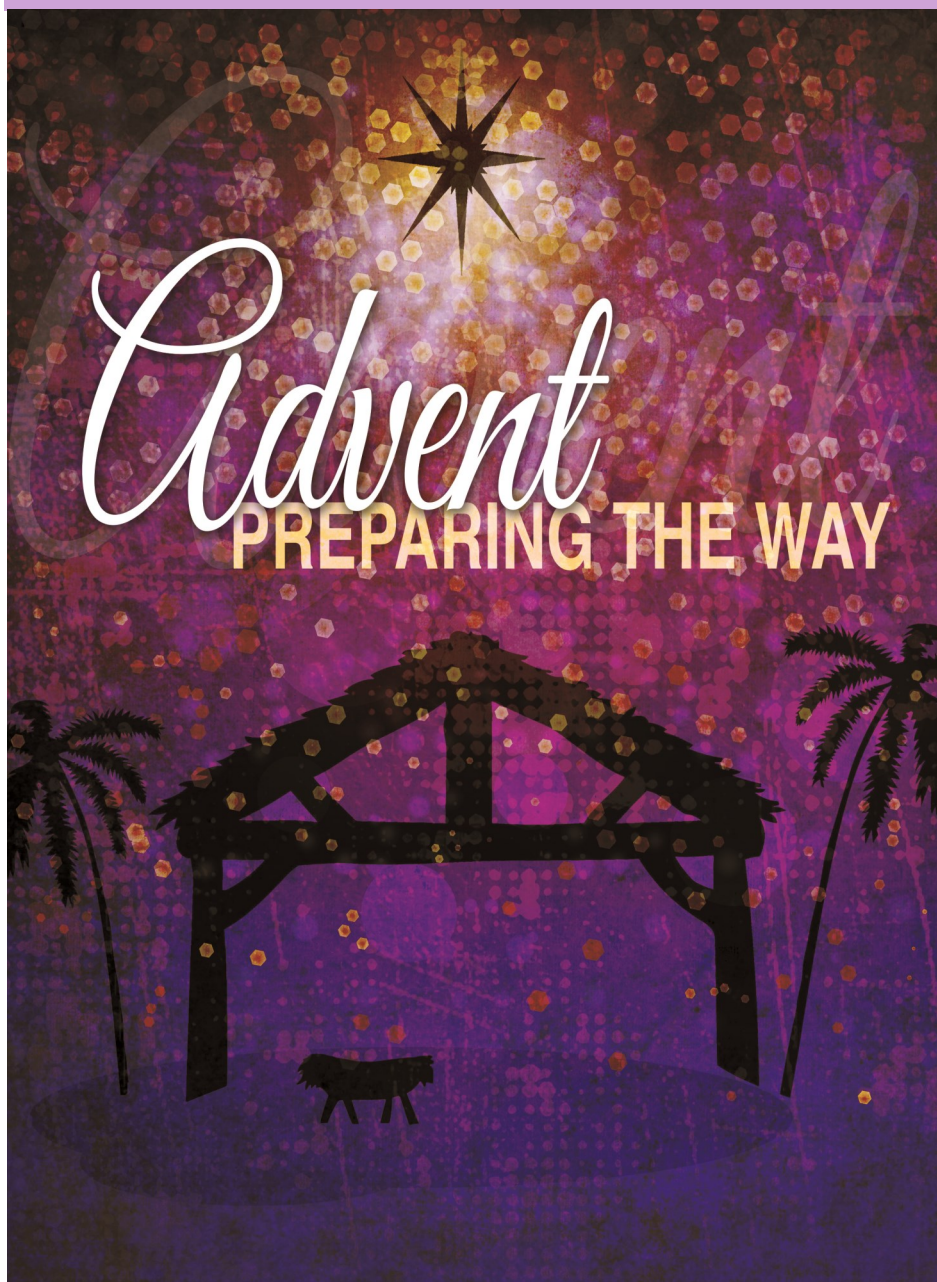




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

First Sunday of Advent

December 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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Special Events

Good News Sunday	Dec. 3
The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)	Dec. 8
Parish Office Closed	
Christmas Concert	Dec. 20

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!



