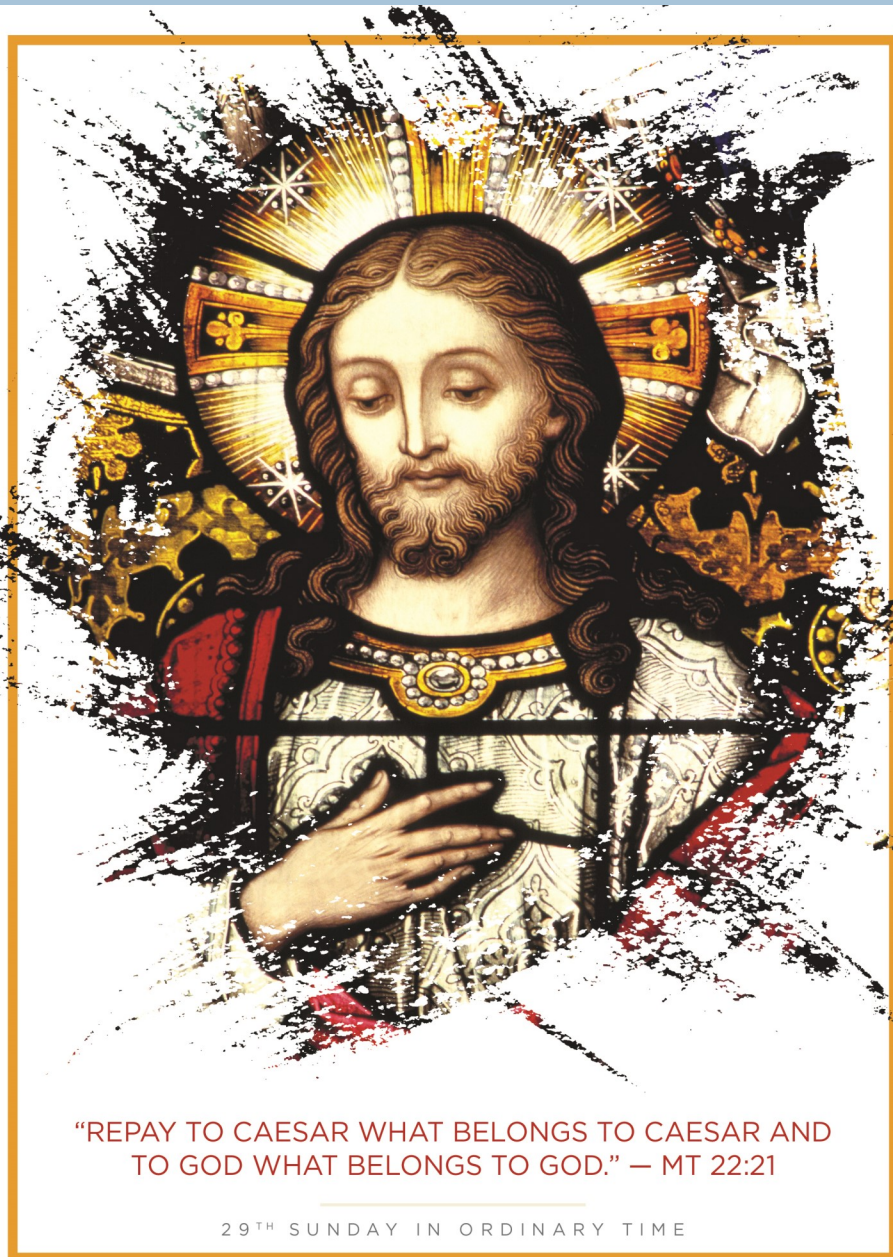




GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 18, 2020



**"REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR AND
TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD." — MT 22:21**

29TH 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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44TH ANNUAL

Respect Life Convention



DAVID BEREIT
40 DAYS FOR LIFE



DR. JAMES SHERLEY
CHARLOTTE LOZIER
INSTITUTE



DR. PATRICK YEUNG
ST. LOUIS
UNIVERSITY



ELIZABETH WESTHOFF
OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE SHRINE

Respect Life Convention Screening at Assumption

The Assumption Respect Life Apostolate will present the entire 44th annual Respect Life Convention on Saturday, November 14, from 9 a.m.—2:30 p.m. in the St. Marie Hall (Church Lower Level).

