,917.11

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: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____



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.



**Visit AssumptionSTL.org
to register today
for Online Giving!**

Mass Intentions †

Sept 3	Sunday
7:30 p.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	Moritz & Edna Gapsch †
10:30 a.m.	Gayle Kenniston †
Noon	Linda DeClue †
6:00 p.m.	Theresa Brekrus †
Sept 4	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Robert Marquitz †
8:00 a.m.	Rick Frankenberg †
Sept 5	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Ronald Halbach †
8:00 a.m.	Tim Meagher †
Sept 6	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Al Stalley †
8:00 a.m.	Butch Schomber †
Sept 7	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Barbara Nordling †
8:00 a.m.	Barbara Reagan †
Sept 8	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Jane Grewe
8:00 a.m.	Richard Andres †
Sept 9	SATURDAY
8:00 a.m.	David Thompson †
5:00 p.m.	Christopher Maloney †
Sept 10	Sunday
7:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	Gayle Kenniston †
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
noon	Mary Lou Lannan †
6:00 p.m.	Joaquin Tantoco †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

Joshua Allen
Josefina Antenor
Michael B.
Clarence Bailey
Jinny Bailey
Vicki Baker
Jacob Bartola
Bernadette Bendall
Gary Bergholtz
Rick Biondo
Marion Bishop
Doris Brady
Cecilia Brandt
OUR MILITARY <i>*denotes parishioner</i>
Nicole Wright, USA
Joshua Zarr
Tim Andrews, USCG
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

† 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 9/3:

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Rest In Peace

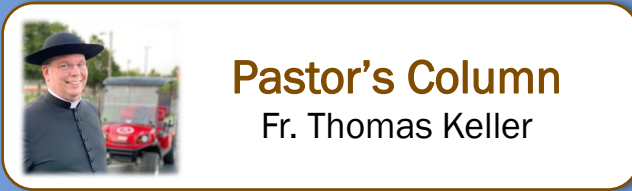
Arden Fahning III
Gary Mohrmann
Carolyn Strautmann

Note

Monday, September 4 is Labor Day. The Parish Office will be closed

The Mass Schedule for Labor Day will be as follows:

6:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m.



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Sometimes we forget the sacred nature of Sunday, known as the Lord's Day. Since the time of the apostles, Christians have regarded Sunday as special. Even though it was a workday to the pagans and Jews, it was special to Christians because it is the day that Jesus rose from the dead.

The apostles and the early Christians gathered in one of their homes on Sundays before dawn and they celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. The Christians would hear the Old Testament and Psalms read, they told the stories of Jesus, and then they would stand and face the rising sun which represented the light of Christ's Resurrection as the apostle, or his delegate (bishop or priest), would offer the bread and wine. The believers would receive the Body and Blood of Christ, give thanks, and then go about the rest of their day.

Sunday is still the day when Holy Mass is celebrated by the entire Catholic community. Catholics should make the Sunday Mass their priority, meaning, it isn't just one more thing we need to do, but it is the most important thing we do. The entire day should be planned around participation in the Sunday Mass. It is a serious sin to miss Sunday Mass, intentionally or accidentally.

Many prefer to attend the anticipated Mass on Saturday evening. This is permitted by the Church. Usually, the anticipated Mass cannot start before 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon wedding Masses and even Saturday morning funeral Masses do not take the place of the Sunday Mass.

Since the time of the early Church, Christians have extended the nature of Sunday to include not only the celebration of Mass but also the inclusion of God's commandment to rest on the sabbath. Even though the sabbath was a Saturday in the original Jewish understanding, Christians have transferred it to the Sunday to align it with dignity of the Lord's day when He rose from the dead. It is important to even set aside household chores. In our modern world there are some jobs that require employees to work, but we can do our part to avoid shopping, even going out to restaurants early in the day to give others that opportunity to worship God and rest with their families. Even sports early in the day on a Sunday violate the spirit of God's commands. In a society that does not respect God's commandments and does not enforce civil laws to protect the Sunday, then we have to do our part to stand counter to society.

In addition to refraining from work whenever possible, there is an aspect of Sunday where we take time to enjoy the company of others, especially family.

Sundays should feel special. Fasting and penance are never permitted on Sunday. We should dress-up on Sunday to express the importance of the day. We live in a society obsessed with casual dress and comfort. While vanity is not becoming of Christians, dressing-up to express the importance of the Sunday Mass is a virtuous action.

In our modern internet-savvy society Masses are often online for the benefit of those who are Homebound. However, attending a broadcast or online Mass never fulfills one's obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. One does not incur a mortal sin when one travels, if one is restricted by ill health, or due to serious obligations for work.

God bless,
Fr. Keller

JOIN OUR TEAM

WE'RE HIRING

 **Part-time School Nurse**

 **AELC Support Staff**

 **Aftercare Support Staff**

 **Spanish Teacher**



Learn More & Apply Today!
assumptionstl.org/apply

Welcome! Our New Director of Youth Ministry!

Hello, my name is Dani Meyer. I am so excited to take on this new role as the director of youth ministry. My goal is to create an environment where teens can foster relationships with others and with Christ.

When I am not working, I love spending time with my niece and nephew, playing guitar, and napping with my dog. If you see me around, please introduce yourself and say hi. I would love to get to know you! God Bless.



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Women's ACTS Retreat October 5-8



An ACTS retreat allows each retreatant to focus on her faith and how it applies in daily life, to increase purpose in her prayer life, to experience the love of God through others, and to build a stronger faith community.

The retreat begins Thursday evening October 5, with check-in between 6:00-6:15 p.m. at Assumption Church. Transportation to and from the Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka, Missouri, is provided. The retreat concludes Sunday, October 8, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Assumption, with a gathering following in the church lower level.

