

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

January 7, 2018

May you find Christ here...

...may you bring Christ to the world.



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The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2

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2018

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From a treatise On the Refutation of All Heresies, by St. Hippolytus, abbot

The Word made flesh makes us divine

Our faith is not founded upon empty words; nor are we carried away by mere caprice or beguiled by specious arguments. On the contrary, we put our faith in words spoken by the power of God, spoken by the Word himself at God's command. God wished to win men back from disobedience, not by using force to reduce him to slavery but by addressing to his free will a call to liberty.

The Word spoke first of all through the prophets, but because the message was couched in such obscure language that it could be only dimly apprehended, in the last days the Father sent the Word in person, commanding him to show himself openly so that the world could see him and be saved.

We know that by taking a body from the Virgin he re-fashioned our fallen nature. We know that his manhood was of the same clay as our own; if this were not so, he would hardly have been a teacher who could expect to be imitated. If he were of a different substance from me, he would surely not have ordered me to do as he did, when by my very nature I am so weak. Such a demand could not be reconciled with his goodness and justice.

No. He wanted us to consider him as no different from ourselves, and so he worked, he was hungry and thirsty, he slept. Without protest he endured his passion, he submitted to death and revealed his resurrection. In all these ways he offered his own manhood as the first fruits of our race to keep us from losing heart when suffering comes our way, and to make us look forward to receiving the same reward as he did, since we know that we possess the same humanity.

When we have come to know the true God, both our bodies and our souls will be immortal and incorruptible. We shall enter the kingdom of heaven, because while we lived on earth we acknowledged heaven's King. Friends of God and co-heirs with Christ, we shall be subject to no evil desires or inclinations, or to any affliction of body or soul, for we shall have become divine.

Whatever evil you may have suffered, being man, it is God that sent it to you, precisely because you are man; but equally, when you have been deified, God has promised you a share in every one of his own attributes. The saying Know yourself means therefore that we should recognise and acknowledge in ourselves the God who made us in his own image, for if we do this, we in turn will be recognised and acknowledged by our Maker.

So let us not be at enmity with ourselves, but change our way of life without delay. For Christ who is God, exalted above all creation, has taken away man's sin and has re-fashioned our fallen nature. In the beginning God made man in his image and so gave proof of his love for us. If we obey his holy commands and learn to imitate his goodness, we shall be like him and he will honour us. God is not beggarly, and for the sake of his own glory he has given us a share in his divinity.



Stewardship in ACTION



These pictures don't quite do what I saw, justice. I went to the all school Mass the Friday before Christmas. I was just struck by the beauty of seeing God's house full of his children. I feel like this is a notable example of Stewardship *In Action*. Each one of these children's spiritual needs are being tended to and in the process their whole family.

By attending to these special needs of these children... our parish is tending to the needs of the entire church. Jesus said, **"let the children come to me."** ~ Shawn Gibbs

This article will be devoted to Stewardship in Action, and we need YOU to share your stories! Maybe you were on the receiving end of hospitality, or maybe you witnessed a person or a group in service to another. How have you been affected by a person or a ministry at Assumption? We want to know! Not sure where to begin? Prayer is always a great place to start. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes, ears and heart to Stewardship in Action all around you. Then let us know what you witness! Please email Jeannette Hamann at abvmjeannette@yahoo.com with your stories of Stewardship in Action. Thank you!



This Week At Assumption

Sunday, January 7

RCIA

8:00 am Hall C

Life Teen

After 5:30pm Mass Halls B/C

Hospitality Weekend

Hall A/B

Parish Registration

After Noon Mass Hall C

Monday, January 8

CRHP Men

7:30pm Sophia House

School Board

7:00pm Meyer 2

Tuesday, January 9

33 Days to Morning Glory

9:00am Meyer 2

7:00pm Hall B

CRHP—Women

7:00pm Multipurpose Room

Liturgy Committee

7:00pm Meyer 2

Finance Committee

7:00pm Parish Office

Wednesday, January 10

Bible Study with Fr. Mitch

10:00am Sophia House

RCIA

6:00pm Meyer Combined

Wednesday, January 10 (con't)

Life Teen

7:00pm Sophia Hous

Thursday, January 11

Confirmation Parent Meeting

7:00pm Hall C

Women's Group

7:00pm Halls A/B

Sunday, January 14

RCIA

8:00 am Hall C

Life Teen

After 5:30pm Mass Halls B/C

Baptism

After 12:00pm Mass Church



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 7

8:00am Kenny Long
10:00am Margaret Hakenewerth
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm Spec. Int., Zach Gasich

Monday, January 8

6:30am Donald & Shane Sobczak
8:00am Clarence Davis, Jr.

