SAINT ANSELM PARISH

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, 2021

Welcome!

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Mass Times

Sunday
7:30 and 9 A.M.
in the Abbey Church

11 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.
in the Parish Center

12:15 P.M. (Extraordinary Form on last Sunday of each month)
in the Adoration Chapel

Monday - Friday
6:30 and 8:30 A.M.
in the Adoration Chapel

7:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.
in the Abbey Church

Friday
6:30 A.M. (Extraordinary Form)
in the Adoration Chapel

Saturday
7:30 and 8:45 A.M., and 4:30 P.M.
in the Abbey Church

Confession

Sunday
7 and 8:30 A.M. in the Abbey Church
10:30 A.M. in the Parish Center

Tuesday & Thursday
5 P.M. in the Abbey Church

Saturday
30 mins after 7:30 A.M. Mass, and
4 P.M. in the Abbey Church

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."
- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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Liturgies & Devotions

Saturday & Sunday
Rosary after 7:30 A.M. Mass

Monday
Rosary at 5:00 P.M.
at Our Lady of Grace grotto

Monday through Friday
Rosary after 7:30 A.M. Mass

Tuesday
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions after 7:30 A.M. Mass

Tuesday & Thursday
Eucharistic Adoration
7 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Sacraments

Baptism
Please make arrangements with Fr. Aidan McDermott at 314.878.2120 or fraidan@priory.org.

Matrimony
Couples planning marriage please contact one of the priests or deacons at least 6 months in advance of the marriage.

From the Pastor's Desk

Blessed are the pure of heart for they will see God. (Matthew 5:8)

One of the ends of the monastic life is *purity of heart*, which is being wholehearted to God and His will. What does this mean? Good question. Doing God's will sounds easier than it is. But it means following His commandments and living our faith out of real love for God and our neighbor, a wholehearted desire to will the good for another and ourselves. We don't ultimately avoid sin for fear of suffering and judgement, but out of love for God and neighbor.

A piece of this wholeheartedness to God and His will is developing a relationship with Him. It means seeking Him and knowing Him. This is at the heart of a monastic vocation: to seek God. It is surrendering our will and loving Him and our neighbor. We no longer strive for ourselves but for our heavenly Father. However, purity of heart is not just for monks and nuns, but is the call of all Christians. After all, the Benedictine vocation is simply a radical way of living out the Christian life. Saint Benedict speaks about purity of heart in his Rule in the chapter on prayer.

We must know that God regards our purity of heart and tears of compunction, not our many words. (Rule of Benedict, Chapter 20)

Purity of heart begins within us. It is something interior.

Saint Francis de Sales says: **Purity has its source in the heart, but it is in the body that its material results take shape. We express our interior purity in the way we conduct ourselves and in how we dress**.

The Holy Spirit moves us interiorly to prayer. **Prayer is nothing other than an intimate conversation with a friend**, says Saint Teresa of Avila. We develop our relationship with the Lord through our life of prayer and our devotion to the Sacraments of the Church. The attaining of *purity of heart* is a life-long process. It doesn't happen overnight. At the same time, we don't just wait for it to happen. It is an interior struggle that purifies our will; we're called to make exterior changes. Interior purity demands the development of good habits and virtues to help nurture this purity of heart; we cannot be purified any other way.

One of these virtues is *modesty*. Modesty presents goodness, gifts, and talents in a balanced way. It's not a rejection of gifts or talents, but instead an ordered display of them. It has to do with the manner in which we speak, act, and (back to the interior) how we think. Modesty in speech refers to the way we speak: the use of our voice, our volume, pace, and choice of words. Do we speak for a reaction? Are we loud? Do we act only to draw attention to ourselves? In our thinking, do we go along with the crowd and popular opinion? Do we hold opinions contrary to the Gospel and faithful moral character? Do we react and think solely out of emotion? Well, if we're human, yes, we do speak, think, and act in these ways some of the time. However, we always strive for purity and modesty of heart, moving closer to wholeheartedness with God and His will.

In addition to these forms of striving to practice the virtue of modesty, we also think of modesty in our appearance. Yes, we should be able to express ourselves and show our individuality, but we do so in a spirit of modesty with all prudence and humility, acting in the world out of love for the Lord, ourselves, and one another. Modesty in appearance is to be "guest-ready", as it were, exercising modesty and growing in purity of heart.

