



## GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

November 19, 2023



### 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Well done, my good and faithful servant." – Mt 25:21

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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

Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23  
 9:00 a.m. Mass Canned Food  
 Collection for SVdP  
 Parish Brunch  
 Advent by Candlelight Nov. 26  
 iGiveCatholic Giving Tuesday Nov. 28

## Baptism

Congratulations to Gabriel Joseph who was received into the Church on Sunday, November 12th at his Baptism! His parents are Mark and Madeleine and his godparents are Andrew and Abby.

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

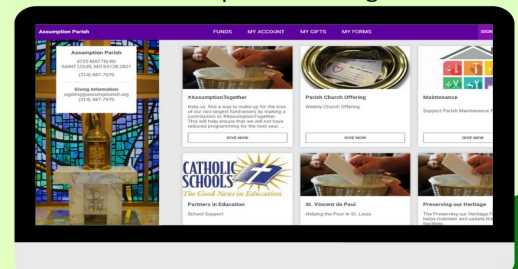


*Please return this slip to the Parish Office (located in the Rector's Office) or drop in the offertory basket, and we will be in touch soon to help you register here! You may also visit the office Monday-Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to register.*



Here at Assumption, it is our mission to serve our parish community in the best way we can, keeping Christ at the center of all we do. To support our mission and various ministries, we rely on the generosity of our parish family.

Online Giving is an easy and efficient way to make donations through your smart phone or computer. You can easily access the Online Giving page through our website, [AssumptionSTL.org](https://AssumptionSTL.org).



## Mass Intentions †

Nov 19	Sunday
7:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	Sal & Eleanor Catanzaro †
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Noon	Arthur Schaefer †
6:00 p.m.	Matthew Dunn
Nov 20	Monday
6:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Villella †
8:00 a.m.	Otto Sanders †
Nov 21	Tuesday
6:30 a.m.	Jim Stecher †
8:00 a.m.	Timothy Meagher †
Nov 22	Wednesday
6:30 a.m.	LaVerne McMaster †
8:00 a.m.	Tony Ternac †
Nov 23	Thursday
9:00 a.m.	Rosemarie Bergholtz †
Nov 24	Friday
6:30 a.m.	Gary Mohrmann †
8:00 a.m.	Nick Braun †
Nov 25	Saturday
8:00 a.m.	Jan Czarnecki †
5:00 p.m.	John & Frances Meagher †
Nov 26	Sunday
7:30 a.m.	Louis & Josephine Pisoni †
9:00 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
10:30 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
Noon	People of the Parish
6:00 p.m.	Terry Stringer †
	† denotes deceased

## In Our Prayers

Pat Williamson
Edward Wohlstadter
Eric Wolf
Sheri Oldani Zambruski
Anna Zuellig
Joshua Allen
Josefina Antenor
Michael B.
Clarence Bailey
Jinny Bailey
Vicki Baker
Jacob Bartola
Bernadette Bendall
<b>OUR MILITARY</b> <i>*denotes parishioner</i>
Derek Ryan
Timothy Scott, USMC
Todd Smick, USN
Aaron Staryak
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 11/19:

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

## Reminder

On Thanksgiving Day the 9:00 a.m. Mass offertory collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul.

Please remember to also bring in non-perishable items to help those in need.

Thank you for your support!





## Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

### Year End Giving

Assumption parishioners are always generous. In recent years, an increasing number of parishioners are taking advantage of “Year End Giving” as an expression of faith, to practice stewardship, and to express gratefulness to God for the many gifts we have received.

Thanks to your generosity, Assumption remains a vibrant parish and a beacon of Christ’s love and truth to the world! We offer Masses and Confessions at convenient times. We are available for baptisms, weddings, and funerals when families need us. We support vibrant senior and youth ministries that enrich the lives of participants. We provide Catholic education and formation for children from infancy through eighth grade. We reach out to the larger community with programs to feed and clothe the poor, reach out to victims of domestic abuse, and visit the sick and even the imprisoned. We maintain our parish cemetery where generations of parishioners await the resurrection of the body. Your support helps make all this possible.

