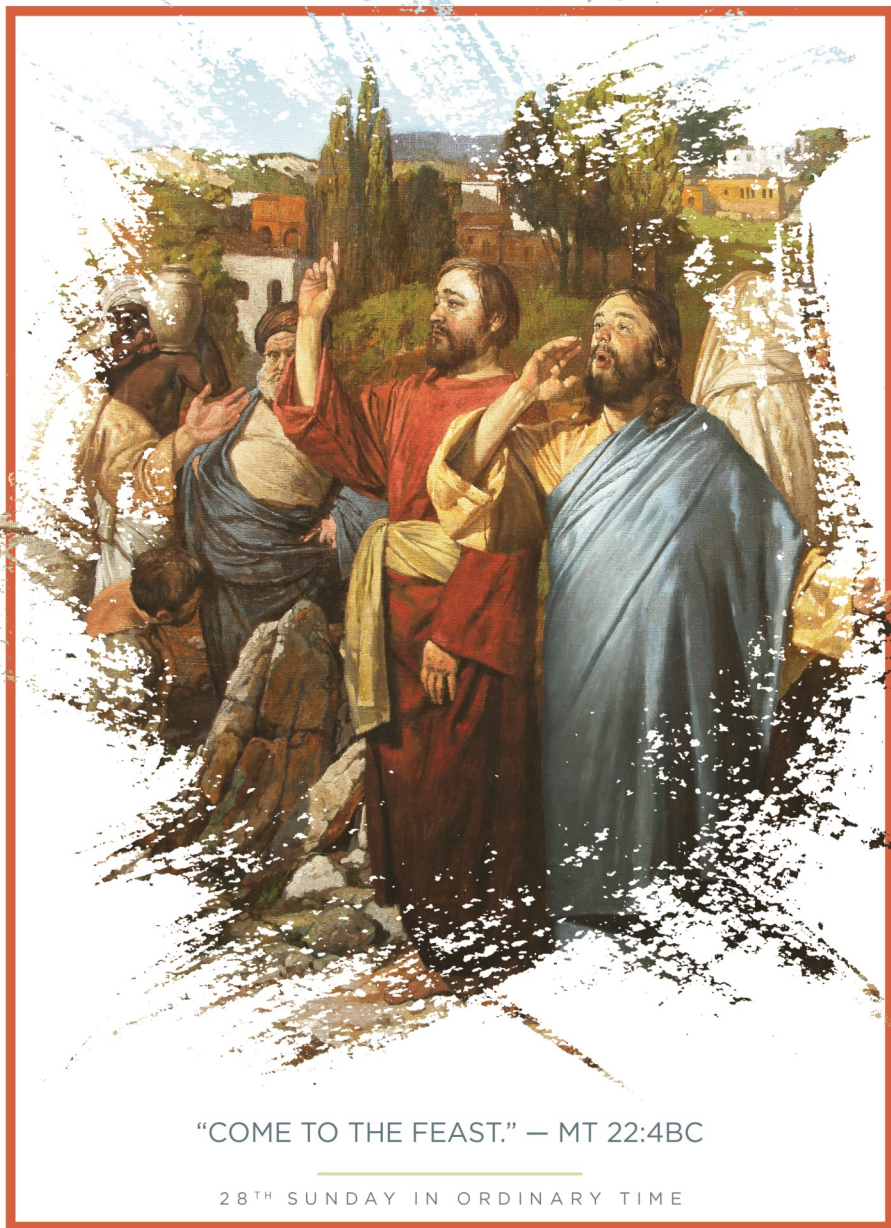




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020



"COME TO THE FEAST." — MT 22:4BC

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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
By Appt: Call Fr. Keller or Fr. Weber

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Tootsie Roll Drive to Benefit the Intellectually Disabled

The Knights of Columbus will be outside the church after each Mass the weekends of Oct. 10-11 & Oct. 17- 18 for their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. All proceeds from the Tootsie Roll Drive will benefit those with intellectual disabilities. The Knights will be social-distanced outside of church and accepting donations of any size in exchange for these sweet treats!

