



## GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

October 15, 2023



### 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

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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

#### CLERGY

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## Special Events

Candlelight Eucharistic Procession & Adoration Under The Stars Oct. 15  
 Trunk or Treat Oct. 20  
 Saint Martha's Open House Oct. 26  
 All Saints' Day (Parish Office Closed) Nov. 1



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



*Please return this slip to the Parish Office (located in the Rector's Office) 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 October 2 – October 8

#AssumptionTogether	\$20.00
All Saints' Day	\$111.00
All Souls' Day	\$105.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$5.00
Fill The Gap-Parish School	\$10.00
Formation of Permanent Deacons	\$153.00
General Fund	\$22,894.79
Maintenance	\$20.00
Partners In Education	\$680.00
Pro-Life Foundation	\$4,223.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$736.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,155.50
Tithe for the Poor	\$25.00
	<b>\$30,138.29</b>

## Mass Intentions †

<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
8:30 a.m.	Nick Braun †
9:00 a.m.	Rita Tesoro †
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
noon	Mary Lou Lannan †
6:00 p.m.	Doris Loosmore †
<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
6:30 a.m.	Betty Varga †
8:00 a.m.	Trien Tran †
<b>Oct 17</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
6:30 a.m.	Arlene Hejnal †
8:00 a.m.	Vi & Al Camenzind †
<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
6:30 a.m.	Brian Grimes †
8:00 a.m.	Tony Martignon †
<b>Oct 19</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
6:30 a.m.	Tiffany Lentz †
8:00 a.m.	John C. Myszak †
<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
6:30 a.m.	Wilbert Eckstein †
8:00 a.m.	Janet Thiemann †
<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	Sal Cantanzaro †
5:00 a.m.	John & Frances Meagher †
<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
8:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	George Wehrle †
10:30 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
noon	People of the Parish
6:00 p.m.	Tom & Kathy Nolan †
	† denotes deceased

## In Our Prayers

Ray Leisure
Tim Lesmeister
Marietta Lewandowski
Marie LoPiccolo
Kristen Lowry
Ed Lueders
Ann Macke
Daniel Macke
Rachel Maixner
Diane Maixner
Michael Manning
Ann Marie Marelli
Maureen Mattingly
<b>OUR MILITARY</b> <i>*denotes parishioner</i>
Kaeli Kluesner, USAF
Christopher Konradt, USMC
Andrew Kremmel, USMC
Matthew Kren, USA
Max Kren, USMC
Justin Lock, USA
Fr. David Miloscia, USN
Stephen Miloscia, USN
Ryan Nardin
Todd Nicely, USMC*
Ryan O'Neil, USA
Jordan Osmack
Daniel Parker, 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 10/15:

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

## Rest In Peace

Loretta Seltzer



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## Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

### **Eucharistic Procession and Adoration**

On Sunday evening, after the 6 p.m. Mass, we will have a Candlelight Procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament followed by a period of adoration “under the stars.” Everyone is invited to join us around 7 p.m. We will provide candles, praise and worship music, time for silent adoration, and confessions will be available. You may want to bring a lawn chair to sit on or a blanket to use when kneeling. Dress warmly if it is chilly out. The ceremony will end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament around 8 p.m.

### **Partners in Education**

Many of our parishioners have been very generous to our Partners in Education campaign. We have raised more than half of our goal. Thank you! However, it is not too late to donate to the campaign. Your gift will help families in need and keep our school viable.

### **School and ELC Staffing**

We have been quietly holding our breath because something unexpected could always go wrong, but... drumroll please! We are currently fully staffed at the grade school! We are still looking for some part-time staff for the AELC and Aftercare but for the most part we are doing better than before. Thanks to everyone who worked and prayed we would get to this point.

### **Holy Land Pilgrimages**

As I think everyone knows, I promised a pilgrimage to the Holy Land way back in 2018. The first dates were cancelled due to Covid, then we rescheduled for November. Then the response was so overwhelming we added a second pilgrimage in March. Now a major military conflict has broken out between the terrorist organizations HAMAS and the State of Israel. While the fighting is currently located in Gaza near Egypt, the West Bank, where several Christian Shrines, including Bethlehem, Jericho, and Bethany has been sealed off. Currently, we are hoping that it will be safe to go, but realistically we realize that it may not be feasible. Please keep the Christian families and clergy living in the Holy Land in your prayers.

### **Trees on Campus**

You may have noticed we recently removed two big old trees. One by the exit to Mattis and the other behind the St. Martha's offices. They were quickly dying, and both were in areas where people could be injured by falling limbs. It's unfortunate that we had to remove them because our campus is greatly enhanced by all the beautiful landscaping. The good news is that we are planning on planting a number of new trees in the next few weeks. We hope another large tree will grow near the St. Martha's building and we are planting several new Missouri Redbuds and Dogwoods in the rectory and Basler Lane area.