You are invited to come for the day or just for part of the day. Lunch will be provided. Reservations are required by November 11 to Linda Bergfeld at 314-843-6981 or lindaib822@gmail.com.



Shuttle Bus for Seniors

Are you a senior who needs a ride to Mass?

Our Assumption Shuttle Bus is back to picking up riders for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass every other week.

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

- Oct. 23 Outdoor Cinema:
Pope John Paul II—Part 2
- Nov. 7 Assumption Women Renew
- Nov. 14 Respect Life Convention
Screening

October 11 Stewardship

#AssumptionTogether	\$175.00
Assumption	\$205.00
Fill the Gap	\$80.00
General Fund 2020	\$25,122.50
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Mission Society — October	\$35.00
Partner in Education	\$1,590.00
Permanent Diaconate	\$440.00
Pro-Life March for Life	\$250.00
Pro-Life Foundation	\$425.00
Pro-Life Stewardship	\$265.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,150.00
Tithing for the Poor	\$5.00
World Mission Sunday	\$25.00
Total	\$29,772.50



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 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
October 19	MONDAY
6:30 a.m.	Richard Valenta †
8 a.m.	Vi & Al Camenzind †
October 20	TUESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Matthew Allen †
8 a.m.	Brett D. Grant †
October 21	WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m.	Carl Catalano †
8 a.m.	Sal & Eleanor Catanzaro †
October 22	THURSDAY
6:30 a.m.	Vincent Domagalski †
8 a.m.	Janet Theimann †
October 23	FRIDAY
6:30 a.m.	August "Gus" Kemp †
8 a.m.	Tim Mooney †
October 24	SATURDAY
8 a.m.	Mary Witte †
5 p.m.	Linda DeClue †
October 25	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

Helen Enright
LeRoy Ettling
Caroline Fechner
Jim Fesler
Lorretta Fieser
Donna Fitzwilliam
Motz Gapsch
Pamela Gebauer
Don Grant
Jane C. Grimm
Greg Guidry
Connie Hartman
Charlotte Heisserer

OUR MILITARY *denotes parishioner

Derek Ryan
Timothy Scott, USMC
Austin Shields
John Siebert
Todd Smick, USN
Aaron Staryak
Robert Stockwood, USMC
Andrew Titus, USN*
Matthew Titus, USN*
Eddie Torres, USAF
Marti Torres, USAF
Jenna Welchlen, USA
Steven Wodraska, USN

Rest in Peace:

Adele Marie Zeiser

Weekly Readings

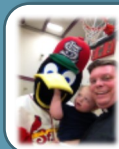
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

The AELC is now hiring Early Childhood Teachers!

The Assumption Early Learning Center seeks part-time & full-time early childhood teachers who want to work in a great environment. Candidates must be nurturing, support the teachings of the Catholic Church and respect the major tenets of the Christian faith, skilled in technology, and physically able to work 15-40 hours a week. Candidates must be willing to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program. This position requires education and experience with Early Childhood Education. Position is in the Infant & Toddler Classrooms.

E-mail resume to Shelley Michael at michaels@assumptionstl.org. No phone calls please.

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



Pastor's Column

Fr. Thomas Keller

Assumption Together Challenge Gifts

COVID-19 has upset the finances of many institutions including the budgets of Catholic parishes. This year we project about a \$500,000 deficit. Unless we address this deficit, it will require us to give up many of our important ministries as Assumption.

Some weekends, the Offertory Collection is above average, but in general, since the lock-down donations are down. Also, we have had to cancel many of our scheduled fundraisers. We incurred unexpected expenses in reopening the Parish Grade School and Early Learning Center. An unprecedented 29 school families are not able to pay full tuition due to disruptions in their own employment.