A Year-End Gift might also provide substantial tax benefits for your family. Some parishioners might realize tax benefits by donating appreciated securities, real estate, or other assets. Donors who are at least 70½ years old and have a taxable IRA can make a tax-free qualified charitable distribution (QCD). Donor Advised Funds and Charitable Gift Annuities are also available and can provide substantial tax benefits to some donors. Contact the parish office for further information on these tax advantaged giving strategies. The time you take to arrange a gift is deeply appreciated.

For the last nine years I have been honored to be the pastor of a faith-filled and generous parish. My own faith in God has strengthened during this time through the good example of so many parishioners.

For your convenience, all registered parishioners will receive a letter and response card in the mail in the next few days. I invite you to prayerfully consider a Year End Gift to Assumption Parish.

God bless,  
Fr. Keller



#iGIVECATHOLIC  
November 28, 2023

**This Giving Tuesday, The Knights of Columbus challenge you to help families receive a Catholic Education at Assumption.**

**What can \$15,000 do?**

- Make Catholic Education affordable!
- Educate 2 children for an entire year!
- Support teacher benefits!

**Donate Now!**



**Are you ready?**

**1**

**Pre Campaign Challenge!**

When campaign reaches **\$2,000** before Giving Tuesday on 11/28, donor will match!



#GIVINGTUESDAY

**2**

**The Giving Tuesday Challenge!**

When donations reach **\$5,500** before 11:59 PM on Giving Tuesday, 11/28, donor will match!

<https://stl.igivecatholic.org/organizations/knights-of-columbus-3586>

**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 St. Louis Catholic Academy elementary school children and families in the surrounding parish. We will also be sponsoring some 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>



Questions? Please call  
Marilyn Angeli at 314-210-8297 or  
Kathy Boulicault at 314-220-9511.

**Thanksgiving Day Mass & Brunch**

Assumption will have a special 9:00 a.m. Mass Thanksgiving Day. This is one of our special Masses as multigenerational families come together to thank God for all the blessings received.



After the Mass we will have a Parish Family Brunch. This brunch is for parishioners and their guests, but we make a very special invitation to anyone whose family is at a distance or who have passed away.

*To help make this meal a success we are in need of volunteers.  
If you can help please reach out to Judy Keller at [jakeller48@gmail.com](mailto:jakeller48@gmail.com).*

Please plan to bring a salad or dessert. The following dishes are provided: carved turkey with gravy, baked ham, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, cold pasta salad, sausage egg souffle, veggie egg souffle, biscuits and gravy. Breakfast dishes are provided for those who will have a traditional meal later in the day. However, if this will be your Thanksgiving meal, we will have all the fixing for that too.

We will be one big family for Thanksgiving.



Gather your friends & join the women of Assumption Parish for an evening of *prayer & community*, as well as a *delicious Italian dinner catered by Giuseppe's!*



**Sunday, November 26**

**4:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**in the Assumption Parish Center**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Melissa Hunter, Principal at Holy Cross Academy Intermediate Campus and Assumption Alumna**

**Music provided by Mary Kate Westrich, Music Minister and Assumption School Alumna**

**Need a ride? Call Judy Talleur at  
314-852-4090**

**\$160 for a table of 8  
or \$20 per person for an individual**

**\*Supports Assumption Youth Ministry!\***

## Advent by Candlelight Registration:



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **I will coordinate a table of 8. Enclosed is my check for \$160.**

*Hostess provides dessert, cups for coffee/tea, & table decorations. You will receive a letter that details items to bring.*

☐ **I am joining \_\_\_\_\_ (coordinator's name) & am enclosing my check for \$20.**

☐ **I plan to attend, but I don't have a group. I am enclosing my check for \$20.**

*List other individual women you wish to sit with:*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ **If someone will walk me through the process, I will help coordinate a table.**

**RSVP: Due by November 20**

**Questions? For more information, contact Stacey Macko at [mackostacey@gmail.com](mailto:mackostacey@gmail.com) or 314-795-8783, or Dona Hannan at 314-239-2490, or Mary Meyer 314-607-9596**

**Mail registration form with check (payable to Assumption Parish)  
to Parish Office: 4725 Mattis Road St. Louis, MO 63128**



## 2023 CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Beginning Saturday  
November 18th through  
December 10th, the  
Giving Tree will be  
adorned with more than  
1,100 ornaments, each  
representing a gift for  
the needy. Ornaments  
list gifts from a toy to a  
blanket, a newborn  
outfit, lady's sweatshirt  
or a child's pair of jeans.

