



GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

September 1, 2024



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:15

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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.

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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



Upcoming Events

Good News Sunday	Sept. 1
Labor Day (<i>Parish Office Closed</i>)	Sept. 2
Senior Retreat	Sept. 13-15
Red Cross Blood Drive	Sept. 18

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.



Stewardship

August 19 – August 25

#AssumptionTogether	\$370.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$100.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$1,765.00
Fill The Gap-Parish School	\$10.00
General Fund	\$21,667.12
Partners in Education	\$138.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
Retired Priests	\$100.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$100.00
School Support	\$195.00
Seminary	\$100.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,421.00
Tithe for the Poor	\$20.00
	\$25,991.12



CONFESSIONS
at Assumption

Wednesdays
6-6:45 p.m.

Saturdays
4-4:45 p.m.

Sundays
Before All Masses

Mass Intentions †

Sept 1	Sunday
7:30 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
Sept 2	Monday
6:30 a.m.	William Schaper †
8:00 a.m.	Don Steffen †
Sept 3	Tuesday
6:30 a.m.	Michele Weldele †
8:00 a.m.	Donald Grant †
Sept 4	Wednesday
6:30 a.m.	Ray Everding †
8:00 a.m.	Robert Sucher, Sr. †
Sept 5	Thursday
6:30 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory †
8:00 a.m.	AJ Hoyt †
Sept 6	Friday
6:30 a.m.	Pat Fischer †
8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Amato †
Sept 7	Saturday
8:00 a.m.	Megan Nuelle †
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sept 8	Sunday
7:30 a.m.	Adele Major †
9:00 a.m.	Chase Hunter †
10:30 a.m.	Fred Alban †
Noon	Don Steffen †
6:00 p.m.	Linda DeClue †
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

Carolyn Messmer
Ken Messmer
Judith Metzger
Carole Ann Miller
Arthur Miller
Mary Miloscia
Debbie Moriarty
Jennifer Moor
Mary Morrow
Rosalyn P.
Jim Penrose
Mary Perniciaro
Lois Pitchford
OUR MILITARY
*denotes parishioner
Sydney Delhougne
David DiFranco, USA
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*

† 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 9/1:

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

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Deceased

Jane Bainter

Virginia Narzinski

Mamie Valenti

Labor Day Masses

Monday, September 1st
Labor Day Mass Times:

6:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m.



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Constitutional Amendment

Unfortunately, in November voters will see the “Missouri Constitutional Amendment 3, Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative” on the ballots. Because this amendment would directly enshrine abortion in the Missouri Constitution, no Christian can support it or any other measure like it, nor can we support any candidate that encourages similar measures on the local, state, or federal level without personally breaking the commandment “thou shall not kill.” While one might say we are not actively promoting, encouraging, or participating directly in the act of murder, to permit abortion by voting for it in any way is still sufficient to sin gravely. To calculate prior to voting that one can simply confess the sin in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to commit the sin of presumption, which may invalidate the confession itself due to a real lack of contrition. Life and death are serious things, especially when it includes innocent human life. Propaganda before elections can hide and distort the truth and they are produced to manipulate our feelings, however exercising our civic duty is a great responsibility and it is imperative that Catholics look beyond rhetoric and emotions to understand the issues and each candidate’s positions before we vote, especially when lives are at stake. It is important to remember that no other institution on earth has ever worked harder to provide support and care for women with an unplanned pregnancy than the Catholic Church, so we can and should do everything we can to support both parent and child.

Communio Update

Everything seems to have come together, and it looks like Assumption Parish will be partnering with Communio. You may remember we had a parish town hall in the Spring to discuss the possibility of a partnership. Communio equips churches to evangelize through healthy relationships, marriage and family life. Anyone who has seen our 9:00 and 10:30 Masses knows we have a lot of young families. But we hope that this is just the beginning of a rebirth of faith in our neighborhood. Communio “helps church leadership team select, promote, and run large, attractional community outreach events that flow people into ongoing engagement, and ultimately into relationship-based ministry.” As pastor, I am hoping that Communio does the same thing that ACTS has done for the parish, but for a younger generation.

More Seminarians Coming

Each year, Kenrick-Glennon sends seminarians to parishes to assist at Sunday Mass and serve in another parish ministry. This year, we are hosting three seminarians. Joining us for the first semester will be Dr. Jean Marie Hogan, O.S.B. and Br. Angelus Atkinson, O.S.B. They are solemnly professed Benedictine monks from St. Benedict’s Abbey in Atchison, Kansas. Their monastery is associated with Benedictine College, but the monks also assist in parishes in their area. They are attending Kenrick Seminary for their priestly formation. Br. Jean Marie and Br. Angelus will assist with Assumption Youth Ministry. The third seminarian is Jacob Knott. Jacob is a second-year student from the diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Missouri. Jacob will work with the sick and elderly in the parish for the entire academic year. In addition to helping at Sunday Mass, Jacob will rotate between the Sunday Communion Service at Delmar Gardens South and the Assumption Shuttle that transports elderly to the 10:30 a.m. Mass. He will also take Holy Communion to a few of our homebound parishioners. Please give a warm welcome to Br. Angelus, Br. Jean Marie, and Jacob. They are assigned here to get to know you!

