



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

May 5, 2024

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"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."
John 6:51

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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

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Wednesdays
6-6:45 p.m.

Saturdays
4-4:45 p.m.

Sundays
Before All Masses

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

- To make 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 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 p.m. to register.

Special Events

Good News Sunday	May 5th
First Communion	May 5th
May Crowning	May 12th

Stewardship April 22 - April 28

#AssumptionTogether	\$370.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$100.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$25.00
Easter	\$28.00
Formation of Permanent Deacons	\$100.00
General Fund	\$22,715.60
Maintenance	\$25.00
Other	\$39.88
Partners in Education	\$7,120.32
Pro-Life Foundation	\$53.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$15.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$180.00
St. Louis Review	\$73.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$636.00
Tithe for the Poor	\$50.00
	\$31,530.80

Mass Intentions †

May 5	Sunday
7:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	Jerry Pyle †
10:30 a.m.	Loretta Mae Seltzer †
Noon	Tom Aleto †
6:00 p.m.	Kathleen Emerson †
May 6	Monday
6:30 a.m.	Joe & Theresa Bellosi †
8:00 a.m.	Florence Stalley †
May 7	Tuesday
6:30 a.m.	Kenneth Lange †
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Rick Schilli †
May 8	Wednesday
6:30 a.m.	The Harris Family †
8:00 a.m.	Dora Partney †
May 9	Thursday
6:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	Vi & Al Camenzind †
May 10	Friday
6:30 a.m.	Carmella Langhammer †
8:00 a.m.	Eleanor Catanzaro †
May 11	Saturday
8:00 a.m.	Honesto & Victoria Veneracion †
5:00 p.m.	Bob Duggan †
May 12	Sunday
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	Elmer L. Kauffmann †
10:30 a.m.	Carole Brueggemann †
Noon	Rosemarie Bergholtz †
6:00 p.m.	Linda DeClue †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

Jack Bresnahan
Jim Brockmeyer
Donny Brooks
Gina Calotes
Patricia Caskanett
Ralph Cernich
Mary Ann Chalmere
Larry Chott
Jerome Coleman
Mary Ann Comegys
Peggy Connelly
Cheri Geil-Cotner
Patti Cowick
OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner
Jenna Welchlen, USA
Steven Wodraska, USN
Nicole Wright, USA
Joshua Zarr
Tim Andrews, USCG
Isaiah Angeli, USMC*
Davey Ardrey, USAR
Ryan Boedeker
Kyle Bottorf
Robert Bryant III, USAF*
Dominic Catalano
Dakota Chappel
Lauren Chellis, USN

† 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 5/5:

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/
Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Deceased

Arvin Beckmann



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Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Congratulations to the Assumption School Class of 1964. In conjunction with a celebration of the 60th anniversary of their graduation, they provided a total of \$7232 in *Partners In Education*, *exceeding their goal to provide enough scholarship funds to educate one child for one full year!*

Assumption Parish has a Maintenance Committee that meets monthly to discuss our facility needs, and then evaluate and recommend the best course of action. Often, depending on their expertise, they may even take the lead on a project.

The Maintenance Committee has been behind many of our improvements. The biggest being the new garage. By building it the size of a small airplane hangar it allowed the parish to keep the shuttle and truck in a safe location, expand our volunteer grasscutter's gear, and most importantly, the increased storage capacity allowing the renovation of the building that is now the St. Martha House.

If you are a regular reader of the pastor column, as I know you are, I have mentioned in the past that we are preparing for a systematic replacement of nearly all the HVAC units on campus. You may also have noticed that the AC in church was inoperative again a few weeks ago. This has been an ongoing struggle since Fr. Seper was pastor before 2014. Our biggest concern is that the system has difficulty removing humidity from the building. Whenever this happens, mold is a fear, and it is why the church sometimes feels cold or hot even though we keep it at the same 72 degrees all the time. Over in the school and Parish Center, most of the HVAC units were installed when Monsignor Dempsey was pastor in the late 1990's. All these units are passing or have passed their industrial life-expectancy. The units in the three-story section of the school need immediate replacement. Finally, the 60-year-old boiler in the Salesian House is currently completely dead.