***All gifts must be  
returned to the church  
no later than noon***

***Mass on Sunday, December 10th.***



Remember to securely attach the colored ornament to  
your gifts. The organizations receiving your gifts are:  
Birthright, St. Agatha Childcare, Carondelet Betterment,  
St. Augustine, Grace Hill Perpetual Help, Assumption  
SVdP, Guardian Angel Settlement Association.

There will be a large tree with items for adults and a  
smaller tree with items for children. Please feel free to  
pick from either tree and take as many ornaments as you  
wish! There are so many in need who depend on your  
generosity at Christmas. Thank you for your  
overwhelming support which has touched thousands of  
lives for over three decades.

## Ladies Scripture Study



Ladies of all ages 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.

## Upcoming Events

11/26: Turkey Olympics

12/3: Spectrum: Masterpiece

12/10 - Spectrum: Curated Collection

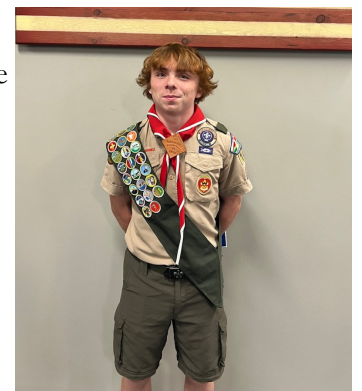
Open to any teen in high school.

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

Any questions? Contact Dani at [meyerd@assumptionstl.org](mailto:meyerd@assumptionstl.org)

## Assumption Scout Troop 169 updates

First let us congratulate  
Lucas K as Troop 169's  
newest member to earn the  
Eagle Scout rank, BSA's  
highest award and the  
troop's 104th Eagle Scout.



Next we would like to  
thank everyone who  
supported our Pizza  
Fundraiser. This is our  
largest fundraiser every  
year and we made over  
1000 pizzas and garlic breads. I hope you enjoyed  
them. Please **save the date** and your appetite for our  
Pasta Dinner on **Saturday, February 3**. Stay tuned for  
more information.

Do you have boys or girls Kindergarten through age 21  
looking to have fun outdoors? Contact either, Tim  
Thomas [tthomas876@gmail.com](mailto:tthomas876@gmail.com) or Margaret Doty  
[dotymar81@gmail.com](mailto:dotymar81@gmail.com)

# EDGE CALENDAR

6:30PM-8PM November



11/23

**NO EDGE - THANKSGIVING**

11/30

**KINDLING**

12/7

**EVERLASTING**

12/14

**LIFE IN THE FIRE**

12/21

**OXYGEN**

?’s contact [meyerd@assumptionstl.org](mailto:meyerd@assumptionstl.org)



ASSUMPTION AUCTION GALA

JANUARY 20, 2024

ROYALE ORLEANS BANQUET CENTER

## AUCTION NEWS & FAQ’s

### LAST CALL!

Last call for any ads or family wishes to be published in our Winter Wonderland auction catalogue!

For \$25 you can place a business card sized ad or a message or wish to a family member, friend, or student.

Don't miss out! Larger ads are also available. Please send an email to [auction@assumptionstl.org](mailto:auction@assumptionstl.org) by November 20th if you are interested.

### WANT TO ATTEND?

If you are interested in attending the Auction/Gala tickets are on sale now for \$75/each. The ticket price will go up to \$100/each on January 1. Go to [assumptionauction.org](http://assumptionauction.org) for more information.

### FEELING LUCKY?

We are offering 2 amazing raffles this year!

1. An outdoor theater package containing a projector, large blow up screen and more!
2. An outdoor Ooni pizza maker, table, paddle and more!

You DO NOT need to attend the auction to win!