### **Retiring American Flags**

As the summer season comes to an end, you may have an American Flag that needs to be respectfully retired. Did you know our Scouts have a receptacle on campus for old American Flags? Yes! In front of the school to the left of the flagpole there is a short red box behind the brick and wrought-iron fence. If you leave an old flag in that box, the parish scouts will properly burn it in a special ceremony.

God bless,  
Fr. Keller

# Assumption PSR needs A NEW TEACHER

**Immediate opening:  
2nd Grade co-teacher**



Apply today by emailing  
PSR Director Valerie Stringer:  
[stringerv@assumptionstl.org](mailto:stringerv@assumptionstl.org)

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



Oct 20  
6-9 P.M.

## ASSUMPTION TRUNK OR TREAT



**GAMES, PRIZES, FOOD & MORE**

**PRESALE PARKING  
TICKET**

**PRESALE WALK-IN  
TICKET**

PARKING  
2 HAYRIDE TICKETS  
2 S'MORE PACKS  
10 GAME TICKETS  
2 HOT CHOCOLATES

**\$15**

WALK-IN ADMISSION  
2 HAYRIDE TICKETS  
2 S'MORE PACKS  
10 GAME TICKETS  
2 HOT CHOCOLATES

**\$25**

TICKETS AVAILABLE DAY OF: PARKING \$20 & WALK-IN \$30  
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY & FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

\*NOT ALL ACTIVITIES MAY TAKE PLACE - NO REFUNDS

**Purgatorial Mass  
November 2nd 7:00 p.m.**



Our annual Purgatorial Mass will be celebrated on All Souls Day, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. In order to prayerfully remember our loved ones who died in the past year, their names will be read during the Mass. All are welcome to participate in this Mass.



**We Need YOU!  
CORE TEAM**

**Volunteer with  
Assumption Youth Ministry**

Contact Dani Meyer:  
[meyerd@assumptionstl.org](mailto:meyerd@assumptionstl.org)



**LIFE TEEN**  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ





### Sponsor-A-Family

Sponsor-A-Family is in full swing, and we are already planning our Christmas gift program for the school children of St. Louis Catholic Academy. Want to help? We could use a few “captains” to coordinate the gifts for each grade.



Of course, in addition to prayers and Santa’s helpers, it takes \$\$ to purchase the gifts. Please consider donating gift cards in \$25 increments or making a cash donation to the program. Gift cards and cash donations may be dropped off at the parish office (clearly identified as SAF). Checks should be made payable to Assumption. You may also make a donation online at:

[osvhub.com/assumptionstl/giving/funds/sponsor-a-family](https://osvhub.com/assumptionstl/giving/funds/sponsor-a-family)

Willing to serve as a captain or have any questions? Call Marilyn Angeli at 314-210-8297 or Kathy Boulicault at 314-220-9511.

### November Senior Speaker Series

Daughters of St. Paul will speak on Monday, November 20th for the next Senior Speaker Series. Please call 314-487-7970 x1228 to RSVP by Thursday, November 16th.



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](https://AssumptionSTL.org/shuttle) or contact our Transportation Coordinator, Judy Talleur, by calling 314-487-7970 x1228, or email [ShuttleBus@AssumptionSTL.org](mailto:ShuttleBus@AssumptionSTL.org).

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



ASSUMPTION PARISH  
**CUB SCOUT PACK 169**  
**PUMPKIN SALES 2023**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st after 5:00 P.M. MASS  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22nd after ALL MASSES  
&  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th after 5:00 P.M. MASS  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th after ALL MASSES

(or until supplies run out)



  
**Upcoming Events**

October: Respect Life Month

10/22: Scavenger Hunt

10/27-10/29: Fall Retreat

11/5: Movie Night: Spider-Man  
Into the Spider-Verse

11/12: Spectrum: Immersive Exhibit

Open to any teen in high school.  
All events are held in the youth room of the Salesian House.  
Any questions? Contact Dani at [meiyerd@assumptionstl.org](mailto:meiyerd@assumptionstl.org)

## Ladies 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](http://whitehouseretreat.org) to find additional dates. When registering tell them you are with Assumption Group. Any questions call Gayla Arendt 314-578-2647.

## Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life's Living Rosary for

Sunday, October 22nd 2:30 p.m.  
in Church

For October, the Month of the Rosary, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Holy Rosary which Pope St. Pius V established.



Please join us to pray this Rosary in a time that our country and the world needs prayer.

## KoC Donates Trivia Night Proceeds to Pregnancy Help Center of South County



On October 4th Tim Hessel and Dennis Daniels of the Knights of Columbus Fr. Griffin Council presented a \$3,907.44 check to Laura Brandt, Executive Director, and Niki Wuff, Continuing Education Manager of the Pregnancy Help Center South County. This check represents a third of the net proceeds from the "God Bless America Trivia Night" that was hosted by the Fr. Griffin Council in June. The other two organizations that benefited from the trivia night are Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life and the DC March for Life Assumption. Pregnancy Help Centers provide support and resources to women who experience crisis pregnancies. The essential services they provide often make the difference between a baby being aborted and a baby being born into a supportive environment. For more information go to [thepregnancyhelpcenter.com](http://thepregnancyhelpcenter.com).