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



**Assumption Prayer Vigil
@ Planned Parenthood**

**Saturday, October 5
7 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

The Respect Life Apostolate will have a sign-up during Good News Sunday on September 1st after all the Masses for the half-day prayer vigil scheduled Saturday, October 5th at Planned Parenthood in Fairview Heights, IL. Please stop by to participate in this important event.

Sign-Up Now by emailing hessel4780@sbcglobal.net



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- First Communion
- Reconciliation
- Baptism

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THOMPSONM@ASSUMPTIONSTL.ORG

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). 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 Lindaib822@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



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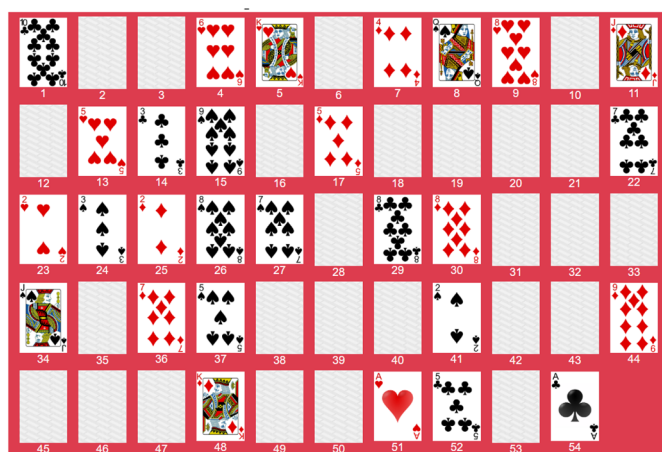
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ticket #233097712 , slot #52

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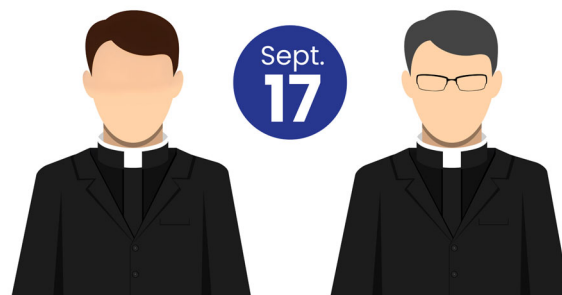
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Bother THE FATHERS

*A Question & Answer Session with
Fr. Ryan Quarnstrom & Fr. Thomas Keller*



Have you ever had a question about your Catholic faith and its teachings? Or have you ever had a question that seemed “silly” or felt like you didn’t want to “bother” your priest with the question? Now is your chance to have those questions answered!

Join us Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the newly renovated SMMA Parish Center for a question and answer session with Fr. Quarnstrom and Fr. Thomas Keller, Pastor of Assumption-Mattese Parish. They will answer all of your questions!

Questions can be submitted in advance here:



<https://forms.gle/TAKjW69pmWd2BUv77>

Light refreshments will be provided by
SMMA WIN.



6:30 - 8:00 PM

(9/11) 10 Commandments
(9/25) Worship & Adoration

Questions - Contact Dani
meyerd@assumptionstl.org

AYM UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT
8

THE TIME IS NOW

SEPT
15

SOCO TRIVIA

SEPT
22

LIFE NIGHT

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Fall Retreat 2024

A retreat on the Paschal Mystery

Who: Freshman through Seniors

Parishes: Assumption, SFA, QAS, and SMMA

When: October 25-27

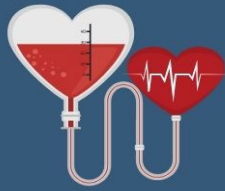
Where: Camp Wartburg

Sign up Here

Cost: \$150.00 (scholarships available)



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



**Wednesday, Sept 18
2-6 PM**

**Church Lower Level
Assumption-Mattese**

**REGISTER at
www.redcrossblood.org**

**Sponsor code:
AssumptionCC**



PARISH HOLY HOUR

The Parish Holy Hour is open to everyone. It is intended as an opportunity for parishioners to spend time in prayer & adoration, as well as receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join us each Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the church!

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!

Senior Ministry Luncheon & Speaker Series



Save the date for Monday, September 16 all seniors are welcome to our monthly speaker series and luncheon. The Mehlville Fire Department will provide a guest speaker. Join us for a catered lunch and learn more about community awareness as it relates to fire protection services. To join us please call 314-487-7970 x1228 to RSVP by Thursday, September 12th. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with catered lunch at 12:00 p.m. The speaker 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.



Senior Ministry Upcoming Events!

Sept. 3	1:00 p.m.	Cards
Sept. 9	10:30 a.m.	SoulCore
Sept. 10	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Scripture Study
Sept. 10	1:00 p.m.	Cards
Sept. 13	8:00 a.m.	Senior Ministry Retreat

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

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Good News Messenger

Issue **Deadline (4 p.m.)**

September 8 September 1

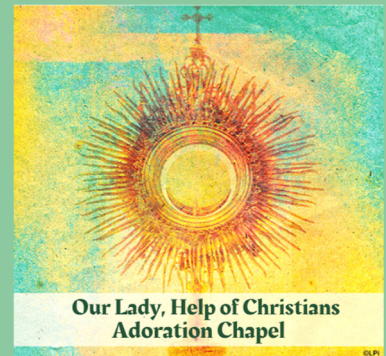
September 15 September 5

September 22 September 12

- Please go to www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions and submit an online form to request event promotion and/or book a room
- PDF files cannot be used
- .jpg files required for any photos/graphics

Questions or comments?

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