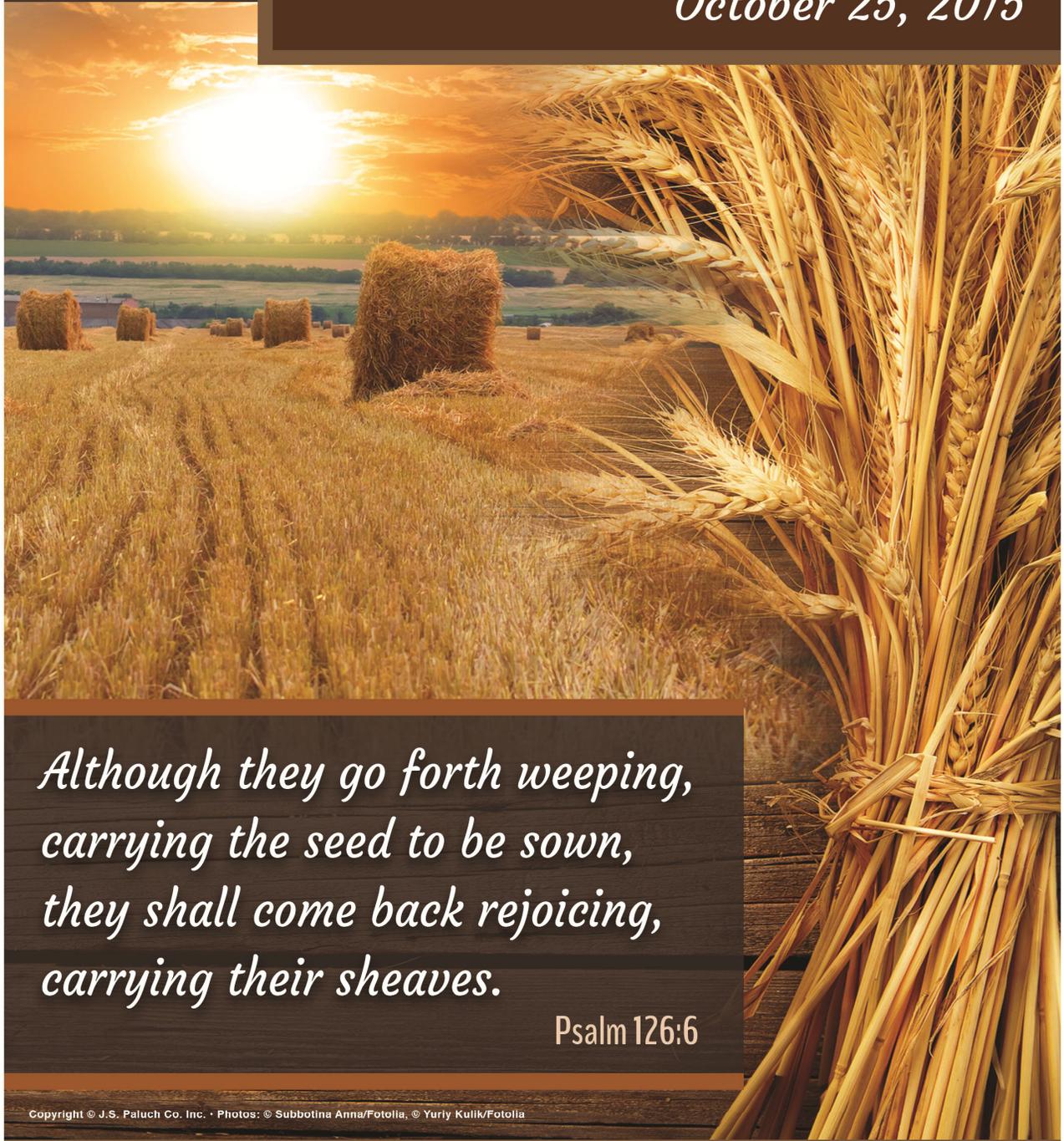


Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*October 25, 2015*



*Although they go forth weeping,  
carrying the seed to be sown,  
they shall come back rejoicing,  
carrying their sheaves.*

