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January 21, 2024



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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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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 Leo who was received into the Church on Sunday, January 13th at his Baptism! He is pictured with his parents, Jason and Anna and godparents, Alex and Carry.



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

Special Events

Catholic Schools Week Jan. 28 - Feb. 2
World Day of the Sick- Feb. 11
Sacraments & Lunch

Stewardship

January 8– January 14

#AssumptionTogether	\$20.00
Candle Fund	\$31.00
Fill The Gap-Parish School	\$10.00
General Fund	\$19,870.38
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Lifeline Coalition	\$115.00
Partners in Education	\$125.00
Pro-Life Foundation	\$78.00
Seminary	\$100.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$125.00
St. Louis Review	\$360.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,025.00
Year End Contribution	\$300.00
	\$22,179.38

Mass Intentions †	
Jan 21	Sunday
7:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	LaVerne McMaster †
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
noon	Louis Goodman †
6:00 p.m.	Sandra Stone †
Jan 22	Monday
6:30 a.m.	Sal & Eleanor Catanzaro †
8:00 a.m.	Marie Gremaud †
Jan 23	Tuesday
6:30 a.m.	Kenneth Koller †
8:00 a.m.	Dolores Markus †
Jan 24	Wednesday
6:30 a.m.	Andy Tran †
8:00 a.m.	Antonina & Emma Kauffmann †
Jan 25	Thursday
6:30 a.m.	Poor Souls In Purgatory †
8:00 a.m.	John Frances Meagher †
Jan 26	Friday
6:30 a.m.	Susan Noonan †
8:00 a.m.	Katie Eason †
Jan 27	Saturday
8:00 a.m.	Rosemarie Bergholtz †
5:00 p.m.	Pat Jasper-Blood †
Jan 28	Sunday
7:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	Arthur Schaefer †
10:30 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
noon	People of the Parish
6:00 p.m.	Joseph K. Kauffmann †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers
Ron Reiter, Jr.
Chris Roche
Kathryn Rothweil
Patricia Rudolf
Nancy Ryder
Dan S.
Teresa Samuels
Bill Schacht III
Greg Schmidt
Sandy Schnaidt
Chris & Pam Schulze
Madeline Seward
Urban Shocker
OUR MILITARY <i>*denotes parishioner</i>
Ryan Boedeker
Kyle Bottorf
Robert Bryant III, USAF*
Dominic Catalano
Dakota Chappel
Lauren Chellis, USN
Michael Cole
Sean Danaher, USAF
Kevin Deitz
Sydney Delhougne
David DiFranco, USA
Matthew Eberhart, USA
Michael Faulkner, 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 1/21
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1b, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



Online Giving

Visit AssumptionSTL.org to register today for Online Giving!



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Presenting the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Report. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 – June 30. Yes, this is about 4 months late. Archdiocesan Shared Accounting sends their apologies.

I would like to put this report into perspective. If someone simply looks at this report and sees deficits, they might be alarmed. However, there is a bigger story that has unfolded which needs to be explained.

During 2020 and 2021 COVID19 total and partial government-mandated restrictions, Assumption responded with a special campaign called #AssumptionTogether. Parishioners responded generously, as you always do. In addition, although unexpected, the school was eligible for government relief funds. That was an immediate blessing. However, to everyone's surprise, our Sunday offertory remained constant despite not being able to celebrate public Masses. So, that fiscal year, the combined generosity of parishioners through #AssumptionTogether and government provided Covid relief funding resulted in a surplus of \$916,000 for fiscal year 2021. That surplus was a real blessing because the effects of Covid lingered longer than expected.

While Covid restrictions seemed like a major challenge, the two years since, has been more difficult. As a result, Assumption has operated in a deficit. Adapting to the new normal proved very challenging. The worker shortage affected Assumption. It forced us to have smaller enrollment in the ELC and to suspend a profitable summer camp program. Existing employees worked to cover the responsibilities of vacant positions increasing overtime expenses. Salaries in general, which account for most of our operating expense, increased significantly more than expected.

Some circumstances that were not related to the worker shortage affected our finances as well. We have offered an employee tuition benefit for the ELC and grade school. A veritable employee baby boom filled ELC places that were normally open to paying families resulting in lost revenue.

Thankfully, the surplus from fiscal year 2021 has enabled us to weather the storm and I think we are stronger now than we were prior to the pandemic era. Most importantly, our parish is experiencing a vibrant parish life. Mass attendance has remained strong. Our Sunday collection remains stable and consistent, and we also have cultivated significant streams of additional revenue such as annual *Year-End Gifts* and *Partners-In-Education*. Both the grade school and ELC enrollment remain strong and stable.

