

## GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

August 25, 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.

### CONFESSION

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

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## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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## Parish Mission

### Our Mission:

- Worship God
- Share the Good News of Jesus
- Serve Christ in others

### Our Goal

- To make every parishioner—a saint!

### Our Vision

- Continue the work of Jesus Christ



## Special Events

Labor Day (*Parish Office Closed*)      Sept. 2nd

Senior Retreat      Sept. 13-15

## Baptism



Congratulations to Davis Blake and Conrad Hendricks who were received into the Church on Sunday, August 6th at their Baptism! They are pictured with their parents, Scott and Emily Lucy, big sister and godparents.

## Stewardship August 12 – August 18

#AssumptionTogether	\$20.00
All Souls' Day	\$30.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$40.00
Candle Fund	\$31.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$40.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$40.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$40.00
Easter	\$40.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$3,270.00
Formation of Permanent	\$70.00
Friends for Life Campaign	\$20.00
General Fund	\$24,600.45
Holy Land Good Friday	\$40.00
Lifeline Coalition	\$25.00
Maintenance	\$335.00
Mission Co-Op Summer	\$40.00
Partners in Education	\$1,566.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$30.00
Retired Priests	\$90.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$45.00
School Support	\$620.00
Seminary	\$40.00
St. Louis Review	\$35.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,396.00
Tithe for the Poor	\$160.00
World Mission Sunday	\$40.00
Youth Ministry	\$25.00
	<b>\$32,738.45</b>

Mass Intentions †	
<b>Aug 25</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	Rosemarie & Robert Bergholtz †
10:30 a.m.	Louie Shelangouski †
Noon	People of the Parish
6:00 p.m.	Joseph Dostal †
<b>Aug 26</b>	<b>Monday</b>
6:30 a.m.	Louise Hock †
8:00 a.m.	Dan Connors †
<b>Aug 27</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
6:30 a.m.	Karen Altnether †
8:00 a.m.	Vincent Zagarrì †
<b>Aug 28</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
7:30 a.m.	Eugene & Marilyn Kajawa
8:00 a.m.	Patrick Kennedy †
<b>Aug 29</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
6:30 a.m.	Poor Souls In Purgatory †
8:00 a.m.	Barbara Reagan †
<b>Aug 30</b>	<b>Friday</b>
6:30 a.m.	Don Steffen †
8:00 a.m.	Vincent & Jeanette Behan †
<b>Aug 31</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
6:30 a.m.	William & Lila Behan †
8:00 a.m.	Mark W. Weber †
<b>Sept 1</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
9:00 a.m.	Arlene Zoellner †
10:30 a.m.	Bill Meyer †
Noon	Eugene & Marilyn Kajawa
6:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers
Marie LoPiccolo
Kristen Lowry
Ed Lueders
Ann Macke
Daniel Macke
Rachel Maixner
Diane Maixner
Michael Manning
Ann Marie Marelli
Maureen Mattingly
Brenden McDaniels
Dionne McPike
Kevin McPike
<b>OUR MILITARY</b> <i>*denotes parishioner</i>
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
Michael Cole
Sean Danaher, USAF
Kevin Deitz

† 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 8/25:
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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## Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

I'm quite amazed at the response to our requests for new Eucharistic Adorers. Back in spring we made an appeal for new adorers around the feast of Corpus Christi, and throughout August while the Bread of Life Discourse was being read at Mass during the Gospel. Since then we have received a surprising 84 new adorers including 12 hours that were not attended at all. We still need to fill 7 open hours (mostly at night) and 52 open places so that we have two adorers at all times.

A Holy Hour is a beautiful time for deep, personal prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Whether you are an adorer or not, here's a method that can guide you through an hour of prayer:

### 1. Opening Prayer (5-10 minutes)

**Adoration:** Begin with an act of adoration, acknowledging the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. You might say something like, "My Lord and my God, I believe that you are truly present here."

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit:** Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayer, opening your heart to God's will.

### 2. Scripture Reading and Meditation (15-20 minutes)

**Choose a Passage:** Select a passage from the Gospels or Psalms that speaks to your heart.

**Spiritual Reading:** Read the passage slowly, perhaps multiple times, allowing a word or phrase to resonate with you. Meditate on its meaning and how God might be speaking to you through it.

### 3. Conversation with Jesus (10-15 minutes)

**Personal Dialogue:** Speak to Jesus as you would to a friend, sharing your thoughts, concerns, joys, and struggles. Listen for His response in the silence of your heart.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Pray for others—family, friends, the Church, and the world.

### 4. Silence and Meditative Prayer (10-15 minutes)

**Contemplative prayer:** Spend time in silent adoration, simply being in the presence of Jesus. Let go of words and thoughts, resting in His love. If you feel called, enter into contemplative prayer, focusing on the presence of God. Pour out your love for Him.