Baptism

Congratulations to Matthew Robert who was received into the Church on Sunday, November 26th at his Baptism! His parents are Ryan and Kristin his godparents are Brian and Nicole.



Confirmation



Paul Richardson (blue tie) was confirmed by Fr. Keller with the confirmation names of Michael and Faustina (Paul Michael Faustina Richardson). To his right is his confirmation sponsor, John Paul Myers and to his left are his parents, Randy and Mimi, and his two sisters, Rachel and Anna.

Stewardship Nov 13 – Nov 19

#Assumption Together	\$1,020.00
All Saints' Day	\$20.00
All Souls' Day	\$20.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$10.00
Fill The Gap-Parish	\$10.00
General Fund	\$20,129.22
Maintenance	\$265.00
Other	\$100.00
Partners in Education	\$4,338.00
Pro-Life Foundation	\$250.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$25.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$140.00
Sponsor-A-Family	\$2,631.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,045.00
Tithe for the Poor	\$70.00
	\$30,073.22

Mass Intentions †	
Dec 3	Sunday
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
10:30 a.m.	John & Edna Hemple †
Noon	Tom Aleto †
6:00 p.m.	Marlene Kauffmann †
Dec 4	Monday
6:30 a.m.	Mark Maher †
8:00 a.m.	Wasim Badra †
Dec 5	Tuesday
6:30 a.m.	Gary Mohrmann †
8:00 a.m.	Soledad Macapagal †
Dec 6	Wednesday
6:30 a.m.	George Brueggemann †
8:00 a.m.	Kenneth Lange †
Dec 7	Thursday
6:30 a.m.	Anthony Mroczkowski, Jr †
8:00 a.m.	Kathleen Bain †
Dec 8	Friday
6:30 a.m.	Evelyn Keller †
8:00 a.m.	Don & Brett Grant †
Noon	James Michael †
5:30 p.m.	Barney Bradshaw †
7 p.m.	People of the Parish
Dec 9	Saturday
8:00 a.m.	Virgil Franklin †
5:00 p.m.	Rosemary Wolff †
Dec 10	Sunday
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	Robert J. Brush †
10:30 a.m.	Rita Tesoro †
Noon	Linda DeClue †
6:00 p.m.	Bob Schilli †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

Donna Heimos
Larry Chott
Jerome Coleman
Mary Ann Comegys
Peggy Connelly
Cheri Geil-Cotner
Patti Cowick
Marie Cuddihee
John and Gen Deely
Tom and Barbara Deely
Sydney Delhougne
Sister Amelia DeMarco
Kevin Dooley
OUR MILITARY <i>*denotes parishioner</i>
Matthew Eberhart, USA
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

† 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 12/3:

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

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

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Rest In Peace

Marjorie Biscan
Katherine Eason
Joseph Gudiswitz
Janet Kay Leisure
Richard Lawrence Speth

Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th
Mass Times:

6:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
Noon
5:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

I overheard some of our 8th graders talking to each other and they were outraged that they have to go to Mass TWICE at Christmas.

I said ironically, "I know! How dare God ask us to sacrifice?"

Since they are 8th graders, they ignored me completely and probably didn't catch my irony (because God DOES ask us to make sacrifices).

So, here's how we are going to sort this out. Just like every year, all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent and then another Mass to celebrate His birth on Christmas. However, here's what is driving the 8th graders crazy, this year, December 24th is on Sunday, so some Catholics may end up going to Mass twice the same day but for different reasons: one to fulfill the Sunday Obligation, and the other to celebrate Christmas (a Holy Day of Obligation.) God is not offering two-for-one deals this year.

To make this easy, I've made a chart:

Pick ONE from the following **4th Sunday of Advent** options to satisfy the Sunday Obligation:

Saturday, December 23, Vigil Mass

☐ 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24, Masses

☐ 7:30 a.m.

☐ 9:00 a.m.

☐ 10:30 a.m.

☐ Noon

Now pick ONE from the following **Christmas** options to satisfy the Christmas Obligation

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve Masses

☐ 4:00 p.m.