Psalm 126:6

# Welcome

October 25, 2015

*"Take Courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."*

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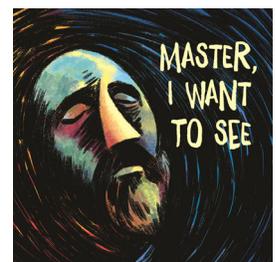
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Today Jesus opens up for us again the abundance of God's grace and mercy which is always, in every moment, being poured out in our hearts, in our minds, in our souls, in our spirits and even in our bodies. We are continually invited to live only in God's heart. Let us see ourselves in the Gospel story of the blind man, Bartimaeus. First of all, we are Bartimaeus, "son of fear." We long for God's loving embrace, but our fear prevents us from letting go of our emptiness, our weakness, our pride that we might fall into God's waiting arms. We are also blind. Sometimes I cannot even see the beauty which is all around me. I often forget to look up to see the sunrise or the sunset; or the smiling stranger on the street, or Jesus in the suffering neighbors who seek Him in me.

We are also the bystanders, so fickle we would be funny if we were not sad. First we block the seeker from finding Jesus; is this because Jesus is too busy to be bothered with our blindness and our fear? Is it because we know Jesus will bring healing and peace, but we are not yet ready to let go of the chains which bind us? Or is it because we want Jesus to think well of us and having an annoying person seeking his own healing and peace right next to us might make us look weak, unpolished or all-too human when Jesus passes by.

Then, when Jesus actually shows interest in connecting with what is broken, blind and frightened in us, we finally say "Take Courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." Do we really think Jesus is fooled by any of our foolishness? The bystanders need to get out of the way altogether. There is a wound in us longing to be healed; there is a blindness in us longing to see; there is a fear in us longing to be free; there is a truth in us that is so, so ready to meet Jesus, so ready to be transformed into God's glory. Can we summon the courage to say, "Master, I want to see." Deep down we know that when Jesus opens our eyes there will be no more need for protocols, pretenses, popularity or possessions. All that will matter anymore is "following Jesus on his way."

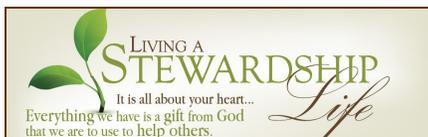


*Fr. Mitch*



*May you find Christ here . . .  
May you bring Christ to the world.*

A parishioner recently donated her car to our St. Vincent DePaul... for someone she will likely never know personally, but of whom she knows to be part of her larger family and in need. The other heart-warming part of this story is our St. Vincent DePaul volunteers, who function so beautifully to be the hands and feet of Christ.



"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."  
-Mark 10:49b

Assumption has numerous ways for you to volunteer. This year, why not

challenge yourself and try a new ministry. Make your selections and then turn in your Time, Talent, and Treasure Forms. Many hands make work light! And if you have not yet signed up for online giving, here's how: Go to [assumptionbvm.org](http://assumptionbvm.org); Click on **Online Giving under Quick Links** and follow the prompts.



WELCOME

### New Member Registration

If you are attending Mass here but have not yet formally registered, we invite you to do so. So that we might welcome you personally, we invite you to attend noon Mass Sunday, November 1, for new member registration. Begins at noon Mass and continues in Hall C from 1:00pm - 1:45pm



### The Book of Remembrance

There are sheets of paper available in the Narthex of church on which we encourage you to write the names of family members and friends who have died. These sheets will be collected into our Book of Remembrance, and brought forward on Monday, November 2, the Feast of All Souls.

#### This Week At Assumption

**Sunday, Oct 25**  
Rite of Acceptance  
All Masses

**RCIA**  
8:00am Hall C

**Sunday Pre School**  
10:00am School

**Baptism**  
1:15pm Church

**Monday, Oct 26**  
50+ Club  
6:00pm Hall C

**Tuesday, Oct 27**  
PSR  
6:00pm School

**PHD/Benediction**  
6:30pm Chapel

**Wednesday, Oct 28**  
PSR  
6:00pm School

**Extreme Teen Bible Study**  
7:00pm Hall C

**St. Vincent De Paul**  
7:00pm Meyer Room

**Thursday, Oct 29**  
Grief Support  
8:00pm Meyer Room

**Lector Training**  
6:00pm Church

**Saturday, Oct 31**  
Halloween



**Sunday, Nov 1**  
Feast of All Saints

**Hospitality Sunday**  
All Masses Parish Center

**RCIA**  
8:00am Hall C

**Sunday Pre School**  
10:00am School

**New Member Registration**  
Noon Mass Hall C 1:00pm-1:45pm



PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

S T E W A R D S H I P

*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)*

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and grace? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.