SPONSOR-A-FAMILY COVID STYLE

As with everything in the world right now, we have to retool this very worthy Christmas program. Instead of adopting our usual 60 or so families, we'll sponsor 193 individual school kids with a small gift bag, to include a family gift, they can carry home from school. **To cut down on bulk we're asking for: \$25 GIFT CARDS from grocery stores, Walmart, Target, Kohl's, Macy's and the like. Fast food is ok too.** Gift cards can be dropped in the offertory in an envelope clearly marked SAF, or dropped at the parish office. Near the end of October, we will also put baskets at the back of church for hats and gloves for the kiddos. We will have a small number of local families to adopt closer to Thanksgiving. We are praying for a strong level of support to assist these families that are in great need. Please call Amy Craig with questions at 314-221-4268. Thank you!

Shuttle Bus for Seniors



Are you a senior who needs a ride to Mass?

Our Assumption Shuttle Bus Ministry will be reinstated this fall, picking up riders for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass every other week.

This service will begin again on
Sunday, October 11th. To sign up, go to AssumptionSTL.org/shuttle
or contact our Transportation Coordinator, Judy Talleur,
by calling 314-487-7970 x 1228 or
by emailing ShuttleBus@AssumptionSTL.org.

Registering at Assumption

Assumption Parish (Mattese) warmly welcomes you to our family of Faith!
I/We would like to register at Assumption:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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 a.m. and 4 p.m. to register.

Special Events

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| Oct. 11 | K of C Tootsie Roll Drive |
| Oct. 17 | 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil
K of C Tootsie Roll Drive |
| Oct. 23 | Outdoor Cinema:
Pope John Paul II—Part 2 |
| Nov. 7 | Assumption Women Renew |

October 4 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$50.00
Cardinal Glennon	\$5.00
Diaconate Formation Fund	\$755.00
General Fund 2020	\$27,099.63
Maintenance Fund	\$70.00
Mission Society — October	\$30.00
Parish Gift	\$503.00
Partner in Education	\$745.00
Preserving Our Heritage	\$25.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,196.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$15.00
World Mission Sunday	\$170.00
Total	\$32,668.63



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!

Mass Intentions †

October 11	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Joan Narzinski Sisco †
9 a.m.	Mary Winkler †
10:30 a.m.	James E. Dooley, Sr. †
Noon	People of the Parish
6 p.m.	Anne Rontizi †
October 12	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Linda DeClue †
8 a.m.	Tom Connelly †
October 13	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Carol Kammerer †
8 a.m.	Ryan Balek †
October 14	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Mary Dressel †
8 a.m.	Joseph Taco †
October 15	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Kenneth Baetje †
8 a.m.	Michael Konersman †
October 16	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	Joyce Fick †
8 a.m.	Tom Connelly †
October 17	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Arlene Hejnal †
5 p.m.	Anthony Martignon †
October 18	SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Pat Sheahan †
9 a.m.	Robert Treptow †
10:30 a.m.	Frank Mannion †
Noon	Chris Maloney †
6 p.m.	People of the Parish
	† denotes deceased

In Our Prayers

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Jerome Coleman
Irene Collette
Peggy Connelly
John and Gen Deely
Tom and Barbara Deely
Sister Amelia DeMarco
Raymond Dierkes
John Diethelm
Mary Lou Distler
Tom Dodge
Wilma Dorsey
Fred Dulle
Timothy Dunn

OUR MILITARY

*denotes parishioner

Victor Huber USA*
Kaeli Kluesner USAF
Christopher Konradt USMC
Andrew Kremmel USMC
Justin Lock USA
Stephen Miloscia USN
Ryan Nardin
Todd Nicely USMC*
Ryan O'Neil USA
Jordan Osmack
Daniel Parker USA
Michael Rapp USN
Wendell Reiter USMC

† Usual contributions for Mass offerings are \$10. Please stop by the Parish Office during office hours to arrange to have a Mass said.