Due to the expense, it will take several years to completely replace all these HVAC units. The good news is that once the new ones are in, the cost of operating our heating and cooling will decrease dramatically due to efficiency improvements. Some of these projects, like the church, will require engineers to completely redesign the system and cooperation from the archdiocese Building and Real-estate Office. Currently, we are working the issues in the school and Salesian House. Once we are finished with these, the church will likely be the next project, but hopefully we can survive this summer on the most recent repairs.

Is that all? Well, unfortunately, no, there are several other needs developing. One big one will be expanding our data network that provides wireless and internet access to the campus. When it was installed, it was designed to run office computers and student laptops. Now our security camera network runs on it, and we have added the keyless access to it. The school Public Address system is failing and needs to be replaced, and yes, you guessed it, a new one needs wired access to operate. All these new systems need "bandwidth," "switches," "CAT-6" and other techno-stuff. In addition to the data network, the parking lot has areas in need of resurfacing and sealing, and the electronic system that rings our bells is probably older than me. Sidewalks are cracked and occasionally a roof leaks.

I just want to keep parishioners "in the know" regarding these developments because these issues will require some financial decisions and additional capital appeals. In the meantime, I am very grateful for all the many generous gifts that you and previous generations of parishioners have given to make Assumption the special place that it is.

God bless,
Fr. Keller

OFFICE OF THE
PERMANENT DIACONATE

Archdiocese of St. Louis
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Ordained Servants of Word, Sacrament and Service



Following the age-old custom of the Church, as maintained by Canon Law (Canon 1051, paragraph 2), it is my privilege to announce publicly that Mr. Jeremy Remiger is a candidate for the major order of Sacred Diaconate, to be conferred on June 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica. Anyone who knows any reason why this candidate should not be ordained is bound to disclose this immediately.

First Communion



This afternoon 32 children from our parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion at a special Mass at 2:00 p.m. Please take a moment to remember them in prayer. Their First Communion banners have been hung in the back of church. Our class of First Communicants will be leading the May Crowning next Sunday on Mother's Day at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Thank you to all parents and teachers who have helped them to prepare for their First Holy Communion!

Save The Date!

**PARISH
BBQ**

*Bright Lights
Big City*

Saturday 6/1

Parade 3:00PM

BBQ 4:00PM

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2024

On Monday, April 29th many of our 7th graders were confirmed. Please take a moment to pray for the recently confirmed children as we welcome them as full members of the church.

Carter A.	Ella C.	Abigail F.	Savannah K.	Caiden M.	Sophia S.	William W.
Natalie B.	Teagan C.	Karissa F.	Jackson K.	Daniel M.	Ava S.	Alexandra W.
Sam B.	Ethan C.	Sebastian F.	Owen K.	Mason M.	Jack S.	Connor W.
Emily B.	Madeline D.	Samantha F.	Luka K.	Molly M.	Valerie T.	
Samuel B.	Kevin D.	Trey G.	Olivia L.	Claire N.	Brinley T.	
Rachel B.	Annaliese D.	Noah H.	Henry L.	Cameron R.	Emily V.	
Amelia B.	Logan E.	Addisen H.	Michael L.	Elyse S.	Mason V.	
Liam C.	Alena F.	Patrick J.	Jonathan L.	Marie S.	Avery W.	



Join us for
**Assumption Night with the Cardinals –
Thursday, June 6**

6:45 p.m., Cards vs. Rockies

Cheer on the Cardinals AND Assumption Youth
who will sing “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”
during the 7th inning stretch!

All current 3rd through 8th grade students are invited on the field to sing!

AND Singers receive a FREE ticket!

Tickets are Right Field Box Seating, and only \$25 each.
(Ticket price listed on ticket is \$45, so this is a great deal.)

Join us even if you don’t have a singer – it’s Assumption Night with the Cards!!!