Saint Francis De Sales again: **Always be neat, do not ever permit any disorder or untidiness about you. There is a certain disrespect to those with whom you mix in slovenly dress; but at the same time avoid all vanity, peculiarity, and fancifulness**.

Our outward appearance can say a lot to the world about our interior life. If we're sloppy and not well-presented, we may come across as not caring. We're not speaking here of the material poor - we know our Lord Himself was poor, as well as many of the saints. But those who have the means to dress according to their dignity with all modesty should strive to do so. They should also, in the spirit of charity, support those who are in need to help them live according to their God-given dignity as creatures created in God's image and likeness. We want to put forth a well-ordered, attractive, and prepared self to the world in order to support our witness to the Gospel in a fruitful way. We're called to live in a way proper to our dignity as men and women created in the image and likeness of God, as someone who participates in the Divine Nature of our Lord, as baptized Christians. Pope Pius XII reflects that the human person is **God's masterpiece in the visible world elevated by the Redeemer**.

Our modesty in the world is one thing. However, how much more so should we be mindful of our appearance in church! We give honor to God in the way we dress and present ourselves. *When preparing for church we should remind ourselves where we're going and Who we are going to see*. Yes, God sees us all the time, but it's not a question of what the Lord sees. It is more so us expressing our dignity and preparing ourselves to be in His presence. Would we attend an important dinner with a special guest in shorts and flip flops? Would we dress for a wedding reception in the same manner? So, how much more so should we prepare ourselves for Mass, the heavenly wedding banquet on earth. So, let us be mindful to wear our "Sunday best" to show that Mass is more important than anything else, remembering that our exterior presentation of reverence manifests the reverence of our hearts.

May God Continue to Bless You and Your Families,
Father Aidan, OSB

Weekly Schedule

August 15 - 21

Sunday

Prayers for Religious Liberty, 5 P.M., CH

Monday

Women's Ignatian Prayer Group, 1:45-3:30 P.M., PH

Rosary at the Grotto, 5 P.M.

Women's Fellowship Planning Meeting, 6 P.M., PC #5

Tuesday

Eucharistic Adoration, 7 A.M.- 4 P.M., PC LL, Chapel

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions, 8 A.M., CH

Lectio Divina, 9:30-11 A.M., PH

Confessions, 5 P.M., CH

Wednesday

SoulCore, 10 A.M., PC LL

Lector/Eucharistic Minister training, 7-8 P.M., PC

Thursday

Eucharistic Adoration, 7 A.M.- 4 P.M., PC LL, Chapel

Confessions, 5 P.M., CH

Men's Ignatian Spirituality Prayer Group, 6:30 P.M., PH

Friday

Saturday

SVdP meeting, 8-10 A.M., PC

Confessions, 4 P.M., CH

CH - CHURCH
PC - PARISH CENTER
PH - PARISH HOUSE
LL - LOWER LEVEL
YR - YOUTH ROOM

Readings of the Week

Monday:
Judges 2:11-19
Psalm 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday:
Judges 6:11-24a
Psalm 85:9, 11-12, 13-14
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday:
Judges 9:6-15
Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday:
Judges 11:29-39a
Psalm 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday:
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Psalm 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9, 9bc-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday:
Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17
Psalm 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Matthew 23:1-12

Mass Intentions for August 16 - 21

Monday	6:30 A.M. —	The Cochran Family
	7:30 A.M. —	+ Woldu Habtezghi
Tuesday	6:30 A.M. —	+ Mary Angela Suntrup
	7:30 A.M. —	Ray & Dorothy Hellweg
Wednesday	6:30 A.M. —	+ Wilma C. Brasses
	7:30 A.M. —	+ Daniel M. Sullivan
Thursday	6:30 A.M. —	+ Mary Fox
	7:30 A.M. —	+ Quintin Plado
Friday	6:30 A.M. —	+ Charles L. Drury, Sr.
	7:30 A.M. —	Jerryami Strain
Saturday	7:30 A.M. —	+ Tyler Arnold
	4:30 P.M. —	+ Bernard Huger

Sunday Masses: Our Sunday Masses are always offered for our Saint Anselm Parish Family.

Stewardship *stewardship.stanselmstl@att.net*

"And Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." Luke 1:46

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives, and by putting others' needs before our wants.