Significant scholarships and need-based grants are available for both new and returning students, making Catholic education affordable for families regardless of their financial resources. If you are aware of a family that would like to attend Assumption School but doesn't believe that they can afford it - please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible - and let me know as well as I will be eager to reach out to them personally!

Assumption parishioners' support of *Partners In Education* provides the stable foundation for our School and Early Learning Center to continue to flourish. So far this year, *Partners in Education* contributions total \$141,067.00, putting us well within reach of our challenge goal of \$155,000.

Hopefully, most of the pandemic challenges are now behind us. Yet new challenges will always arise. In the years running up to *All Things New*, the archdiocese put a hold on all capital projects. Now that it has been lifted, we have several capital projects waiting to be tackled in the years ahead to address needed safety concerns as well as HVAC, and roofing replacements; but I am confident that Assumption can and will respond and address them with the same commitment we have experienced in the past.

Assumption has been around for 185 years, and God willing, there will be Catholics in this neighborhood to care for the parish in another 185 years. Thank you for all your generosity and as always, I am proud to be your pastor.

God bless,
Fr. Keller

Assumption Parish

Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2023

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Assets		
Cash and Investments		
Parish Checking	231,195	371,337
Parish Organizational accounts	5,765	3,763
The St. Louis Archdiocesan Fund (SLAF)		
Depositors Fund	842,243	935,939
Restricted Fund	36,233	124,503
Investments	660,071	476,918
Other Assests (Accounts Receivable, Prepaid)	182,531	135,270
Total Assets	<u>1,958,036</u>	<u>2,047,731</u>
Liabilities and Net Assests		
Accounts Payable	136,198	122,759
Special Collections	8,624	1,558
Due to Archdiocese	0	0
Deferred Revenue	8,450	8,665
Other Liabilities	183,519	148,681
Notes Payable	0	0
Total Liabilities	<u>336,791</u>	<u>281,663</u>
Retained Earnings	<u>1,621,246</u>	<u>1,766,068</u>
Total Liabilities & Retained Earnings	<u>1,958,036</u>	<u>2,047,731</u>

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Assumption Parish

Statement of Income & Expense

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

	Parish	School	Organizations	Total	Prior Year Actual	23/24 Budget
Income						
Offertory Collections	\$ 1,044,295	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,044,295	\$ 1,085,132	\$ 1,067,080
Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 353,346	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 353,346	\$ 222,078	\$ 360,700
Restricted Gifts	\$ 44,847	\$ 67,144	\$ (23,927)	\$ 88,064	\$ 140,290	\$ 109,180
Program Fees	\$ 68,586	\$ 2,059,425	\$ 68,196	\$ 2,196,207	\$ 2,185,027	\$ 2,455,182
Investment Income	\$ 5,894	\$ 105	\$ -	\$ 5,999	\$ 1,868	\$ 7,750
Grant Revenue	\$ 44,714	\$ 66,792	\$ -	\$ 111,506	\$ 171,483	\$ 90,392
Fund Raisers & Other Revenues	\$ 70,563	\$ 5,884	\$ 103,311	\$ 179,759	\$ 275,984	\$ 170,200
Merchant Fees (CC)	\$ (13,987)	\$ (913)	\$ (5,225)	\$ (20,124)	\$ (22,325)	\$ (16,700)
Total Income	\$ 1,618,259	\$ 2,198,437	\$ 142,355	\$ 3,959,052	\$ 4,059,538	\$ 4,243,784
Expenses						
Personnel Costs	\$ (769,043)	\$ (1,997,051)	\$ (9,997)	\$ (2,776,092)	\$ (2,542,625)	\$ (2,923,828)
Supplies	\$ (145,292)	\$ (174,200)	\$ (67,021)	\$ (386,513)	\$ (379,862)	\$ (329,851)
Fees & Services	\$ (98,676)	\$ (72,204)	\$ (37,672)	\$ (208,552)	\$ (179,841)	\$ (176,118)
Contract Services	\$ (22,822)	\$ (90,108)	\$ (577)	\$ (113,507)	\$ (141,509)	\$ (125,000)
Utilities	\$ (57,871)	\$ (85,531)	\$ (18,415)	\$ (161,817)	\$ (155,010)	\$ (175,000)
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ (42,038)	\$ (18,015)	\$ (7,236)	\$ (67,289)	\$ (95,128)	\$ (57,918)
Assessments	\$ (225,093)	\$ (167,755)	\$ -	\$ (392,848)	\$ (278,330)	\$ (369,689)
Insurance	\$ (14,756)	\$ (58,583)	\$ -	\$ (73,339)	\$ (135,859)	\$ (78,811)
Other Arch Fees	\$ (63,848)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (63,848)	\$ (57,728)	\$ (64,900)
Total Expenses	\$ (1,439,439)	\$ (2,663,447)	\$ (140,919)	\$ (4,243,805)	\$ (3,965,892)	\$ (4,301,115)
Net Operating Income	\$ 178,820	\$ (465,010)	\$ 1,436	\$ (284,753)	\$ 93,646	\$ (57,331)
Other Income						
CARES Act Funding*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,543	\$ -
Endowment Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 188,775	\$ 188,775	\$ (82,583)	\$ -
Other Expense						
Capital Expenditures	\$ (25,067)	\$ (19,203)	\$ -	\$ (44,269)	\$ (279,511)	\$ (135,000)
Other Non-Cash Transactions	\$ (1,499)	\$ (3,076)	\$ -	\$ (4,575)	\$ (12,149)	\$ (5,000)
Total Other Income	\$ (26,566)	\$ (22,278)	\$ 188,775	\$ 139,932	\$ (244,701)	\$ (140,000)
Total Net Income	\$ 152,255	\$ (487,288)	\$ 190,212	\$ (144,821)	\$ (151,055)	\$ (197,331)