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



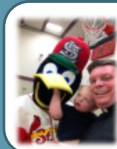
October Livestreamed Rosary

Since October is the month of the Holy Rosary, Assumption will be livestreaming a recitation of the rosary at Noon, Monday –Friday, at AssumptionLIVE.com. Watch live or watch the daily recording and pray along with us!



Volunteer to Help a Neighbor!

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul needs you. If you have a little bit of free time and would like to help out your neighbor in need, please consider joining the parish ministry that closely adheres to the call of Christ to love our neighbor. Please contact John Maloney at 314-707-9822.



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

#AssumptionTogether Campaign Begins

Last week, we discussed the need to address a growing pandemic-induced deficit at Assumption. Although this is just a prediction, it is possible that the loss of fundraisers, reduction in the Sunday Collection and increased expenses in the School and Early Learning Center will combine to make a \$500,000 deficit by July 1, 2021. But if we do not address the problem now, it will become an insurmountable problem and, at some point, we will begin to run out of money needed to continue our many ministries at Assumption.

In order to address this issue, we are launching the #AssumptionTogether campaign. Soon we will ask parishioners to make "challenge gifts" to inspire giving at all levels. A challenge gift is a fundraising technique where major gifts are presented, and everyone is challenged to work together to match them. We hope to double or triple these challenge gifts in order to help fill the gap in our 2020-2021 budget.

I know that together we can continue our mission at Assumption if we work together. Assumption is a very generous and enthusiastic parish! We won't let this pandemic define us or defeat us. We will continue the work of Jesus Christ here with your help. Thank you!

Parish Updates

Despite Covidland, a lot is going on at Assumption. Here are a few updates:

In addition to the significant work being done by our Stewardship and Development Committee to address the projected deficit, our Fish Fry Committee is beginning to plan for a safe and successful way to reopen. Stay tuned! Obviously, the most anticipated moment in 2021 will be the Return of the Assumption Fish Fry!

Several parishioners have asked "why does this year's Stewardship Report identify 379 fewer households than last year?" If you remember, we conducted a parish census over a year ago and Margot, our parish secretary,

researched inactive parishioners only to find that over the years, many had moved or passed away. We continue to see many new families move into the parish and this reduction is not reflective of a sudden loss, just a long overdue census.

St. Louis County has raised our occupancy limit to 50%. We no longer require online sign-ups for Masses as the church fits 300 people comfortably. However, masks and a 6-foot social distance are still required.

One faculty member was exposed to Covid in the home and tested positive this week; St. Louis County Health Department asked us to switch our 5-8th graders to distance learning while the situation was evaluated. Because the school is following CDC guidelines, they allowed the students to return to in-person learning after only two days at home. We are praying for a full recovery of our faculty member who tested positive and are looking forward to their return.

St. Louis County also granted the permits needed to break ground on the new garage only 14 months after we applied for them. We are moving ahead on the garage since the Beyond Sunday funds were already set aside for this project and to abandon it at this point would needlessly waste the initial money that was invested long before the epidemic. To say I'm grumpy about the timing of the project is an understatement, but our Maintenance Committee has been amazing through all the ups and downs with the county government.

An invitation has been sent to Archbishop Rozanski to celebrate a Sunday Mass at Assumption. We hope to welcome him to Assumption sometime in the new year.

LifeTouch promises to deliver our parish picture directories in October. That poor company has been badly beat up by Covid and delays are regular, so we are hoping the directories make it.

God bless, Fr. Keller



Senior Ministry
Lynn Ewy & Stacey Macko
Senior Ministry Coordinators



ASM Updates & Calendar of Events

October 13 - VPs Mass* (every Tuesday)

October 14 - Outdoor Chair Exercise Class

October 14 - Bingo * (every second Wednesday)

October 15 - Let's Get Together Outdoor Gathering, featuring Mike Roberts

October 20 - VPs Mass* (every Tuesday)

October 26 - Mentors Meeting for Assumption Cyber-Seniors Program*

*These events require registration. With questions or to register, email seniorministry@assumptionstl.org or call our **General Mailbox 487-7970, ext. 1228**. For any of our outdoor gatherings, a heat advisory or forecast of rain will cancel the event.