## Life Peace Justice Everyone Can Take Action

### Disarmament Week (October 24-30)

Disarmament week is celebrated every year from October 24-30. It was founded by United Nations in 1978 with the purpose to control, reduce, limit and abolish weapons of mass destruction. The purpose of celebrating this week is to create awareness about the dangers of arms race, need of reducing weapons and how it affects the environment. The focus is on trying to convince the nations on the need to eliminate weapons of mass destruction, i.e. nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. The money saved by not making or buying weapons can be used for development purposes and solving social problems.

Blessed Pope John XXII (1881-1963) called for disarmament and the end of the arms race. He did this explicitly on April 11, 1963, in his encyclical *Pacem in Terris* (On Establishing Universal Peace in Truth, Justice, Charity, and Liberty), specifically calling for the banning of nuclear weapons.

At the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), the council fathers--all of whom had memories of the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Second World War, and at least some who had memories of the First World War--expressed grave concerns regarding military armaments maintained for "deterrence," noting that they did not think it "a safe way to preserve a steady peace" (#81, *Gaudium et Spes*, 1965).

The U.S. bishops took up the issue of disarmament in a lengthy pastoral letter, *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response*, in 1983. The "challenge" taken up by the bishops and which continues to confront us today was best expressed by Pope John Paul II when he visited Hiroshima, one of the sites of America's nuclear bombing of Japan prior to the end of World War II in 1945: **"From now on it is only through a conscious choice and through a deliberate policy that humanity can survive"**.

The 1983 letter was written during the negotiations of the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, also known as SALT II, and was published as President Ronald Reagan was proposing his so-called "Strategic Defense Initiative" (SDI), popularly known as "Star Wars." *The Challenge of Peace* urged a framework built on a "conscious choice" and "deliberate policy" in the pursuit of securing peace.

### Prayer: Disarm our Hearts

Disarm our hearts, God of Peace;  
Help us renounce the fear  
That takes the form of weapons.  
Help us choose the fierce love  
That moves your human family  
To dialogue, not destruction.  
Our children are fragile,  
As is our earth.

Give us the wisdom  
To cherish these gifts  
By voicing our support  
For a world free  
Of nuclear weapons.

Disarm our hearts, God of Peace;  
Help us to embrace  
Your wisdom and your will  
As you challenge us  
To choose life--  
Not weapons of destruction.

We pray for authentic and lasting peace,  
We pray for the will to bring this about  
So we may be called peacemakers,  
The children of God.  
In your name we pray for the end  
Of the weapons of war. Amen.



**Take Action: Go to and scroll to the bottom** <http://paxchristiusa.org/2015/10/15/israel-palestine-urge-congress-to-work-for-lasting-peace-and-aid-palestinian-refugees-from-syria/>



### You can watch the 10:00AM Mass - LIVE!

We now have available a Live Feed of our 10:00am Mass!

If you are home bound for any reason or away at school, or know someone who is, simply visit our home page at [www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org) and scroll your mouse over the "Resources" tab, click on "Live Stream, Talks, & Videos". There, you will find the link to click on to view the live Mass. NOTE: You will only see the live link available 15 minutes before Mass begins. Please know that the video cameras will mainly be pointed in the direction of the sanctuary area.

## Assumption Youth Ministry



### October

**25** – Mary Poppins Rehearsal – Choreography 6:30-9pm in Hall B

**26** - Mary Poppins Rehearsal – Vocal Music & Blocking 7-9pm in Hall B

**28** – Xtreme Teen – Almost Halloweeeeeeeeee! Come dressed up and get ready to dive into what our faith teaches about who Satan is and how in Christ we can defeat him!

### MARY POPPINS T-Shirts

Anyone interested in ordering a Mary Poppins long T-shirt contact us through email.

### MARY POPPINS CREW

Get your email and we'll add you to the group list so you can be in the loop about work days, t-shirt orders & tech week. It's a great way to earn money for YM trips and it's totally fun!!!