Purchase tickets by going to [assumptionauction.org](http://assumptionauction.org) or call 314-784-8703 and leave a message.

Questions?

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



## Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

November 20	12:00 p.m.	Senior Speaker Series
November 21	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
November 21	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
November 27	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
November 28	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
November 28	1:00 p.m.	Cards

Questions? Please contact...

Dominoes: Marilyn Hogenmiller 314-894-8194

Cards: Ron Reiter 314-347-5881

*\*Ladies Scripture study open to women of all ages*



# SVdP Monthly Food and Clothing Drive



Saturday,  
November 25th  
9:00 a.m. - Noon



*Help support us!*

**Angels' Arms, a Local Non-Profit Provider Supporting  
Children and Adults with Connections and Resources  
to Fill Gaps in the STL Area's Foster Care System!**

**40%**  
OF SALES  
WILL BE  
DONATED

**Sunday, November 19, 2023  
4:00 to 8:00 P.M.**

**9920 Kennerly Rd, St Louis, MO 63128**

Use code FUND4U at online checkout, in the Panera App,  
or at the kiosk in-cafe.\*

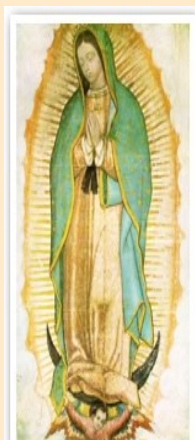
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## Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life's Living Rosary for Life



Sunday, November 19  
*Please note the  
new time!*

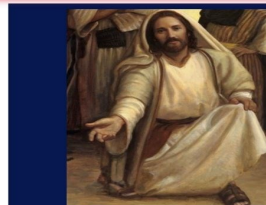
**3:30 p.m. in Church**

In the month of  
November, we will be  
celebrating Christ the  
King. Please join us to  
pray the Rosary and Di-  
vine Mercy in a time  
when prayers are so  
desperately needed.

## NEEDPRAYER?

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

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



9:00 & 10:30 A.M.  
MASSES Nov 26  
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.**

## Contact Us

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## Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
November 26	November 9
December 3	November 22
December 10	November 24

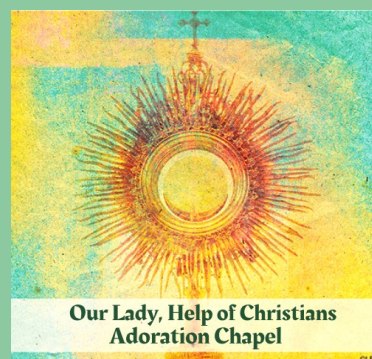
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— PDF files cannot be used

— .jpg files required for any photos/graphics

**Questions or comments?**

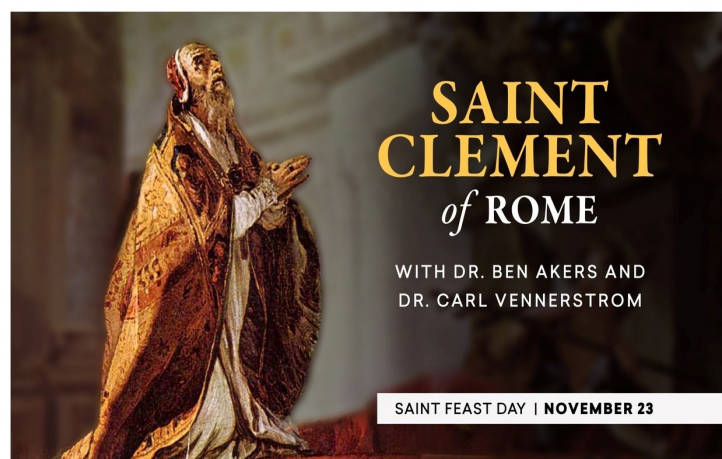
[newsletter@assumptionstl.org](mailto:newsletter@assumptionstl.org)



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Office for the keycode.

**The Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul Hotline:**  
314-289-6101, ext. 2227



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## St. Clement of Rome | Catholic Saints

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss Pope St. Clement of Rome, who was an early Church Father and the third successor to St. Peter.

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