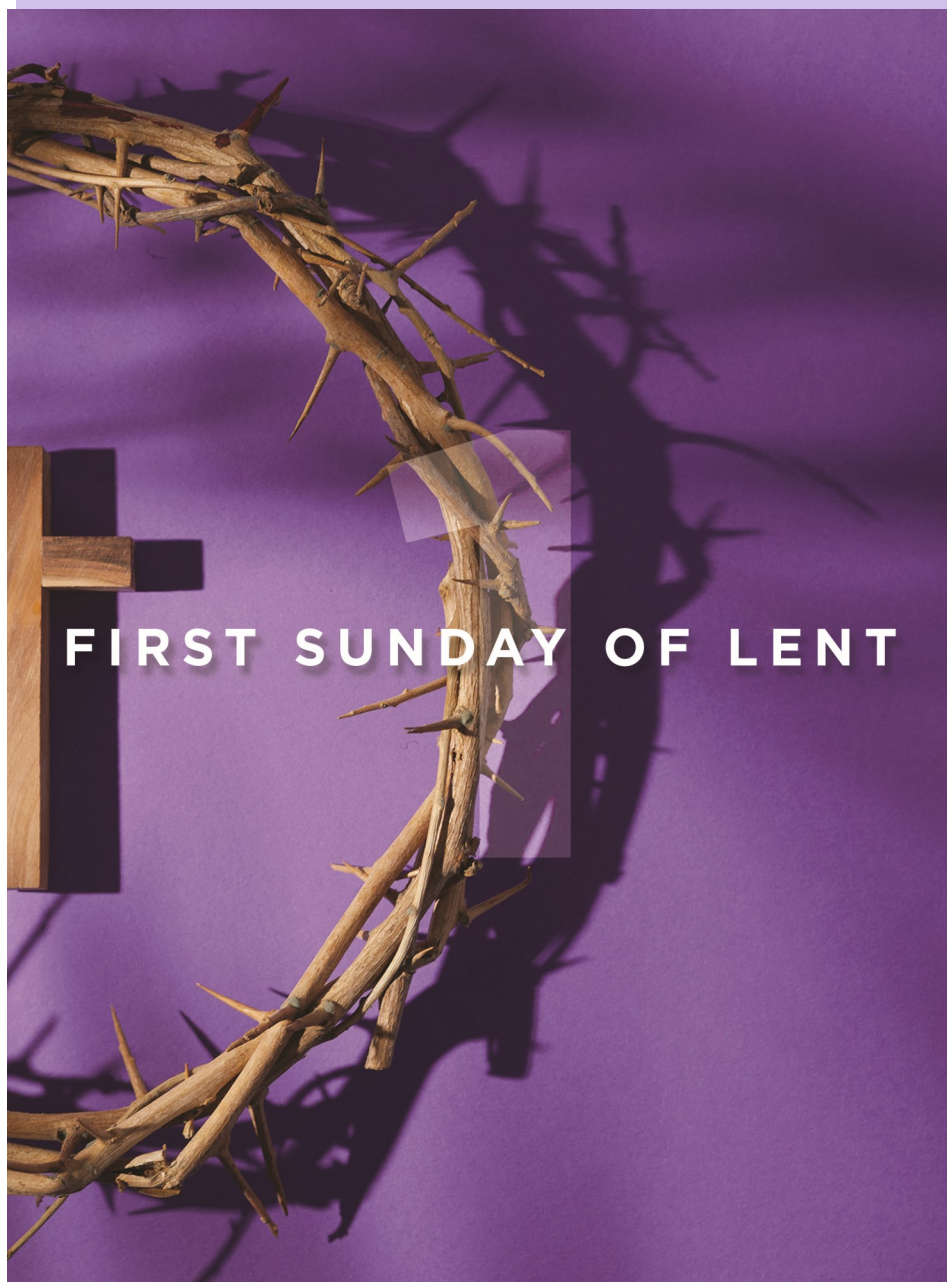




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

February 18, 2024



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./
5:30 p.m. (Lent)

CONFESSION

Saturdays: 4-4:45 p.m.
Wednesdays: 6-6:45 p.m.
Sundays: Before All Masses

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Special Events

Presidents' Day Feb. 19
 Parish Office Closed

Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent
 2:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Fish Fry Fridays of Lent

Parish Mission March 12, 13 & 14

Baptisms

Congratulations to Claire Carmen, child of Sarah and John who was received into the church Saturday, February 10 at her baptism.