### PROLIFE MARCH

We still have room! This amazing pilgrimage to stand up for life is unforgettable. Be a part of it by grabbing a flyer or check out the info on our webpage:

<http://www.assumptionbvm.org/YouthMinistry/HighSchoolNewsEvents.aspx>  
abvmyouth@gmail.com

Facebook: Assumption Church Youth Group

Twitter: ACYG Youth Ministry@acygyouth

Instagram: acyg.youthministry

## Raffle Winners - Congratulations!!

Ladies Group Quilt -- Don and Joan Bockerstette

Wagon of Groceries -- Therese Scherer

Fr. Joe Gospel Value Basket -- JoAnn Wilga

Grand Raffle \$1,000 -- Jackie Kretschmer

Grand Raffle \$500 -- Don Niehaus

Grand Raffle Quilt -- Barb Monroe

Willie McGee Autographed Baseball -- Darlene Winkelmann

Jason Isringhausen Autographed Baseball -- Patricia Dubuque

## ALL SAINTS DAY – November 1<sup>st</sup>

*“Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called children of God.” -*

### Who are the Saints of your family?

Grandpa Joe? Grandma Mabel? Many Catholics look to the Saints, whether canonize or not, because the saintly person provides the model for Christian living appropriate for our age. The continuing influence of the late Dorothy Day, Mahatma Gandhi, or Thomas Merton (none of which are canonized) reflect a common desire to see how one can combine a deep spirituality with a thirst for peace and justice in a setting congenial to the contemporary experience. Just as one distinguishes the saint as a generic term for those who are “in Christ” from those who are publically recognized in the church as worthy of liturgical recognition, so also one can distinguish yet another category: those saintly persons who, without any official recognition, can make a claim on us as models to be imitated.

### ALL SOULS DAY – November 2<sup>nd</sup>

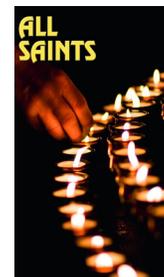
All Soul's Day (sometimes called the "Day of the Dead") is a Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. All Saints' Day, together with All Souls' Day is known collectively as Hallowtide. All Souls' Day remembers all those who have died, not just the great and the good, but the ordinary person on the street. At both our 8am and 7pm Masses on November 2<sup>nd</sup> we will bring forward our Book of Remembrance to honor your friends and family who have gone before us. There will be a simple fellowship reception in Hall C immediately following the 7pm Mass for all who would like to gather.

## Mark Your Calendars – Blood Drive Coming Soon

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the Parish Center on Sunday, November 8, after all

the Masses. We would like to welcome you there and accept your donation of the gift of life! If you have not donated since September 13, you are eligible to donate at this drive. Please contact Mary Anne Robinson at 636.474.2677 with any questions.

Or you may go to [www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org](http://www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org) (use sponsor code 9007) to schedule an appointment. Mississippi Valley representative, Terry Deters, is also available to answer any questions you may have about donating. He can be reached at 314.291.4741 x 227.



**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, Oct 25**

8:00am Lester Wood  
 10:00am Shane Griffin  
 12:00pm People of the Parish

**Monday, Oct 26**

6:00am Eugene Schaefer  
 8:00am Clarence Amptmann

**Tuesday, Oct 27**

6:30am Ron & LeRoy Winkelmann  
 8:00am Mary Twellman

**Wednesday, Oct 28**

6:30am Deceased Sisters of the Most Precious Blood  
 8:00am Jerry Phillips

**Thursday, Oct 29**

6:30am James & Katherine Ziegemeier  
 8:00am James McHugh

**Friday, Oct 30**

6:30am Bernice Meyer  
 8:00am Paul Mennemeier

**Saturday, Oct 31**

9:00am Intentions of Sr. Mary Joan  
 5:00pm Vergil & Rosemarie Kuhn

**Sunday, Nov 1**

8:00am Herbert Simon  
 10:00am Christine McCormack  
 12:00pm People of the Parish



**Server Schedule**

**Saturday, Oct 31**

5:00pm Hanna Augustin  
 Hailey Augustin  
 Ethan Heckart

**Sunday, Nov 1**

8:00am Reece Askin  
 Hunter Bunge  
 Nick Bunge  
 10:00am Pricila Fuentes  
 Zac Keeven  
 Emma Ek  
 12:00pm Sam McCarter  
 Jackson McCarter  
 Macy Mesplay

**St. Barnabas Ladies Guild**

Bingo Saturday November 7th. Doors open at 10:30a.m. Bingo starts at noon. Six beautiful quilts to be given away. Refreshments will be available. No one under 16 is allowed to play. Come and enjoy a fun afternoon!