### 5. Closing Prayer (5-10 minutes)

**Thanksgiving:** Thank Jesus for the time spent together and for any insights or consolations you received.

**Resolution:** Make a resolution to carry the grace of this hour into your daily life.

### Optional: Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet

If you have left over time, you might consider praying the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet, offering it for specific intentions.

This method combines different forms of prayer—adoration, meditation, conversation, and contemplation—helping you make the most of your time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

God bless,  
Fr. Keller

**Assumption Senior Ministry Presents**  
***A Parish Retreat for Seniors***  
***September 13-15, 2024***

Come away and rest awhile at this three-day parish retreat tailored especially for the Assumption Seniors!  
The retreat will take place in Church and the Church Lower Level.

Friday, Sept. 13 – 8:00 a.m. Mass to 4:00 p.m. supper  
Saturday, Sept. 14 – 8:00 a.m. Mass to 4:00 p.m. supper  
Sunday, Sept. 15 – 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by brunch

***Register Early - Limited Space!***  
**Registration forms available in the  
Parish Office. Cost is \$45.**



Breakfast, Lunch, and Supper will be provided.  
Retreatants will return to their home each day after supper.

- Anointing of the Sick
- Rosary
- Benediction
- Chaplet
- Reconciliation
- Stations of the Cross
- Spiritual Presentations

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name you would like on your name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Need transportation? \_\_\_\_\_ Physical Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Physical or medical restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to pay? \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$45.00 scholarships are available. Contact Deacon David Schaefer at 314-487-7970, Ext. 1254

Checks may be made payable to “Assumption Parish” and brought into the Parish Office (Rectory) in an envelope marked “Senior Retreat” no later than Friday, Sept. 6, 2024

OR mail registration and check to: Donna Braun, 13540 Bahnfyre Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128

Questions? Contact Donna Braun, donnabraun27@gmail.com or 314-277-4086

## Backpack Blessing 2024



Sunday, August 11th, parishioners and students gathered during Mass for the special annual blessing of the backpacks. The church was filled with students ready to go back to school. We pray that everyone has a wonderful and safe year at school. God bless all the students, parents, teachers, faculty and staff that make education possible for our children in our parish.

## Annual Parish Pro-Life Appreciation Dinner and Fundraiser



The annual parish Pro-Life Appreciation Dinner and Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 21 in the Parish Center. This event is sponsored by the parish - there is no charge for this event but a financial appeal will be made. All parishioners interested in learning more about our Pro-Life initiatives are invited.

In addition to your prayerful support, there are several ways to help financially. This can be done through 2024-25 membership in the Assumption Pro-Life Foundation (gold, silver or bronze levels) or through general free-will donations which will be used to support Youth Group Pro-Life activities along with other Pro-Life outreach ministries. Our parish has been blessed with generous parishioner participation over the years - both prayerful and financial - and we certainly want to express gratitude for that support.

Our guest speaker this year will be Shawna DuBois, Executive Director of Gabriel's Retreat Ministries ([gabrielsretreat.org](http://gabrielsretreat.org)). Gabriel's Retreat Ministries is a relatively new and innovative organization providing support to pregnant women/mothers with an emphasis on spiritual inspiration. Special guests from several of the other 11 outreach ministries supported by our parish will also be on-hand. Drinks/appetizers will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:45 p.m.

Now more than ever, there are constant challenges to God's gift of human life in our culture. In this major election year, we are frequently seeing this issue in political advertising. In addition, it was recently announced that Amendment 3 will be on the Missouri ballot in November. If passed, this amendment will remove many restrictions to abortion access and codify this access in the Missouri constitution. It is important that we Catholics become more aware and supportive of pro-life ministries both within our parish and in our region. There are many pro-life organizations providing critical services to people experiencing unexpected pregnancies. The need for these services is already apparent and will be even more critical if abortion is re-established in Missouri.

Please consider participating in this event in preparation for Pro-Life month in October.

Kindly RSVP to Linda Bergfeld at 314-843-6981 or [LindaJB822@gmail.com](mailto:LindaJB822@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.



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QUEEN OF  
HEARTS  
RAFFLE!**

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**Winner receives 50% of the Jackpot!**

Prizes for other cards  
 Joker cards now pay \$500  
 All face cards now pay \$100  
 Numbered cards now pay \$50

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Recently  
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	

**Our August 20th Winner  
Megan M. - Winning \$50  
ticket #233096160 , slot #23**

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More Cash!**

**Win \$1,000!**

The person who sells the winning ticket that reveals the Queen of Hearts card wins \$1K! How can you win the \$1K? Start by purchasing a ticket. Share the link in the confirmation email to family and friends on Facebook and Twitter every few days. Every person who purchases a ticket from your share will be tracked to you as the seller of their ticket(s). If their ticket reveals the Queen of Hearts card, you win a \$1K! It's that easy!