Congratulations to Keegan Eric, child of Courtney and David who was received into the Church on Sunday, February 11th at his baptism.

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

February 5 – February 11

#AssumptionTogether	\$20.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$80.00
Fill The Gap-Parish School	\$10.00
General Fund	\$34,060.74
Lifeline Coalition	\$40.00
Maintenance	\$100.00
Partners in Education	\$540.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$30.00
St. Louis Review	\$195.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,220.00
Tithe for the Poor	\$20.00
	\$36,320.74

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

Mass Intentions †

Feb 18	Sunday
7:30 a.m.	Bernard Zander †
9:00 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
10:30 a.m.	Rita Falk †
noon	People of the Parish
6:00 p.m.	Sandra Price
Feb 19	Monday
6:30 a.m.	Edward & Maude Schnurr †
8:00 a.m.	Marlene Kauffmann †
5:30 p.m.	Anthony Martignon †
Feb 20	Tuesday
6:30 a.m.	Dennis Matreci
8:00 a.m.	Joseph Gudiswitz †
5:30 p.m.	Tina Steck
Feb 21	Ash Wednesday
6:30 a.m.	Ann Wier
8:00 a.m.	Steve Bromschwig †
5:30 p.m.	John Myszak †
Feb 22	Thursday
6:30 a.m.	Melvin Hock †
8:00 a.m.	John & Frances Meagher †
5:30 p.m.	Jan Czarnecki †
Feb 23	Friday
6:30 a.m.	Nancy McCarthy
8:00 a.m.	Barbara Reagan †
5:30 p.m.	Donald Grant †
Feb 24	Saturday
8:00 a.m.	Deacon Homer Tucker †
5:00 p.m.	Nancy Lutterman †
Feb 25	Sunday
7:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Motz Gapsch †
noon	Etta Duchek †
6:00 p.m.	Florence Stalley †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

Patricia Caskanett
Ralph Cernich
Mary Ann Chalmere
Larry Chott
Carole Claes
Jerome Coleman
Mary Ann Comegys
Peggy Connelly
Cheri Geil-Cotner
Patti Cowick
Marie Cuddihee
John and Gen Deely
Sydney Delhougne
OUR MILITARY <i>*denotes parishioner</i>
Robert Bryant III, USAF*
Dominic Catalano
Lauren Chellis, USN
Michael Cole
Sean Danaher, USAF
Kevin Deitz
Sydney Delhougne
David DiFranco, USA
Matthew Eberhart, USA
Michael Faulkner, USMC*
Wyatt Flieg, USN
William Florich, USAR*
Tracy Freeman, USAR

† 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 2/18:

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/

Deceased

Kathleen Leverenz

Edward Wohlstadter

Joseph Nesser

Note

Monday, February 19th the Parish Office is closed due to President's Day.



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Media Alert!

Assumption will be receiving a lot of media attention in the next few weeks! Parishioners will be on KSDK (Channel 5) between 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. on February 23 presenting our amazing Fish Fry menu to the hosts of Today In St. Louis.

Adam Wright from Covenant Radio Catholic Radio Network (96.7 FM) will be broadcasting live from our Assumption Fish Fry on Friday, March 8th.

Our Assumption Children's Choir will be singing live on the Covenant Radio Catholic Radio Network (96.7 FM) on March 21st at Noon. That is the network's pledge-drive week, we always have several parishioners join the network as guests on those days.

Brian Miller, the director of evangelization for the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be recording his "Go and Make" podcast during the Fish Fry on March 22nd.