**Club 50+ News**

Join us Monday, October 26, 6:00pm for our fall potluck. Everyone bring any ethnic covered dish (Italian, Polish, American, etc). Guest Speakers: Sr Ruth Kertz and Sr Esther Hogan from the St Charles Outreach Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Questions call Martha 636.294.3367

**Readings for the Week  
 Oct 26 - Nov 1**

**Mon:** Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17  
**Tue:** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21  
**Wed:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16  
**Thu:** Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35  
**Fri:** Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6  
**Sat:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11  
**Sun:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**Hospitality Sunday/  
 Invite a Friend to  
 Mass**



Join us **next Sunday**, November 1st, for Hospitality and invite a friend to Mass Sunday after all Masses in Hall A/B.



**Please pray  
 for the repose  
 of the soul of:**

Christy DiLorenzo  
 Wife of Dilo DiLorenzo

**Around Town**

Holy Rosary (Warrenton) Fall Dinner, Oct 25, 11-6  
 All Saints (St Peters) Quilt Social, Oct 24, noon  
 Immaculate Conception (Augusta) Breakfast, Oct 25, 8-12  
 St John the Baptist (Villa Ridge) Sausage Festival, Oct 25, 11-6  
 St. Peters (St. Charles) Sausage Dinner, Nov 1, noon to 7pm  
 Birthright of St. Charles, 5th Annual Rose Gala, Saturday, November 7, Old Hickory Golf Club. Open Bar 6:00pm, Dinner 7:30pm. Silent and Live Auction and Raffles. Tickets \$125 Questions Molly 636.345.1022 www.birthrightstcharles.org.

**Stewardship  
 Our Gifts to God and Parish**

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation, and your financial support of Assumption Parish.

	Sep 27	Jul 1, 15 - Sep 27, 15
Envelopes (522)	\$ 23,225	\$ 340,487
Online Giving (1xMonth)	\$ - - -	\$ 47,735
Loose	\$ 1,134	\$ 13,526
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,359</b>	<b>\$ 401,748</b>
		Budget 445,995

It takes an average weekly collection of \$36,000 to sustain our parish mission.

*"Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2Cor 9:7"*

**Assumption St. Vincent DePaul Christmas Sponsorship Program Sponsor Interest Intake Form**

The Assumption St. Vincent DePaul organizes a Christmas program each year that provides assistance to needy families in the area. An important part of this program is connecting families, individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring a family for the holidays with individuals and families in need of the help.

Persons being sponsored are usually provided with a Christmas gift or two, possibly some needed household items and a food basket. Sponsorships can be "open" or "closed", where "open" sponsorships involve both parties meeting each other in person. A "closed" sponsorship means that both parties are kept anonymous. St. Vincent DePaul coordinates matching compatible parties together and the delivery of items in "closed" sponsorships.

Now is the time to discern your desire to help others during the Christmas season.

Use this form to notify St. Vincent DePaul of your willingness to sponsor a family or person for Christmas.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

You are: \_\_\_ an Individual \_\_\_ representing a family/ group \_\_\_ representing a business,

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

You/your group is interested in sponsoring  
 \_\_\_ A family with children \_\_\_ A senior \_\_\_ No preference

The maximum number of family members you would like in your sponsored family: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ We prefer to have an "open" sponsorship where we will know our sponsored families names and will share with them directly.

\_\_\_ We prefer to have a "closed" sponsorship where we and the family/person we sponsor will remain anonymous.

**If you are in need of help now or for the holidays please contact the St. Vincent DePaul help line at 636-272-4758.**

Mail completed forms to: Assumption St. Vincent DePaul, 403 N. Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366,

Drop in the collection basket, Email to: [scrowder@scosamd.com](mailto:scrowder@scosamd.com) , Or Fax to: [636-272-4758](tel:636-272-4758)



What if in a day and a half you were given one chance to be a happier you... a better parent... a better spouse... find true peace... or even have your faith COMPLETELY energized? Or, maybe for the first time, feel the presence of God calling your name. If given this chance... to invest a day and a half... would you? Sound impossible?

**MIRACLES** happen... lives are changed **FOREVER...**  
**YOU** are invited to attend a:

**CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREAT**

*Mark your calendar now... more information to come!*

**2016 Retreats**  
**Women's Retreat:** January 16-17  
**Men's Retreat:** February 20-21

This is your time...  
 This is your invitation...  
 Come and experience this **AWE**-some weekend!

**Valu Foods Truckload Sale**

Benefitting Assumption Youth Ministry

**Friday Nov. 6th Through Sunday November 8th**

Assumption Parish Parking Lot - O Fallon, MO.