VP Tuesdays —Outdoor Mass

If you know anyone who is not comfortable attending Mass inside yet, this outdoor option allow for sitting at a distance in your lawn chair or you may remain in your car. See page 8 for more details!

Shuttle Bus Service is Reinstated

We're happy to announce that the Shuttle Bus is back in service! Starting this month, it is now available for both the VPs Mass on Tuesdays as well as for 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass every other week beginning October 11. See page 2 of the GNM, go to AssumptionSTL.org/shuttle or call us in the Senior Ministry office for more information.

Outdoor Chair Exercise Program

Join us to exercise in the crisp fall air with our **special guest instructor, Jean Huelsing**, who will return to lead a 45-minute low-impact exercise session to get you moving while seated or standing. She peppers her routine with helpful health advice for active aging. We'll get together on **Wednesday, October 14, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Arrive 15 minutes early to complete the waiver form. A free-will offering will be accepted for Jean's vocation as owner and operator of the non-profit Living Well Foundation.

Bingo Game Time

We are excited to offer Bingo the second Wednesday of each month! The next time we'll call **Bingo is October 14, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** in the St. Marie Hall (CLL). Space is limited to 25 participants. Bring your own bingo covers (pennies, dabbers, etc.) and a beverage in your own container. Guidelines and additional details can be found in the weekend edition of the Senior Scoop email. Call (x1228) or email the Senior Ministry office to register.

Let's Get Together!

Mike Roberts, former weatherman on News-channel 5, will be the special guest presenter at our next outdoor Get Together in the Courtyard! Join us in person on **Thursday, October 15, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** to hear Mike share his personal journey to a life of service to seniors. Mike now works at **Live at Home St. Louis**, a part of Ascension Health, where he consults with seniors who wish to age gracefully in their own homes. Bring your lawn chair, jacket, and personal beverage. Only two more outdoor gatherings remain: **Oct. 15 & 29!**



Cyber-Seniors Program

Do you know any tech savvy teenagers or young adults who may be interested in becoming a technology mentor? Join us **Monday, October 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** to learn how you can become a volunteer mentor, coaching Assumption seniors on basics of using the Internet, and eventually other applications on electronic devices. At this in-person meeting, you will be introduced to the program, watch the *Cyber-Seniors* documentary, and learn the next steps to becoming a certified Cyber-Seniors mentor. We are now registering tech savvy mentors, so give us a call or send an email to the Senior Ministry office!

God bless,

Lynn (ewyl@assumptionstl.org) ext. 1221,
& Stacey (mackos@assumptionstl.org) ext. 1255



Medical Equipment Donation Drive
Saturday, October 24th
9 AM–2 PM on the Assumption-Mattese Parking Lot

Do you have medical equipment that is not being used?
Do you need medical equipment?
Now there is HELP...

St. Louis HELP is a non-profit organization that loans donated home medical items to anyone in need, at no cost or fee.

We will only accept donations of manual wheelchairs, shower chairs, tub transfer benches, canes/crutches/walkers, Rollators (seated walkers), grab bars, elevated toilet seats, portable commodes, lift chairs, seating cushions/back supports, folding ramps, diapers/ bed pads and Invacare brand only electric hospital beds, – these items only, please.

Clean the attic, garage or basement and make a tax-deductible donation of your medical equipment at designated drop-off point
Assumption-Mattese Catholic Church on October 24th.

For more information, please call St. Louis HELP
at (314) 240-0796 or go online to www.STLhelp.org.



40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil

In coordination with prayer vigils throughout the world, Coalition for Life St. Louis is sponsoring a daily prayer vigil at *Planned Parenthood* Forest Park from Wednesday, September 23 – Sunday, November 1. For more information, see www.CoalitionForLifeSTL.com.

Assumption will man the local vigil at *Planned Parenthood Forest Park* from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on **Saturday** Prayer volunteers are needed for one hour time slots throughout the day. To sign-up for an hour, please go to www.AssumptionSTL.org/40days. Questions? Contact Tim Hessel at 314-807-0510. Your presence on the sidewalk can change the heart of an abortion-minded parent!