Accommodations for retreatants include a private room and bath at Marianist. Cost for each retreatant is \$275. A deposit of \$75 is payable with your registration, and the remaining \$200 is payable any time before, or at check-in for the retreat on October 5.

Please note: If you need financial assistance with part or all of your retreat fees there are scholarships available. Confidentiality assured. Please contact Angie Griffard angiegriffard@gmail.com or Debbie Winston winskistl@charter.net.

There are applications in the parish office, in the vestibule of church or you may register on-line at assumptionstl.org/acts.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

CGS ATRIUM ASSISTANT NEEDED!

- Assistant training provided
- Wednesday (2nd grade) or Thursday (Kindergarten)
- 12-3 PM, weekly

Do you have time to support Assumption's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program?
Contact Valerie at stringerv@assumptionstl.org

September Senior Speaker Series

Monday, September 18th
Senior Ministry will have
Jane Guenther Director at
the Catholic Renewal Center
speak on the topic of the
Holy Spirit.

Please call
314-487-7970 x1228
to RSVP by
September 14th.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.
with catered lunch at
12:00 p.m. The speaker 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.



CATHOLIC RENEWAL CENTER
"AWAKENING THE GIFTS & FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"



40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil September 27th – November 5th

In coordination with prayer vigils throughout the world, Assumption will participate in the upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign.

Since abortions are not being performed at the St. Louis Planned Parenthood, there will be no 40 Days for Life campaign conducted at this facility. However, there will be a 40 Days for Life campaign conducted at the Planned Parenthood in Fairview Heights, Illinois located at 317 Salem Place.

Assumption's adopted day is Saturday, September 30th from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prayer volunteers are needed for one hour time slots.

If you can participate or have questions call or text Tim at 314-807-0510.



Bus Passenger Assistants Needed

Volunteers are needed to ride along with a driver on Sunday mornings to assist passengers onto and off of the shuttlebus.

We would like to find 8 volunteers to reduce riding along time to once every 8 weeks, rather than every 4 weeks.

The requirements would be the physical ability to help the passengers, and completion of the Archdiocesan Safe Environment program.

Interested in helping? Please contact Judy Talleur, by calling 314-487-7970 x1228, or email ShuttleBus@AssumptionSTL.org

ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED! ASSUMPTION PRO-LIFE BANQUET September 16th, 2023

6PM Appetizers/6:30PM Banquet & Program
Parish Center

This is a fundraiser to support pro-life ministries. In addition to an opportunity for annual membership in the Assumption Pro-Life Foundation, funds will be raised to support parish pro-life youth ministries. The Foundation provides support to ten key pro-life organizations in our area.

Guest Speaker: Lucia Russell, Sidewalk Counselor with Coalition Life

Please RSVP with Linda Bergfeld at lindajb822@gmail.com





Help us. Help others.

Volunteer to Help a Neighbor

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul needs you. If you have a little bit of free time and would like to help out your neighbor in need, please consider joining the parish ministry that closely adheres to the call of Christ to love your neighbor.

Please call Ed Bellamy at 314-276-8356.



ASSUMPTION AUCTION GALA

JANUARY 20, 2024

ROYALE ORLEANS BANQUET CENTER

AUCTION NEWS & FAQ's

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANT WITH US!

Going out to lunch or dinner? Please consider purchasing a gift card to donate to the Assumption Auction! Your support is appreciated!

Return gift cards to the Parish Office or place in the box in the church sanctuary.

Questions? Contact
auction@assumptionstl.org



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

<i>September 4</i>	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>SoulCore Canceled</i>
September 5	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
September 5	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
September 11	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
September 12	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
September 12	3:00 p.m.	Cards
<i>September 18</i>	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>SoulCore Canceled</i>

Note:

* 5p.m. SoulCore canceled and will start again September 13

Questions? Please contact...

Dominoes: Marilyn Hogenmiller 314-894-8194

Cards: Ron Reiter 314-347-5881



American Red Cross

Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive Tuesday, September 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the church lower level.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling 1-800-REDCROSS, or go to redcrossblood.org and type in assumptioncc under "find a blood drive".



Upcoming Events

Sept 3: No Life Night - Labor Day

Sept 10: Here and Now:
Uncontainable Contents

Sept 17: Here and Now:
Perfection Through Imperfection

Sept 24: Bonfire Night!

Open to any teen in high school.
All events are held in the youth room of the Salesian House.!

White House Retreat November 13-16

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 peace, quiet and 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 13 to November 16. 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 whitehouseretreat.org to find additional dates. When registering tell them you are with Assumption Group. Any questions call Gayla Arendt 314-578-2647.

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. 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 a.m. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, September 17. Call Bobbi Farley at 314-805-1827 for more information.



October 13 - 15, 2023

The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples Facing Difficult Challenges in their Relationship

- A Marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.
- A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.
- Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect.
- Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

For more information or to register, call 314-453-0110 helpourmarriage.org

Contact Us

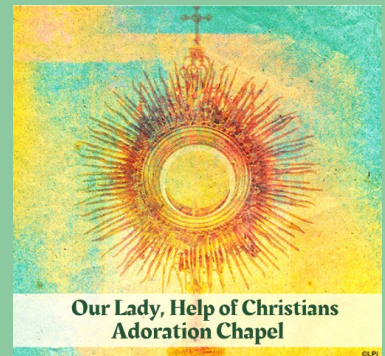
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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
September 10	August 31
September 17	September 7
September 24	September 14

- Please go to www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions and submit an online form to request event promotion and/or book a room
- PDF files cannot be used
- .jpg files required for any photos/graphics

Questions or comments?
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