Pray for the Sick

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Tom Blythe, Joan Cain, Linda Ehrmann, Ted Ehrmann, Bonnie Ferrell, Pat Hartwig, Dorothy Hellweg, Therese Jost, Joan Lunt, Jack McEnery, Gail O'Brien, Dr. Romeo Perez, Margaret Puterbaugh, Lorraine Sullivan, and Bonnie Wimmer.

Weekend Masses
Aug 21 - 22

Saturday - 4:30 P.M.

Celebrant & Homilist:
Fr. Francis

Extraordinary Ministers
Fr. Aidan
Dan Huber
Mary Grace Huber

Lectors
Carol Costigan
Dave Rauscher

Ushers
TBD

Sunday - 7:30 A.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Aidan
Homilist: Dcn. Charlie

Extraordinary Ministers
Fr. Francis
Dcn. Charlie
Ron Jaudes

Lectors
R.B. Clark
Edie Varley

Ushers
Joe Coleman
Bob Mills

Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

Conventual Mass, celebrated and attended by the monks of St. Louis Abbey.

(Parishioners and guests welcome to attend!)

Sunday - 11:00 A.M.

Celebrant & Homilist:
Abbot Gregory

Extraordinary Ministers
Pattie Meitner

Lectors
Helaine Boland
Chris McCurdy

Ushers
Tom Cummings
Phil Meitner

Sunday - 5:30 P.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Francis
Homilist: Dcn. Charlie

Extraordinary Ministers
Dcn. Charlie

Lectors
Molly Gayou

Ushers
TBD

Ordo for the week

August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The belief that Mary was taken up into Heaven with her body and her soul, without dying or shortly after death, has been part of the teaching of the Catholic Church since the earliest centuries of Christianity. That early Christians believed in Mary's Assumption is proven in the lack of her relics, empty tombs, the existence of Transitus Mariae stories, and quotes from early Christians. The Assumption brings to mind the height to which the Church has elevated this special woman. The teaching that, at the end of her earthly course, Mary was assumed into heavenly glory, body and soul, was dogmatically defined by Pius XII on November 1, 1950.

August 20 – Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)
At the age of 20, Bernard joined the monastic life, bringing with him his five brothers, two uncles, and nearly thirty of his peers. Within a few years, Bernard was made abbot, and was called up on increasingly for his ability as arbitrator and counselor in Church matters, to the point of intervening in a full-blown schism, settling it in favor of the Roman pontiff against the anti-pope. Western Europe's man of the twelfth century, Bernard was also a preacher of the Second Crusade, defender of the faith, reformer of the Cistercian Order, Scripture scholar, theologian, and eloquent preacher.

August 21 – Saint Pius X (1835-1914)
This saintly pope is best remembered by many for his encouragement to frequently receive Holy Communion, especially children. Ever mindful of his humble origin, he stated, “I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor.” He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. “Look how they have dressed me up,” he said in tears to an old friend. To another, “It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when He was seized in Gethsemane.”

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

16	Mr. & Mrs. Steven A. Cortopassi
16	Dr. & Mrs. J. Allen Thiel
16	Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Antrobus
17	Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Hellweg
17	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Plas
18	Mr. & Mrs. Michael T. Altepeter
18	Mr. & Mrs. Christopher H. Dalton
19	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Oliver
20	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Costigan
20	Mr. & Mrs. John P. Walsh
20	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Huber
20	Mr. & Mrs. Abhilash Kunduparambil
21	Mr. & Mrs. Taylor C. Dinan
21	Mr. & Mrs. Peter D. Cain

Women's Fellowship of St. Anselm

Women's Fellowship: It's time to update our files! **Don't forget**: All women of the parish are members of our social, spiritual, and charitable community! You're invited to attend our *second Wednesday* of the month gatherings, as well as participate in our interest groups (Book Club, Cultural Outings, Dinner Club, Gardening, Happy Hour, Pins & Needles, the Prayer Chain).

In order to receive invitations to events and activities, we need your name and email address. You can be added to our general and/or interest group contact list. Friends are welcome! Please contact the parish office or Audrey Altepeter. (You can also let us know if you would like your name removed from either list).

Planning Meeting: Monday, Aug. 16 at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Center (west entrance). We will share ideas and decide on events and activities for the coming year. Please join us! With your input, Saint Anselm Women's Fellowship will continue to build community.