## JONAH HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY - ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

Compassionate towards others? Desire to serve Jesus?  
Consider joining Assumption's Jonah Prayer Ministry  
One hour per month offers comfort and healing to others

"...PRAY FOR EACH OTHER SO THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED." JAMES 5:16



If you are being called to pray for others or have any questions about this Ministry, please contact parishioner Rita Baughman at [rita.baughmanofs@gmail.com](mailto:rita.baughmanofs@gmail.com)



ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

# FALL RETREAT



**OCTOBER 27TH - 29TH 2023**

**CAMP WYMAN**



Impactful weekend filled with  
Talks, Praise & Worship, games,  
and Prayers

Questions? Contact Dani Meyer:

[meyerd@assumptionstl.org](mailto:meyerd@assumptionstl.org)

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## Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

October 16	12:00 p.m.	Speaker Series
October 17	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
October 17	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
October 23	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
October 24	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
October 24	1:00 a.m.	Cards
October 31	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
October 31	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes

Questions? Please contact...

Dominoes: Marilyn Hogenmiller 314-894-8194

Cards: Ron Reiter 314-347-5881



ASSUMPTION AUCTION GALA

JANUARY 20, 2024

ROYALE ORLEANS BANQUET CENTER

## AUCTION NEWS & FAQ's REGISTER & PURCHASE TICKETS!

Tickets are now on sale for Winter Wonderland Auction & Gala on January 20, 2024 at the Royale Orleans Banquet Center. We expect to sell out! Don't be disappointed! All are welcome. To registry and purchase tickets...

1. Go to: [assumptionauction.org](http://assumptionauction.org)
2. Click on Sign-in on right side.
3. Enter your email address. If you are already in the system, you will be asked for your password. If you do not remember it, click forgot password. If you are not in the system it will ask you to enter mobile phone number and your first and last name. Click Finish.
4. It will ask you to enter a credit card number. You need to add a credit card to make a purchase, but if you just want to browse, click No Thanks.
5. Click on Menu on the left side.
6. Click on Purchase Tickets.
7. Click on Gala Auction and Dinner Ticket.
8. Press the + sign to select the number of tickets you wish to purchase.
9. Click Enter Ticket Details
10. If you know who you want to sit with enter that in Special Requests
11. Follow the instructions on the screen.

Thank you for all the donations received so far. ***All donation items for the Winter Wonderland Auction are due by the end of October.*** All items can be returned to the church by the baptismal font. If you need help getting items to the church, please email us at [auction@assumptionstl.org](mailto:auction@assumptionstl.org) or call and leave a message at 314-784-8703.

Questions?

Contact [auction@assumptionstl.org](mailto:auction@assumptionstl.org) or go to [assumptionstl.org/auction](http://assumptionstl.org/auction) for more details.



we invite you to have:

# The CONVERSATION

A Catholic Perspective on Cycle of Life Issues

FALL 2023

*Presented by the* **Roman Catholic Foundation**

**SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 4, 2023**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (*lunch provided*)

**Assumption (Mattese) • St. Marie Hall** (Church Lower Level)  
4725 Mattis Rd • St. Louis, MO 63128

**"Very well organized, well presented information  
that every person should hear!"**

— *Judy Neary, St. Clare of Assisi parishioner*

#### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Q. What is the difference between an Advanced Directive and a Living Will?
- Q. What does the Catholic Church say about removing someone from life support?
- Q. What does the Catholic Church teach about cremation and organ donation?
- Q. How can I support the causes important to me during my life and after I am gone?

**Get answers to these questions and more!**



To register, scan the code, call or visit:

**314.918.2892**

[bit.ly/RCF-ConversationFall2023FLY](https://bit.ly/RCF-ConversationFall2023FLY)

#### LET'S TALK...

Conversations about illness, death and dying are never easy. Whether death comes suddenly or after a prolonged illness, most of us are not comfortable discussing our medical wishes or end-of-life plans with our loved ones. However, being prepared ensures that your final wishes are followed. It is important for you and your loved ones to understand the Church's teachings on end-of-life decisions. Advance planning on your part keeps your family from having to make these difficult decisions.

*This free seminar is for people of all ages and life situations: single people, parents of young families, those caring for aging parents and those facing illness or death. There will be no solicitation at this event.*



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## Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
October 22	October 12
October 29	October 19
November 5	October 26

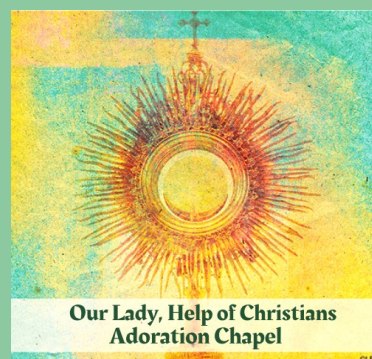
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