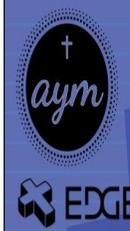
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**Assumption Youth Ministry**

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY  
AND SUNDAY LIFE  
NIGHTS HAS RESUMED  
IN THE UPPER ROOM.

WELCOME BACK!

Are you ready?

**EDGE  
IS BACK!**

Wednesday 9/11 & 9/25  
In the Salesian House  
5:30pm-7:00pm

Contact Dani with any questions  
meyerd@assumptionstl.org

# Want to explore the Catholic faith?

Classes forming NOW!



Confirmation  
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Reconciliation  
Baptism

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## Our Lady, Help of Christians Adoration Chapel



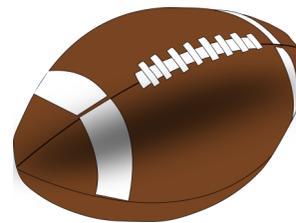
Christ is waiting to share an hour of his intimate presence with you each week!

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 for the most current times needed. Several hours are completely open, but the goal is to have two adorers per hour.

**Adoration Commitment 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.

## Annual Football Fundraising Pool Booster Program



- **9 Winners Each Week** - 5 High Score Winners \$400, \$200, \$100, \$75, \$50 and 4 Low Score Winners \$75, \$45, \$30, \$25
  - **Play all 18 weeks** with only one small fee to be a winner
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  - **Winning checks** are mailed to winners each week
  - Each card is **only \$25 dollars** for the entire season
- Purchase a card for yourself, friends, or family members and have fun comparing scores. All proceeds go toward parish programs and ACTS scholarships. Call, text, or visit our table after mass in the church basement on August 1, 9-10, 16-17, or 24-25, 2024.

Contact: Diane Hildebrand 314-330-2472

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# We're Hiring!

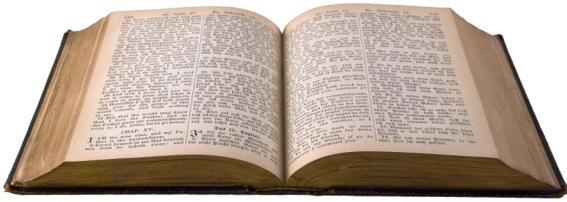
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and to apply please scan the QR code below.



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## 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.

## Ladies of the Little Flower

Ladies of the Little Flower meeting on Monday, September 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the church lower level. We are a group of women who gather together to support each other spiritually and socially. We will be planning activities for upcoming meetings so bring your ideas! New members are always welcome!



## Shuttle Bus for Seniors

**Are you a senior who needs a ride to Mass? Would you like to attend larger Senior Ministry gatherings, but can't get there?**

Our Assumption Shuttle Bus is picking up riders for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass every week. We also may be able to arrange transportation for you to larger Senior Ministry events! To sign up, go to [AssumptionSTL.org/shuttle](http://AssumptionSTL.org/shuttle) or contact our Transportation Coordinator, Judy Talleur, by calling 314-487-7970 x 1228 or email [ShuttleBus@AssumptionsTL.org](mailto:ShuttleBus@AssumptionsTL.org).



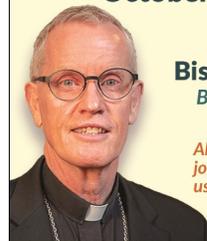
## Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

Aug 26	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
Aug 27	1:00 p.m.	Cards
Sept 3	1:00 p.m.	Cards
Sept 9	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
Sept 10	1:00 p.m.	Cards

Questions? Please contact...  
 Dominoes: Marilyn Hogenmiller 314-894-8194  
 Cards: Ron Reiter 314-347-5881  
 Bingo is the last Thursday of each month at 1p.m.  
 Reservation Line 314-894-0879 ext. 1228

## Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life SAVE THE DATE

**15th Annual Benefit Dinner**  
**Sunday, October 13, 2024**



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Bishop David Konderla**  
 Bishop of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Also joining us will be:



**Where: Orlando's Garden South**  
 4300 Hoffmeister Ave.  
 Hwy 55 at Union Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125

**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 4:00 pm**  
**Followed by Cocktails and Dinner**

More information go to: [ourladyforlife.com](http://ourladyforlife.com)

Scan if you would like to receive an invitation to the dinner:



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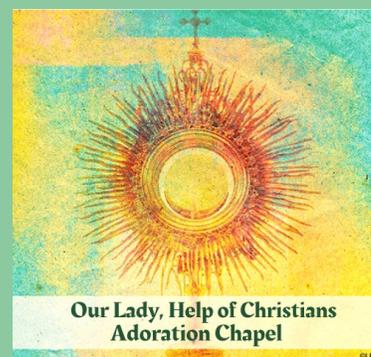
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## Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
September 1	August 22
September 8	September 1
September 15	September 5

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- PDF files cannot be used
- .jpg files required for any photos/graphics

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



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Adoration Chapel**

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Who Is St. Augustine?**  
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