Did you know...
that you can make *one-time*
or *regular* donations through
Online Giving?

It's convenient,
it's easy,
and it *helps the parish!*

[www.osvonlinegiving.com](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1447)
/1447



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



Sunday, October 18
2:30 p.m. in Church

In the month of October,
we pray a living rosary in honor
of Pope St. John Paul II whose feast
day is celebrated October 22.

We will be observing all safety precautions, sitting six
feet apart throughout the church & wearing masks.
We will **NOT** be using the rope rosary and
NO refreshments will be served.



**Elementary
Religious Education**
Valerie Stringer
Director

Congratulations to all of our First Communicants! We had several individual First Communions over the summer, but the remaining 3rd graders who had yet to receive the Sacrament, due to COVID, were able to finally receive on September 26th & 27th as 2 groups!



Mask Donation Request!

Assumption Parish is in need of more cloth face masks to distribute to those who do not have one with them at Mass! If you know how to sew a cloth face mask, we would love to have your help and would be grateful for any amount of masks that you could give us. Please drop them off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

Open 24/7.
(Contact the Parish Office for the keycode.)



COVID-19 Information

**63128 Zip Code =
66 new positive Coronavirus cases
in the last 14 days**

Please be extra mindful of your fellow parishioners at this time.
For more information about Assumption's social distancing policies: AssumptionSTL.org
For more information about St. Louis County coronavirus cases: go to STLCorona.com.

AYM UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH-
MENS NIGHT/LADIES NIGHT
MEN: MEET AT THE GYM
LADIES: MEET AT THE SALESIAN HOUSE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH-
XLT SOUTH: FR. ANDREW AUER
QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS @ 7:30PM

Outdoor Mass for Vulnerable Persons

at Assumption-Mattese Catholic Church
on the Parish Center parking lot!

Mass @ 6 p.m!
and

- Transportation via the
Assumption Shuttle Bus
Available Upon Request



Every Tuesday night *this October!*

- Masks & Social-Distancing required
- Bring a lawn chair
- Limited space for those who wish to remain in their cars
- To Sign-Up: go to AssumptionSTL.org
or call the Parish Office at 314-487-7970.

This Week's Topic:
"Types of Prayer" + "Pray Without Ceasing"

INSIDE

Catholicism

Wednesday, October 14
7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
in the Church Lower Level & over ZOOM!

For the ZOOM Link, go to:
AssumptionSTL.org/Inside-Catholicism

WALKING WITH MOMS



44TH ANNUAL

Respect Life Convention



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 10:00 AM
LIVE FROM THE RITZ-CARLTON, ST. LOUIS**

Join us virtually for an inspirational day of prayer, dynamic speakers, awards, and Walking with Mom's ministry partners!

Teen Track
Pre-Release:
Jacinta Florence,
Students for Life
Brian Westbrook,
Coalition for Life

REGISTER AT STLRESPECTLIFE.ORG

QUESTIONS: PROLIFE@ARCHSTL.ORG OR 314-792-7555



DAVID BEREIT
40 DAYS FOR LIFE



DR. JAMES SHERLEY
CHARLOTTE LOZIER
INSTITUTE



DR. PATRICK YEUNG
ST. LOUIS
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ELIZABETH WESTHOFF
OUR LADY OF
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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
October 18	October 8
October 25	October 15

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Hotline: 314-289-6101, ext. 2227

FIAT Women's Group

All women are invited for prayer and a talk presented by a Kenrick-Glennon Seminary faculty member on the third Thursday of each month. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meetings are currently held virtually. On Thursday, October 15th, the program will include a rosary prayed via live video conference call at 8:00 a.m. and a talk titled "Remaining in Love" by Fr. Jason Schumer, Vice-Rector of Cardinal Glennon College. To receive access to the live Rosary prayer group and a link to Fr. Schumer's talk, please sign up for Fiat emails at kenrick.edu/fiat.


CONFESSIONS
at Assumption

Wednesdays
6-6:45 p.m.

Saturdays
4-4:45 p.m.

Sundays
Before All Masses