Ticket Order Form – Thursday, June 6, 6:45 p.m. Game Time

Student Singer(s): _____

Adult Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Number Free Ticket(s) for Student Singer(s)

_____ Number Other Tickets at \$25 each

_____ Total number Tickets


_____ Amount Enclosed (\$25 each – one free ticket for each singer)

(Check payable to Assumption Parish)

**NEED TRANSPORTATION? The Senior Bus will be available to take you down from
Assumption, and bring you back after the game! Just indicate here that you want a ride!**

_____ Sign me up for the Senior Bus

Please return this form ASAP with payment to the School or Parish Office,
marked “CARDINAL TICKETS.” Questions? Mary Meyer, 314-607-9596, meyomey@yahoo.com
or Christine Grijalva, 314-756-2674 or missuscg@gmail.com.

**ASSUMPTION
QUEEN OF
HEARTS
RAFFLE!**

DRAWINGS ON FRIDAYS AT 5:00PM
\$5 TICKETS, OR BUY 5 GET 1 FREE

Our April 26th Winner
Jeanne A.
 Ticket 233083380, Slot 34



OUR JACKPOT CONTINUES TO GROW!!!

Drawings are every Friday at 5:00 p.m. Assumption is selling \$5 tickets in our NEW progressive Queen of Hearts E-Raffle. Please support Assumption by purchasing tickets and sharing with family, friends and business associates.

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.

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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.

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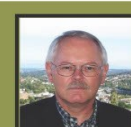
Please join us as we welcome Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI to kick off our series of evening programs designed to address the pain of suicide.

 Fr. Rolheiser, author of "**Bruised and Wounded**," will offer insights to help us remove the taboo of suicide and to reclaim the memory of our loved ones.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024
 7PM
 CORPUS CHRISTI CENTER AT
 ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
 6020 OLD ANTONIA ROAD, IMPERIAL MO 63052

REGISTER HERE: 

FR. ROLHEISER'S BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE:
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Ronald Rolheiser is a Catholic priest, internationally renowned speaker, and spiritual writer whose books appeal to Christians of all backgrounds. He is author of many books, including the bestseller, "**The Holy Longing**."

EDGE CALENDAR

2:40 - 4:00 p.m.



5/6

5TH-8TH GRADE COMBINED

SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

?’s contact meyerd@assumptionstl.org



Upcoming Events

5/5 - The Vocation to Religious Orders

5/12 - NO LIFE NIGHT

5/19 - XLT

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



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May 5th

**following 9am, 10:30am, and Noon Masses
Church Basement**



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COLLEGE STUDENTS

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WITH AYM THIS SUMMER.



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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? Check listings in the back of church or Adoration Chapel for the most current times needed. The goal is for two adorers per hour.

Adoration Intent Cards are available in the back of church. Please return your completed card in the collection basket or to the Parish Office.

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

Ladies of the Little Flower

The Ladies of the Little Flower will meet on Monday, May 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the church lower level. This will be our last meeting before the summer break.

We will have our meeting and then
play Bingo.

Questions? Contact Robbie Hesse 314-229-1202

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. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 19. Call Bobbi Farley at 314-805-1827 for more information.



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

May 6	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
May 7	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
May 7	1:00 p.m.	Dominoes
May 9	10:00 a.m.	Pot A Plant
May 13	10:30 a.m.	Soul Core
May 14	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
May 14	1:00 p.m.	Cards

Questions? Please contact...

Dominoes: Marilyn Hogenmiller 314-894-8194

Cards: Ron Reiter 314-347-5881

*Bingo is back beginning May 30th! Last Thursday of each month in the church lower level.



Join us!
Thursday, May 9th
10:00 a.m.
Church lower level

Create a pot of beautiful annual flowers
for your porch or patio.

If you would like to attend please RSVP
to the Senior Ministry voice mail,
314-487-7970, x1228.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 to help defray the
cost of supplies

(This activity is limited to the
first 28 people who respond.)

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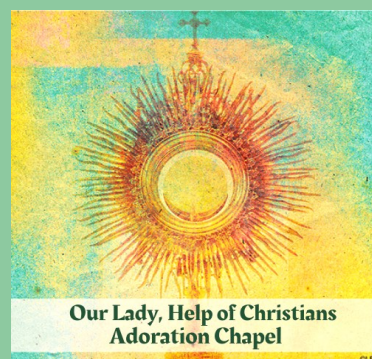
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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
May 12	May 2
May 19	May 9
May 26	May 16

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