There will be **two ways** to donate to **#AssumptionTogether**.

The first way is by making a sacrificial "Challenge Gift" before October 30.

The second way is to pledge to match or contribute toward matching a challenge gift in November or on Giving Tuesday (December 1st).

The goal is to raise \$250,000 by December 1st so we have operational funds to continue our parish and school ministries through the end of this fiscal year, July 2021. We pray that by then life will begin to return to normal.

If you want to make a challenge gift of \$1000 or greater, you can contact me at 314-487-7970 ext. 1202 or kellert@assumptionstl.org or use the portion below to begin the process. Thank you for all the many things you do for the Assumption Parish family.

God bless, Fr. Keller

#AssumptionTogether Challenge Gift Pledge

Name your challenge gift so we can list it. You can name it for yourself because your name may inspire others to give, or you may want to name it after your street or even after a favorite saint. Whatever you name your gift, we will invite others to join you in helping the parish continue our mission despite the difficult times. We will publish the challenge gifts in November.

Name of the Challenge Gift _____ Amount \$ _____

You can make your gift by check or donate online at AssumptionSTL.org. If you want to fulfill your pledge over time, we are happy to accommodate monthly or quarterly installments.

Thank you for your generosity. We will publish all challenge gifts in November. Please return this pledge form by October 30. You can return it to me or drop it in the collection basket.

Your name _____
Address _____
Phone _____



Senior Ministry
Lynn Ewy & Stacey Macko
Senior Ministry Coordinators



ASM Updates & Calendar of Events

October 20 - VPs Mass* (every Tuesday)

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

October 27 - VPs Mass* (every Tuesday)

October 29 - Outdoor Gathering featuring Funshine Strummers*

*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 allows for sitting at a distance in your lawn chairs or you may remain in your car. See page 9 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 the 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.

Cyber-Seniors Program

Do you know a tech-savvy young person looking to earn community service hours? Or perhaps someone looking to gain valuable experience and enhance their college application or résumé. If so, invite them to become a Cyber-Seniors Mentor. Cyber-Seniors is a program that gives young people the opportunity to put their tech expertise to great use by mentoring older adults on how to navigate today's technological gadgets and the Internet. Assumption Parish - Mattese will be establishing a Cyber-Seniors Program. An informational meeting for mentors will be held on **Monday, October 26, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** If you are interested in finding out more about this program please contact Assumption Senior Ministry at 314.487.7970, ext 1228 or seniorministry@assumptionstl.org.

Senior Talk Show on Catholic Radio

There is a new weekly radio broadcast **"Where Two or Three are Gathered with Fr. Chris Martin,"** a program airing **Sundays at 3:30 p.m.** on WRYT (1460AM or 92.3FM) Covenant Network Catholic Radio. Hosted by **Mike Roberts**, this series speaks specifically to seniors. Between Fr. Chris, Mike...and you, we have at least three gathered in the Name of Jesus. Through this programming, we ask The Lord to sit down with us and tell us how to use this last part of our journey in this world to get ready for eternal life with Him in heaven.

Where Two or Three are Gathered

with
**Fr. Chris
Martin**

Sunday
3:30pm

1460 AM
92.3 FM

Host
**Mike
Roberts**



Let's Get Together!

Our LAST outdoor Get Together is on **Thursday, October 29, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m** in the School Courtyard. We will have a live music sing-a-long led by the **Funshine Strummers**. It's an uplifting performance by seniors for seniors, some who have direct connections to Assumption Parish! Bring your lawn chair, jacket/blanket, and personal beverage. This is our last outdoor gathering in-person for the season.

God bless,

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

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 the 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.

Join us at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 7th

in the church as we reflect on how to move

onward with FAITH

in a time of FEAR!

Renew

ASSUMPTION WOMEN

Talk by Catholic speaker & radio host, *Patty Schneier!*

Worship Music by *Cecilia Detwiler!*

RSVP online for In-Person or Virtual!