Book Club: Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 7 P.M. in the Parish House. The selection this month is *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. “A powerful book based on the incredible true story of a glamour icon and scientist.” (Amazon) The life of Austrian Jew, Eva Hedwig Kiesler (Hedy Lamarr), communication inventor, film star, and producer, is traced from the rise of the Nazi Third Reich.

RSVP through your Constant Contact invitation or by email. Book Club gatherings take place on the fourth Wednesday of every month. (Helaine Boland - helaineb@ymail.com)

Happy Hour: Thursday, Aug. 19 from 4-6 P.M. at **Bishop's Post** (16125 Chesterfield Pkwy West, Chesterfield 63017). Come enjoy good company and our favorite beverages and appetizers. Bring a friend, because all are welcome!

RSVP through Constant Contact invitation, email, or by phone. (AudreyAltepeter@hotmail.com/314.608.3580)

Prayer Chain: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8) Contact Helaine Boland (helaineb@ymail.com) with your special requests. Our prayers will be offered on your behalf.

Cultural Outings: Friday, Nov. 5 from 8:15 A.M.- 4 P.M. Parkway-Rockwood Community Ed is offering a ***Portage Des Sioux and St. Charles*** day trip tour. This tour includes visits to the site of the peace treaties at the end of the War of 1812, Our Lady of the Rivers Shrine, the riverfront at St. Charles Main Street, and other cultural landmarks.

Tour fee is $95 and open to ***men and women*** 18 years and older. For tour information and to **register** please visit *www.prcommunityed.org* and see the Fall Programs 2021, or call 636.891.6644.

Acts of Kindness

Creating opportunities to learn, connect, and help those in need

Thank you all so much!

Volunteers assembled **over 100 backpacks** at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in north St. Louis! We were able to provide **back-to-school supplies for Hickey Elementary students from kindergarten through 6th grade**, as well as students in the community through 12th grade. The backpacks were distributed at the Ville Neighborhood Block party, where the principal, Dr. Baird, expressed his appreciation for the generous donations to his students!

Questions? Contact **Julia Masetti, Acts of Kindness Ministry** at juliamasetti@live.com

Faith Formation

Want to Feel Closer to God?

That's what a parish mission is all about! Blending story, laughter, reflection, and scripture into an enjoyable presentation, each evening will be **only 50 minutes long**, presented by Fr. Ron Hoye from St. Louis.

For anyone who desires a spiritual boost or spark, come join us for three evenings you won't forget. *Please RSVP* to the Parish Office at 314.878.2120 or to parishoffice@stanselmstl.org. **All are welcome - kids too!**

Questions? Contact **David Straub, Adult Faith Formation** at 314.878.2120 ext. 19 or dstraub@stanselmstl.org

IN MEMORIAM

Sarah J. Callahan	08/15/01
James May	08/15/91
Frances Pahlmann	08/15/15
Jerry Rapp	08/15/94
Gregory Vatterott, Sr.	08/15/20
Paul Czysz	08/16/13
Mary Jo English	08/16/00
Harry W. Freeman	08/16/83
Helen Hempstead	08/16/99
Arthur Schneithorst	08/17/94
Herman Fikes	08/18/20
Richard Y. Remley	08/18/01
Virginia Sue Schenk	08/18/19
Betty Ames	08/19/75
Robert G. Morris	08/19/11
Brandon Paton	08/19/94
Robert Sansone	08/19/16
Dr. Joseph P. Costello, Jr.	08/20/17
Dolores Fischer	08/20/13
Barbara Peiffer	08/20/19
Charlotte Barteau	08/21/01
William A. Curran	08/21/14
Elizabeth Kennedy	08/21/15

St. Patrick's Center Lunch Program

(every 3rd Wednesday)

Food should be delivered to the Parish Center on **Tuesday, August 17** by 3:00 P.M., *or deliver food and personal care items* between 8-9:30 A.M. on **Wednesday, August 18**, at the parish center parking lot.

If you send a salad, Health Department Regulations state no salad may be prepared at home. Send the lettuce (pre-packaged at the store), cucumbers, onions, mushrooms, etc. as they are sold at the store. The Center will wash and chop the ingredients.

Items most needed this month:

Deodorant (men and women)
Dish soap
Hand soap
Bar soap
Body wash

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish School of Religion

Join us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/stanselmpsr

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 22: Come for the Backpack Blessing at the 11 A.M. Mass for all PSR students, followed by donuts and a chance to meet other PSR families!