ASSUMPTION-MATTESE OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 28, 2024



10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

K-8 TOURS WILL BE OFFERED EVERY 15 MINUTES WITH
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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

All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner

Back again this year, the Assumption Scout Troop 169 is hosting our All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner! Save the Date for February 3rd, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.! Bring your friends and family to come enjoy a little taste of Italy.

You can preorder at scoutpasta.com or you can walk in.

Questions? Contact Mark Kenniston at mark@kenniston.us 314-283-0063.



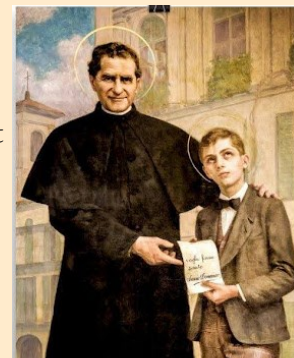
LIVING WITH LOSS: Widow/Widower Support Group

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, January 21.

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

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

Looking for an EASY New Year's Resolution? Consider attending the Living Rosary for Life! Just one hour each month on the 3rd Sunday to enhance your relationship with Jesus and His Beloved Mother! Come join us January 21, 2024 at, 3:30 p.m. in Church to pray for the salvation of all humankind, at a time we so desperately need it. We plan to celebrate St. John Bosco and St. Dominic Savio to encourage vocations.



EDGE CALENDAR

6:30PM-8PM



1/25

BREATHING FIRE: FIRE INSIDE

2/1

WINTER BREAK NO EDGE

?’s contact meyerd@assumptionstl.org

World Marriage Day



On Sunday, February 11 at the 12:00 p.m. Mass, Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivotuso will celebrate World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society.

It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, who now is sponsoring this event on February 11th.

Upcoming Events

1/21 - Operation: Heavy Heart

1/28 - Operation: Stain Stuff

2/4: South County XLT

2/11: No Life Night

Open to any teen in high school.
All events are held in the youth room of the
Salesian House. Questions?
Contact Dani at meyerd@assumptionstl.org

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Come find peace in The Lord, seek the power of the Holy Spirit that Jesus desires for us.

When: 5 Mondays starting 2/19 - 3/18

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Assumption Mattese Church lower level



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Week 1: God's Love - Salvation
(we are covering two sessions, so God's love is also included with Salvation)

Week 2: New Life

Week 3: Receiving God's Gift

Week 4: Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Week 5: Growth - Transformation

Need help registering? Contact Rita Baughman
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Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

January 22	10:30 am	SoulCore
January 23	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
January 23	1:00 p.m.	Cards
January 30	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
February 5	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
February 6	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
February 6	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
February 12	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
February 13	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
February 19	11:00 a.m.	Speaker Series

Questions? Please contact...

Dominoes: Marilyn Hogenmiller 314-894-8194

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SVdP Monthly Food and Clothing Drive



**Saturday,
January 27th
9:00 a.m. - Noon**



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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
January 28	January 18
February 4	January 25
February 11	February 1

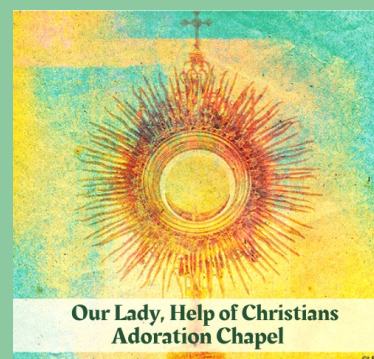
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