Looking forward to the Parish Mission

Every other year Assumption hosts a Parish Mission. The history of the Parish Mission is an interesting one (at least to me). In the years following the devastating French Revolution where there was widespread loss of the Catholic faith in France, Priests seemed to spontaneously start preaching on the steps of churches or in the marketplaces. They exhorted people to love God and return to the practice of the Faith. They realized that while missionaries were necessary in far parts of the world to preach the Gospel, priests were also needed in France to revive the Church at home. Several priests, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Alphonsus Liguori, and St. Louis de Montfort even organized religious communities of priests to preach "missions."

In the United States, parishes often scheduled priests from these religious orders to preach Parish Missions in the churches for several consecutive evenings to encourage the faithful to greater devotion. Often at the end of a large Parish Mission, a life-sized crucifix would be erected in the back of the church with a notice that anyone who prays before the crucifix would receive an indulgence (under the usual conditions). Sometimes confession lines during and after Parish Missions were estimated in hours. Often Catholics received Holy Communion on their knees crying after a mission. Sometimes orphanages or hospices for the poor were erected in response to a Parish Mission. Once, in the 1700's near Calis along the coast in northern France, a Parish Mission inspired people to move enough dirt to build a hill to serve as a "Calvary" and they intended to place a Cross on top. Meanwhile, across the English Channel, the people of Dover, England thought that it was a military signal tower, and it almost started a war.

By the time I arrived at Assumption, we had a tradition of hosting a Parish Mission every other year. And we would invite a lay person to lead the mission. I liked this arrangement because it gives us something to look forward to every other year and it also gives the parishioners an opportunity to listen to a lay person witness about their faith. Mark your calendars for March 12, 13 and 14. This year I am very happy to announce that our Parish Mission presenter will be Caitlyn Sextro. She served here as Director of Youth Ministry before becoming a full-time mom. I have the highest respect for Caitlyn, she is a person who has come to know Jesus very well and can communicate that relationship to others. While she was very good as a youth minister, she also can communicate to adults maybe even more effectively. I don't expect to build an orphanage or start a war, but I hope that that our Parish Mission will help us to know, love and serve Jesus more than ever!

God bless,
Fr. Keller



**Fridays During Lent
from 4:30 - 7 p.m.**

Feb 16 Feb 23 Mar 1 Mar 8

*Dine-In or Carry-Out in the
Parish Center*
**Pre-order for Curbside Pickup ONLY
at AssumptionFishFry.org**

**Cash Accepted,
Credit/Debit Cards Preferred!**
Mar 15 Mar 22 Mar 29

Dinner Menu

*Includes:
2 Hush Puppies,
2 Sides, & 1 Cookie*

1 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod Meal	\$12.00
2 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod Meal	\$17.00
1 Piece Fried Catfish Meal	\$12.00
2 Piece Fried Catfish Meal	\$17.00
1 Piece Baked Fish Meal	\$12.00
2 Piece Baked Fish Meal	\$17.00
5 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$12.00
10 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$17.00
Adult Pasta Meal	\$12.00

Kids Menu

*Includes:
1 Hush Puppy,
1 Side, & 1 Cookie*

Baked Fish Meal	\$6.00
Catfish Meal	\$6.00
5 Piece Fried Shrimp Meal	\$6.00
Pub Style Fried Cod Meal	\$6.00
Pasta Meal	\$6.00
Cheese Pizza	\$6.00

****Note - All meals come with a
dessert/cookie.**

Family Meal Menu

ONLY AVAILABLE FOR CURBSIDE PRE-ORDER

Mission from Cod Meal Deal - \$50

6 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod,
a JUMBO order of Fries,
8 Hush Puppies, choice of
4 Individual Sides & 4 Cookies

Catholic Family Meal Deal - \$90

8 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod,
15 Piece Fried Shrimp,
2 JUMBO orders of Fries,
18 Hush Puppies, choice of
6 Individual Sides & 8 Cookies