PSR Catechists Still Needed!

Do you love your Catholic faith?

Do you love children?

Do you love telling others about Jesus and His Church?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, please consider being a PSR teacher this year. Our PSR program is in desperate need of catechists for this fall in grades 1st-7th. **No teaching experience is necessary**, and we provide all the materials and books for you! Classes are Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:45 A.M., and would be your **only** time commitment apart from one or two possible meetings later in the school year.

Please contact Greg Siemer for more information at gsiemer@stanselmstl.org or at 314.878.2120 ext. 17.

It's Not Too Late!

There is still time to register for our Parish School of Religion (PSR) for the 2021-2022 school year!

Please visit *www.stanselmstl.org* to learn more and to register. Click "Living Our Faith" from the home page menu, then "Class Registrations", and use the drop-down menu on the right-hand side to select the desired set of classes.

(Please do not wait to register because of financial hardship. We will never refuse a family access to parish programs due to inability to pay. Please contact Frances Schmitz, Business Manager, at fschmitz@stanselmstl.org or 314.878.2120 ext. 16 - *all communication will be kept confidential*.)

Questions? Contact **Greg Siemer, Coordinator of Religious Education** at 314.878.2120 ext. 17 or gsiemer@stanselmstl.org

St. Anselm Youth

Follow us!
@Anselm_YG on Twitter and Instagram

Upcoming Events!

August 29: Back-to-school BBQ
Celebrate the start of a new school year from 6:30-9 P.M. Dress casually, bring a friend, and prepare to have fun!

Questions? Contact **Courtney Rockamann, Youth Minister** at 314.878.2120 ext. 18 or youth@stanselmstl.org

Our Lady of Guadalupe Cenacle for Life Pro-life Committee

Spiritually Adopt An Unborn Child
For the next few weekends, individuals or families have the opportunity to spiritually adopt newly-conceived babies. More than 4,000 babies in the United States lose their lives to abortion every day. It is these at-risk babies you are asked to adopt.

A prayer with an attached pledge card will be available at each entrance after all the Masses. You are asked to sign your card, name the unborn child you spiritually adopt, and pray for him or her every day. Please keep the half with the prayer and baby picture, and return the signed half to one of the baskets at each entrance.You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin describing your baby's development, who will be born in April 2022! *Please share your love for life God has given you by participating in Saint Anselm's Spiritual Adoption Program*.

Pregnancy Resource Center Awareness Program
According to a recent poll, 82% of women who had an abortion said that if there had been even one person who provided the love and support they needed, they would not have lost their baby. So the Cenacle for Life has designed a *small, wallet-size card listing pregnancy resources and shelters available* in the St. Louis area.

We need your assistance to reach women with unplanned pregnancies, so please pick up these cards located at the church entrances and distribute them to family, friends, social groups, coworkers, and anyone who might help spread the message that non-judgemental, compassionate help is just a phone call away! No mother should have an abortion because they feel so overwhelmed and alone!

Cenacle for Life Pro-Life Meeting
Please join us for a Cenacle for Life Pro-Life meeting on **Tuesday, August 17 at 8:30 A.M.** in the Parish Center auditorium. Pro-life developments and plans for future events will be discussed. Hope to see you there!

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Sat-Sun, Aug. 14-15 at the Parish House

"For I was hungry and you gave Me food."
Matthew 25:35-40

Our "Neighbors in Need" continue to grow and desperately need not only financial assistance but groceries and personal products. The stories they share with Vincentians who visit them are truly heart-wrenching and humbling. So once again, we are requesting your support!

A SVdP volunteer will accept your items in the Parish House circle driveway and provide tax receipts **before or after the 4:30 P.M. Saturday Mass on Saturday, August 14, or from 7:15 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, August 15**. *Cash donations* are always welcome and will be *used to purchase perishable groceries or gift cards for Blessing Bags!*

A bin will be located in the Parish Center for you to drop off items after the 5:30 P.M. Mass on Sunday. Thank you for your love and generous support for our Neighbors in Need!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LIST TO THE STORE WITH YOU!

Grocery items needed:

___ Jelly (plastic jars preferred)

___ Canned Spaghetti-Os or ravioli

___ Canned chili ___ Canned fruit

___ Canned green beans ___ Canned corn

___ Packaged cookies

___ Deodorant ___ Toothbrushes

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