☐ 6:00 p.m.

☐ 11:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25, Christmas Morning Masses

☐ 8:00 a.m.

☐ 10:00 a.m.

Good job! See you then. Remember if you picked the Christmas Eve 4 p.m. Mass, it is going to be really crowded. Go back and pick again, you will thank me.

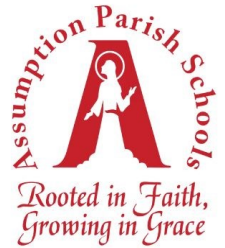
If you picked two Masses on December 24, you are permitted to receive Holy Communion twice in one day.

I know those 8th graders will eventually grow in their love for God and eventually look forward to participating in Holy Mass. Meanwhile, I hope everyone else is planning their holiday around the two celebrations of Holy Mass that commemorates the mysteries of Jesus' life.

God bless,
Fr. Keller



#iGIVECATHOLIC
November 28, 2023



#GIVINGTUESDAY

Thank you, Assumption!

We reached our Giving Tuesday goal! We finished #7 in the entire archdiocese raising over \$20,000.

Thanks to all our generous donors and everyone who shared our posts online. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus Council 3586 for sponsoring this fundraiser for Catholic education at Assumption.

-Fr. Keller

4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Masses

The 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday, December 24th, which is Christmas Eve.
How many Masses do I attend?

☒ **Pick one
for 4th Sunday:**

Saturday, December 23,

___ 5:00pm

Sunday, December 24

___ 7:30am

___ 9:00am

___ 10:30am

___ Noon



☒ **Pick ONE
for Christmas:**



Sunday December 24, Christmas Eve

___ 4:00pm

___ 6:00pm

___ 11:00pm

Monday, December 25, Christmas Morning Masses

___ 8:00am

___ 10:00am

Christmas In Prison

The Christmas in Prison meal at Potosi Correctional Center for the Catholic Community is approaching on December 9, 2023. 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 8th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Saturday, December 9th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. For additional information or questions please contact Sue Engel at 314-487-9898 or please leave a message if we are unable to take your call.



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.

2023 Christmas 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. Thank you for taking more than 1,100 ornaments.

Please remember to bring your gifts to church no later than noon on Sunday, December 10th with your ornaments securely attached to your gift.



Men's ACTS January 25-28



This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality and prayer life; strengthen your faith and its application to your daily life, and build lasting friendships among members of the parish community. Your fellow parishioners from Assumption and St. John (Imperial) present the retreat with spiritual direction from our parish priests and deacons.

We invite all men to join us for a special weekend of spiritual growth & renewal!

**MORE
INFO**

assumptionstl.org/mens-acts



EDGE CALENDAR



6:30PM-8PM

12/7

EVERLASTING

12/14

LIFE IN THE FIRE

12/21

OXYGEN

12/28

NO EDGE

1/4

FLAMETHROWER

?s contact meyerd@assumptionstl.org



Upcoming Events

12/3: Spectrum: Masterpiece

12/10 - Spectrum: Curated Collection

12/17 - Christmas Party

12/24 & 12/31 - NO LIFE NIGHT

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

SVdP Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive Success

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank our parishioners for the many canned goods, food and monetary donations given at our annual Thanksgiving Mass celebration. Your continued overwhelming generosity will help us assist hundreds of our Neighbors In Need for many months to come. We are all blessed to live in such a loving and caring parish.

Here is a picture of our pantry before our Thanksgiving Mass. May God Bless You!



Ring In the Season with the Assumption Youth Choir

Enjoy the sounds of the season and join the Assumption Youth Choir for a concert at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows!

Date: Sunday,

December 3

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Visitors Center,
near the Gift Shop
Our Lady of the Snows,
442 S. Demazenod Dr.,
Belleville, IL



Join the choir for a beautiful performance, and some fun sing-a-longs! You will also enjoy the beautiful light display as you drive through the Shrine's Way of Lights.