Surf and Surf Meal Deal - \$50

4 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod,
10 Piece Fried Shrimp,
a JUMBO order of Fries, 8 Hush Puppies,
choice of 4 Individual Sides & 4 Cookies

Family Meal Deal - \$34

4 Piece Pub Style Fried Cod,
a JUMBO order of Fries,
6 Hush Puppies, choice of
2 Individual Sides & 2 Cookies

Side Dishes

Bartolino's Pasta, French Fries,
Green Beans, Applesauce, Slaw,
Italian salad, Mac and Cheese

Additional Side - \$3
1 JUMBO Order of Fries - \$5

ASSUMPTION Lenten Challenge 2024



Each week during Lent,
items will be collected
and donated to our
selected charity:



February 17 & 18
Bottled Water,
Single serve juice

Feb 24 & 25
Baby bottles
(plastic)
Baby toys, Pacifiers

March 2 & 3
Baby
food/Enfamil
formula

March 9 & 10
Dreft/HE
laundry detergent
(no bleach)

March 16 & 17
Toddler
bedding/towels

March 23 & 24
(Palm Sunday)
Batteries - AAA-9V,
Kids activity books

All items should
be dropped off
by the baptismal
font near the
front of church.
**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**

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, 2/19 - 3/18

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

Where: Assumption Mattese Church lower level



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

The Lenten season - a time of penitence and preparation, yet also a holy season of spiritual renewal, a time of cleansing for the soul. As we surrender and give of ourselves this Lent through the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving which serve to deepen our awareness of Jesus' sacrificial love, we can also surrender and open ourselves to the infilling of the Holy Spirit. This Lent, go a step further in addition to our wonderful traditional Lenten practices by experiencing this transforming Life in the Spirit Seminar. Come, find peace in The Lord, seek the power of the Holy Spirit that Jesus desires for us.



Register at the site below or contact Rita Baughman
rita.baughmanofs@gmail.com 314-416-4274. Questions?
Contact Jean Schlueter, jeanschlueter@sbcglobal.net

ARCHSTL.ORG/CATHOLIC-RENEWAL-CENTER/MINISTRIES-AND-SEMINARS/LIFE-IN-THE-SPIRIT-SEMINARS



Our adopted day for peaceful and prayerful vigil at Planned Parenthood Fairview Heights is the afternoon of Saturday, February 24. We plan to support sidewalk counselors by staffing the vigil with a minimum of two people per hour from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that day.

Abortions are not currently performed in Missouri, however the state of Illinois markets itself as an 'Abortion Sanctuary'.

Please consider praying at the site for a one hour time period as part of your Lenten devotion.

Volunteers should email John Laschober at jaejl88@gmail.com

ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY



Wednesday & Sunday Nights Life Teen

7-9 pm
High School

Mondays - EDGE
5th grade & Middle School
2:40-4pm Alternating weeks

Questions? Email Dani
meyerd@assumptionstl.org



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES



Lenten Weekdays: Masses Monday-Friday at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.

Sundays of Lent:

“Lenten Challenge” supporting Our Lady’s Inn

1st Sunday of Lent, February 18, Bottled Water, Single serve juice

2nd Sunday of Lent, February 25, Baby bottles (plastic) Baby toys, Pacifier

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 3, Baby food/Enfamil formula.

4th Sunday of Lent, March 10, Dreft/HE laundry detergent (no bleach)

5th Sunday of Lent, March 17, Toddler bedding/towels

Palm Sunday, March 24, Batteries- all sizes AAA-9V, Kids activity books

Mondays of Lent: “Life in the Spirit Seminar” sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catholic Renewal Center, February 19-March 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Lower Level.

Fridays of Lent: Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00 p.m. - see assumptionfishfry.org and Stations of the Cross at 2:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confessions: Wednesdays with Eucharistic Adoration from 6:00-7:00 p.m., Saturday from 4:00-4:45 p.m., Sundays 15 minutes before all Masses. A special Penance Service with additional confessors on March 13 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Public Rosary: Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m. Saturday 4:30 p.m. Fatima Rosary Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Parish Mission with Caitlyn Sextro: March 12, 13, and 14 at 7:00 p.m. Babysitting available.