Friday 8:00am - 1:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 6:00pm

Sunday 8am - 1:00pm

Accepted Payments: Cash, Debit Card, or Credit Card



Products to be offered include:

- Meatballs - Potato Wedges - Chicken Tenders
- Chicken Breast Fillets - Hash Browns - Honey Buns
- Pizzas - Crab Rangoon - Pies - Chicken Wings

**Everything \$10/case**

Don't miss this great opportunity to get restaurant quality food at wholesale prices!  
 \$0.50 of every dollar goes to Assumption Youth Ministry



# ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:

Friday, November 20th 7:00pm  
 Saturday, November 21st 7:00pm  
 Sunday, November 22nd 5:30pm

Assumption School Gym 113 W. 3rd Street O'Fallon, MO 63366

## TICKET SALES:

ALL SEATS ARE RESERVED AND WILL BE ASSIGNED ON A 1<sup>ST</sup> COME 1<sup>ST</sup> SERVE BASIS

Adults and Teens: \$12.00, Children 12 and under: \$6.00, Families of 5 or more (2 parents w/ 3 or more children): \$32.00

**ONLINE until 11/16:** [assumptionbvm.org/youthministry/highschoolnewsevents](http://assumptionbvm.org/youthministry/highschoolnewsevents)  
 Payment is by credit card through PAYPAL. No other payment accepted for online ticket sales.

**ORDER FORM until 11/16:** Drop off at Parish Office or any YM Event with payment  
 Please make checks payable to 'Assumption' with 'Musical' in the memo.  
 Tickets can be picked up the night of each performance at the 'Will Call' table before entering the gym.

**AT THE DOOR after 11/17:** Tickets will be sold CASH OR CHECK ONLY - 1 hour before each performance  
 Questions? Please contact Lynette Hazell [laac1@live.com](mailto:laac1@live.com) or 314-954-1634

Mary Poppins is a fundraiser for Assumption Youth Ministry events that are bringing teens closer to Christ. Thank you for your support!

-----**TICKET ORDER FORM for MARY POPPINS**-----

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERFORMANCE DATES & TIMES: (PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE AND INDICATE # OF TICKETS PER SHOW)**

- Friday, November 20th 7:00pm # of Adults:\_\_\_\_ # of 12 & under:\_\_\_\_ Family:\_\_\_\_
- Saturday, November 21st 7:00pm # of Adults:\_\_\_\_ # of 12 & under:\_\_\_\_ Family:\_\_\_\_
- Sunday, November 22nd 5:30pm # of Adults:\_\_\_\_ # of 12 & under:\_\_\_\_ Family:\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Women of the parish are invited to begin our celebration of Advent with an evening of fellowship, music, and prayer at this year's

## Advent By Candlelight

Join Us from 6 - 8 p.m.  
on Sunday, Nov. 29th  
in the Father Joe Kempf Parish Center

### "This Advent - Be God's Messenger!"

Don't miss out - Father Joe Kempf will be the guest speaker! To participate in this beautiful program, you must reserve a table after Mass on Oct. 31 or Nov. 1. Space is limited!

Each table seats 8 guests with one serving as Hostess. Detailed information about providing food, drink, and table settings will be mailed to each Hostess prior to the event.

Questions? Please contact Registration Coordinator Denise Fluhr at (636)577-9985 or email [dvfluhr@aol.com](mailto:dvfluhr@aol.com)

### Announcing Your New Parish Council

We are so pleased to announce that at the All School Mass on October 2nd, the following parishioners' names were drawn and will serve as our new Parish Council:

Men	Women	Alternates:
Jim Schneider	Laura Hayden	Jennifer Disbrow
Paul Geiser	Carol Joseph	Marlaine Wood
Kevin Call	Susan Russ	
Jim O'Loughlin	Lynette Hazel	
Tim Blattel	LaVina Eickoff	
Steve Fluhr	Julia Bross	

To those whose names were not drawn, we look forward to receiving your gifts in the other ways in which God will call you.

Congratulations! We look forward to serving with you to further the mission of Assumption Parish!

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[WWW.ARCHSTL.ORG](http://WWW.ARCHSTL.ORG)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
In the United States today, numerous Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past age 70 benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Donations to this special collection provide funding that helps religious communities care for senior members and plan for long-term retirement needs.

On the weekend of November 1, all parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an opportunity for you to acknowledge the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests for their faithful service.