Watch it LIVE at home or RSVP

online for in-person! AssumptionSTL.org/Renew



***There is no cost to attend,
but Free Will offerings will be accepted to help fund future events!**

This Week's Topic:

"How Does Mental Prayer Work?"

+ "Equivalents of Mental Prayer"

INSIDE

Catholicism

Wednesday, October 21

7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

in the Church Lower Level & over ZOOM!

For the ZOOM Link, go to:

AssumptionSTL.org/Inside-Catholicism

COVID-19 Information

**63128 Zip Code =
78 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.

Our Lady Help of Christians Adoration Chapel

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



AYM UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH-
**PROOF OF LIFE: TOWARDS THE
BROKEN**
7PM AT THE GYM



Cardinal Rigali Center
20 Archbishop May Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63119
p) 314.792.7841
f) 314.792.7842
www.archstl.org

October 9, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We celebrate **World Mission Sunday** on **October 18th** this year. This annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration emphasizes our shared baptismal call to mission.

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday, implores us, “In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: ‘*Here I am, send me*’ (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord’s question: ‘Whom shall I send?’ This invitation from God’s merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity, in the current world crisis.”

During the Mission Month of October, Pope Francis reminds us that, as baptized Christians, we are called *personally* to mission – especially at this time – to bring Christ’s love to those most forgotten around the world. Jesus is God the Father’s own Missionary; He asks us to respond to this call to mission, this invitation to “step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor.” What will your answer be? “**Here I Am, Send Me**” is the response we will all endeavor to live out this World Mission Sunday, through *prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and generosity to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith*.

Through the Pope’s own missionary society, you too can be sent out to all the ends of the earth – sent through your support of missionaries and those they serve. Your gifts sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor. With them, you answer, “*Here I Am, Send Me.*”

This year, in response to the challenges to the Mission Church from the pandemic, I invite all of us in this archdiocese to respond in the most generous way you are able. As you do, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind missionary heart, reaching out in love throughout Mission Month.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

Men's Zechariah Prayer Morning

Zechariah Prayer Morning is about sharing the story of an encounter with Christ one man at a time. It involves good fellowship, a great talk, and grateful prayer. Due to COVID precautions, there is no breakfast but also no charge for a ZOOM online community meeting. Register to receive a Zoom invitation by email to gary.whitlock@att.net, phone 636-296-2903, or fill out the online form at StlRenewal.Org/ZPB.

Details are at the Catholic Renewal Center website, ArchStl.org/Renewal.

Our speaker on **Sat. Oct. 24 at 9 a.m.** is **PAUL W. HRUZ**, M.D. Ph.D. He is an academic pediatric endocrinologist (hormone specialist) and tenured physician scientist with faculty appointments in Pediatrics and Cellular Biology and Physiology. Dr. Hruz has over 20 years of clinical experience in caring for children with disorders of sexual development. He has received certification in Healthcare Ethics from the National Catholic Bioethics Center and is a regular contributor to his University's course on Research Ethics for graduate students. He has authored over 60 peer-reviewed manuscripts, scientific reviews and book chapters. Together with his wife Anne, he has raised his five children in St Louis.

ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED, AND REMARRIED

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed, and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., at Café Telegraph, 2650 Telegraph Road.

At this meeting there will be drinks, appetizers or dinner to purchase in the separate room where we will meet and possibly have KENO to play.

SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed, and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities that provide the opportunity to share your personal story with caring people.

Please RSVP to Michelle Wack
at (314) 540-7400 or Ann Wors
at (314) 892-5198 if you will attend so we
know the number of people attending.

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.

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Good News Messenger

Issue	Deadline (4 p.m.)
October 25	October 15
November 1	October 22

- Please go to www.assumptionstl.org/bulletin-submissions and submit an online form to request event promotion and/or to book a room
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 - .jpg files required for any photos/graphics
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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Hotline: 314-289-6101, ext. 2227



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 or jmaloney@sbcglobal.net.

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!

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Assumption's
Weekly Bulletin
via E-Mail every week!**



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