Feast of St. Joseph: March 19, “Blessing of St. Joseph Bread” after 6:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses.

Palm Sunday: March 23/24, “Blessing and distribution of Palms” at all Masses, 5:00 p.m., 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, and 6:00 p.m.



Assumption Catholic Church is selling \$5 tickets in our NEW progressive Queen of Hearts E-Raffle.

Please support Assumption by purchasing tickets and sharing the information with family, friends and business associates asking for their support.

The Queen of Hearts is a weekly drawing. If the Queen of Hearts card is not selected the JACKPOT carries over (progressive). However, to be eligible for the next drawing, NEW TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED for each weekly drawing.

Our first drawing will be Friday, February 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The winner does NOT need to be present to win.

Tickets are \$5, or BUY 5 Tickets and receive 1 Ticket FREE!

Purchase tickets at the link below or by scanning the QR code.

goraisedough.com/buy/2160



If your ticket is drawn and **your winning card is the Queen of Hearts, you will win 50% of the Jackpot** and the raffle will end.

All Raffle Winners will be contacted by Assumption Catholic Church within 15 business days of the drawing.

Prizes for other cards

Joker Cards pay \$250
All Face Cards pay \$50
Numbered Cards pay \$25



Raffle Rules:
goraisedough.com/rulesraffle2160rules.html

Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

Christ is waiting to share an hour of his intimate presence with you each week!

Continual Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament would be impossible without faithful, committed adorers.

Will you make a commitment?

The hours of greatest need are:

Sunday
4:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.

Tuesday
3:00 p.m.

Thursday
11:00 a.m.

Saturday
1:00 p.m.

Adoration Intent Cards are available in the pews. Please return your completed card in the collection basket or to the parish office.

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



Visit AssumptionSTL.org to register today for Online Giving!

TRIVIA NIGHT

SUPPORTING



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT 7PM
ASSUMPTION PARISH CENTER

RESERVE YOUR TABLE OF 8

\$400/VIP TABLE *New* this year

\$240/TABLE

INCLUDES MULLIGANS (5)

BEER/SODA/WATER PROVIDED

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!!

MAY 25 - AUG 3



**KIDS
SUMMER
Camp**

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



Come pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet with us on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in Church. The world needs love and prayers more than ever.

Fish Fry Volunteers & Desserts Needed

We will have a table set-up at the front door of the school each Friday until 3:00 p.m. for desserts to be dropped off. After 3:00 p.m., desserts can be dropped off in the Parish Center (school gym). If you would like your dish back, please affix a label to it; we will wash it and have it ready for you to pick up.

We welcome any and all desserts! Pies are especially loved, and Father Keller happens to have an affinity for all things chocolate.

Desserts do not need to be individually wrapped, we will handle the packaging. If the desserts have any allergens you may specify with a note. (ie. gluten free, peanut free, sugar free).

We are also in need of volunteers. Please take a look at the spreadsheet by scanning the QR code to sign-up.



Thank you for making Assumption Fish Fry the #1 Fish Fry in St. Louis, we could not do it without the amazing help of our volunteers!



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

February 19	12:00 p.m.	Speaker Series
February 20	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
February 20	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
February 26	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
February 27	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
February 27	1:00 p.m.	Cards

Questions? Please contact...

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
February 25	February 15
March 3	February 22
March 10	February 29

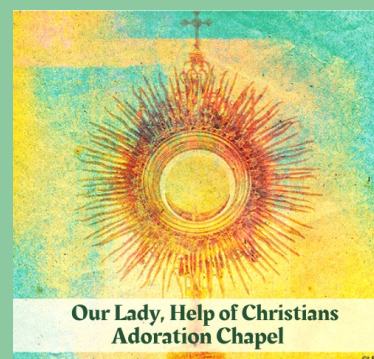
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— .jpg files required for any photos/graphics

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