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5 Things You Can Do Right Now to Save the Preborn & Protect Missouri Women

With the June 24, 2022, Dobbs v. Jackson decision, Missouri became the first state in the nation to restore legal protections that save the preborn and protect women. Missouri Catholics and other pro-life advocates are committed to keeping these safeguards in place by telling the public the truth about the harm the passage of a pro-abortion ballot initiative petition would do in Missouri. Here are 5 things you can do right now to help:

1. **Pray:** Be bold and confident in asking our Good Lord's help in stopping any pro-abortion initiative petitions. Pray and invite others to pray to help save babies and protect moms. Ask your pastor to start a regular Rosary for Life and Holy Hour.
2. **Walk with Moms:** Support moms in your parish and community, especially those facing an unexpected pregnancy. Partner with your local pregnancy help center to walk with them. Go to walkingwithmomsstl.com.
3. **Decline to Sign:** If the ballot initiative language is "certified" so that pro-abortion supporters can start collecting signatures, **DO NOT SIGN** any petition to allow abortion to be enshrined in the state constitution on the November 2024 ballot.
4. **Promote Voter Registration:** Encourage young people and other new voters to register. Help at a registration drive in your community or ask your pastor if you can organize one at your parish.
5. **Help Those Wounded by Abortion:** Encourage those affected by abortion to reach out for compassionate help and healing at archstl.org/hope-healing.



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JANUARY 20, 2024

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AUCTION NEWS & FAQ's

HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

What do you mean, you might ask?

Auction Tickets and Raffle Tickets will make great Christmas gifts for your family! Remember-prices to attend the Winter Wonderland Auction will increase in January. Don't be disappointed! Purchase your tickets today at assumptionauction.org. You can also purchase raffle tickets by going to assumptionauction.org as well.

Thank you for the amazing support of the Assumption parishioners who NEVER disappoint-we will have over 20 amazing LIVE auction items, almost 300 incredible baskets and/or stand alone items, an incredible assortment of adult beverages in our Let's Get Frosted! game, and a Gift Card Grab Bag that won't disappoint.

Questions?

Contact auction@assumptionstl.org or go to assumptionstl.org/auction for more details.

Ladies of the Little Flower

The Ladies of the Little Flower will meet on Monday afternoon, December 11th in the church lower level. We will start at 1:00 p.m. with a short meeting and then have our Christmas Auction. Please bring a wrapped \$10 gift with no name on it, your Flower Dollars to bid on the gifts, and a dozen cookies to share.

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Support our parish.

You can give any amount (up to a maximum of \$100,000 per year) from your IRA directly to Assumption Catholic Church without having to pay income taxes on the money. Gifts of any value of \$100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit, and you can feel good knowing that you are supporting Assumption Catholic Church.

Your disbursement must come directly from the administrator of your IRA to Assumption Catholic Church—you cannot receive the funds first. Please use EIN number, 43-0653252.



Please contact the administrator of your IRA with any tax or account-specific questions. You may also reach out to the Assumption Parish Office at 314.487.7970

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Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

December 4	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
December 5	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
December 5	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
December 7	11:30 a.m.	Dominoes
December 11	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
December 12	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
December 12	1:00 p.m.	Cards
December 18	12:00 p.m.	Senior Speaker Series
December 19	1:00 p.m.	Senior Dominoes

Questions? Please contact...

Dominoes: Marilyn Hogenmiller 314-894-8194

Cards: Ron Reiter 314-347-5881

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

December Senior Speaker Series



Monday, December 18th Senior Ministry will have the Assumption Youth Choir perform with multi-grade levels to provide entertainment.

Please call 314-487-7970 x1228 to RSVP by Thursday December 14th. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with catered lunch at 12:00 p.m. The choir 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.

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
December 10	November 24
December 17	December 1
December 24	December 5

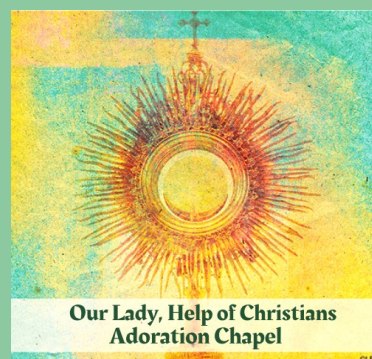
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