Whether or not we realize it, we are all beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions these women and men have made to the Church in the United States. Through hard work, prayer, and sacrifice, they built Catholic schools and hospitals, initiated programs to promote social justice, and ministered to the neediest among us.

Today, many religious communities struggle to care for their elderly members. Elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests dedicated their lives to service and prayer, and some lack adequate retirement savings. Increasing health-care costs and decreased income make it difficult to provide necessary medical care, costly medications and basic services.

Would you please consider making a contribution to the Retirement Fund for Religious? In addition, let us join together in grateful prayer for the generous religious who have served the Church in the United States.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis



The CPPS Partners in Mission, a lay associate group in relationship with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, is hosting the documentary Women & Spirit on Saturday, November 14, at 10:00am at Villa Theresa (O'Fallon). Please come and listen to stories of magnanimity, courage, and fidelity to the Gospel mission as Catholic Sisters in America narrate the virtually untold story of women religious in the United States who exercised leadership at a time when few women enjoyed such possibilities. There is a story of quiet courage during many dramatic moments in U.S. history. Discover the mystery behind this small community of innovative women who helped shape the nation's social, cultural, and spiritual landscape. Refreshments will be available, and there will be time for discussion following this 56 minute video. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Debbie Whited [dwhited@cpps-ofallon.org](mailto:dwhited@cpps-ofallon.org) or 636.542.9479.

**ASSUMPTION Luau TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**Saturday November 7th**  
**Fr. Joe Kempf Parish Center**  
 Doors open at 6 pm  
 Trivia begins at 7 pm

*Hawaiian Attire Encouraged*

\$25 per person  
 \$200 per table of 8

**Soda, Water & Beer Provided**  
 (feel free to bring your own snacks)

**Reserve Your Table**  
 On-line: [assumptionbvmschool.org](http://assumptionbvmschool.org)  
 email: [assumption.trivia@yahoo.com](mailto:assumption.trivia@yahoo.com)  
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**ALOHA**  
**GAMES**  
**50/50 Raffle**  
**Attendance Prizes**  
**CASH PRIZES**  
 (top 3 winning tables)  
**Tackiest Hawaiian Shirt Contest**  
**Best Decorated Table Contest**



**Rite of Acceptance**

Our Church opens her arms, in the Rite of Acceptance, to embrace 14 men and women this weekend at all masses. They have seen His power among us, and begun to hear His story of love, mercy and redemption. They have already seen how life in Christ calls for changes in how they live, and are already making these changes. They now come in faith, and we here at Assumption will have the privilege of accepting them into our midst. It marks the first public declaration of God's call to follow Christ.

We who are already baptized are to welcome these catechumens (those not baptized) and candidates (those already baptized) into our homes, our lives and our ministries, and to show them what it means today to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. So this Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming is both a time of joy and a time of commitment for all of us. May we mark it with the enthusiasm of the Spirit and a renewed commitment to the way of the cross.

**St Vincent De Paul**

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 21 for the annual Boys Scout food drive. It will be held at the K.C. Hall from 10:00am until probably about 2:00 pm. We will need help with sorting, packing and transporting the food from the hall to the pantry. If you have a pick up truck and can lift, we could really use your help. The turnout in the past has been wonderful and many hands make quick work! Coffee and donuts will be provided. Thank you for all the help and support you have given us.



**CELEBRATION OF THE MASS**

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday 9:00am  
 (Motherhouse Chapel)  
 Vigil 5:00pm  
 Sunday 8:00am  
 10:00am  
 12:00pm

**Daily Mass**

Weekdays 6:30am  
 (Motherhouse Chapel)  
 8:00am

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm

**BAPTISM**

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Required Preparation Class. Call 240.3721 to register.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
 636.272.4758 (Helpline)

**CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE**

Those preparing for marriage should contact the rectory at least one year in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Janet at the Parish Office.

**RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS**

(RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For information Missy Lowrey 314.630.3983.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call Derlene Hirtz, 636.240.1020 for information or to register.

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**

For inactive Catholics returning to Church. For more information call Steve King, 699.9961 or Dee King 734.3437.

**MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION**

For one-on-one grief support, contact Kris Bohn at 379.8567, and for information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 294.0821.

**OFFICE INFORMATION**

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**ASSUMPTION SCHOOL**

Principal: Genny Callier  
 636.240.4474

**BULLETIN NOTICES**

Submit to Parish Office by Tuesday 9:00am

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