Tuesday, January 9

6:30am Rose & Victor Scholten
8:00am Nicolas Ilacio Cemila Jimenez

Wednesday, January 10

6:30am Deceased parents, brothers,
sisters of Sr. Bernadette
8:00am James Schrader

Thursday, January 11

6:30am Sr. Mary Judith Orf
8:00am Rev. Theodore Pieper

Friday, January 12

6:30am Sandy Bresnan
8:00am Hugh & Julia Boyd

Saturday, January 13

9:00am 70th Jubilee Class
5:00pm Bernice Beck

Sunday, January 14

8:00am Bob Schweigert
10:00am Kim Vernon
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm Rose Marie Farina

Epiphany Home Blessing

One interesting custom for Epiphany is for families to ask God's blessing on our own homes. The ritual calls for parents to mark, with blessed chalk, the main entrance door with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year. This year's mark will be:

20 + C + M + B + 18

The numbers stand for the year in which the blessing is inscribed (2018). The letters stand for the names traditionally given the Magi who found the Christ Child: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They are also an abbreviation for the Latin blessing: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, or "Christ bless this dwelling." Blessed chalk and holy water will be available after masses the weekend of January 6/7.

Gather your family at the main entrance to your home.
All make the sign of the cross.

Parent: **"Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever."**

Family: **"Blessed be God forever"**

Parent or reader: (reading from Sacred Scripture)

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Matt 2:10-11

Parent imparts the blessing:

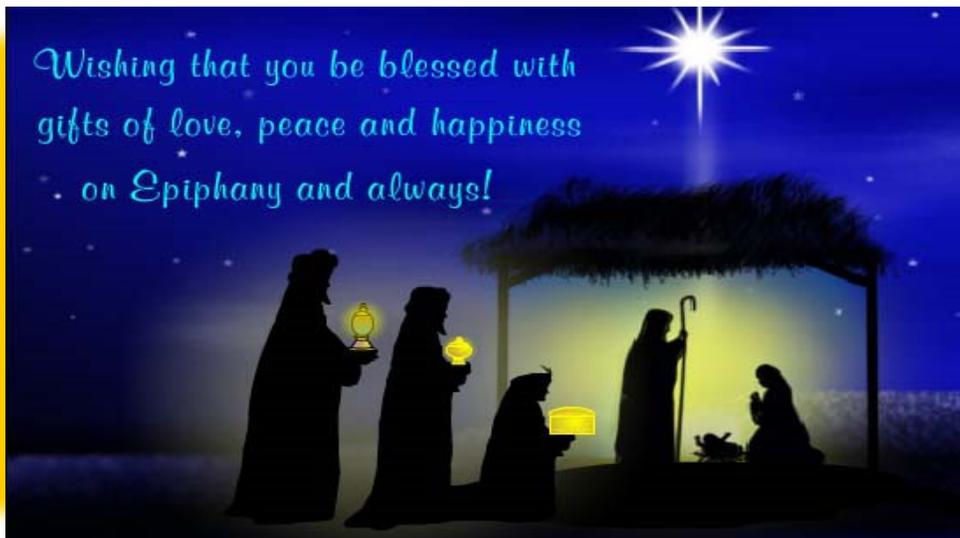
"Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect Your love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord."

Family: **"Amen"**

Then the parent sprinkles holy water on those gathered and sprinkles it about the home.

All are invited to bring a bottle from home for you to gather Holy Water from our Baptismal Font to help celebrate this Feast and to assist in your blessing."

Wishing that you be blessed with
gifts of love, peace and happiness
on Epiphany and always!





CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

Is God calling you or someone you know to be a part of our Life Teen Worship Band? We are looking for varied musicians and vocalists for our Worship Band so as to help our community be led into worship during our 5:30pm Mass.

Contact Shannon Douglas for details or to set up an audition at: shannon.assumptionym@gmail.com or 314-422-5590

Calendar

Sunday Jan. 7 7:00pm, Life Night:
"Jesus is a Friend of Mine" Hall C
Wednesday Jan 10 7:00pm WORD Wednesday Begins!
Sophia House
Sunday Jan 14 7:00pm, Life Night:
"Like, Follow, Share" Hall C
Wednesday Jan 17 Leave for March For Life in
Washington, DC
Sunday Jan 21 7:00pm, Life Night Hall C
Wednesday Jan 24 7:00pm WORD Wednesday
Sophia House



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Assumption Life Teen Group

Readings for the Week January 8 - 14

Mon: The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1
Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-
6; Mk 1:7-11
Tue: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1
Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and
Mk 1:21-28
Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:
29-39
Thu: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk
1:40-45
Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Sat: Saint Hilary
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:
13-17
Sun: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:
13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

2018-19 SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families seeking tuition assistance from the Archdiocese for the next school year should apply online at www.ttef-stl.org between January 29 and February 28.

Families seeking tuition assistance from the Parish for the next school year should apply online at <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid> between February 15 and May 15. Those applying for Parish assistance are required to also apply to the Archdiocese.



ALL LECTORS are invited to the 2018 LECTOR WORKSHOP

January 20th, 2018 in Parish Hall C, 8:45 A.M. - Noon

BRING: Your 2018 Lector Workbook

Lectors will meet in Hall C for inspiring talk and we will practice methods to make our proclamation of the Word of God more lively, inspiring and effective. Please make every effort to attend; you don't want to miss this.

RSVP to Barbara Stettner 314-324-3666 or
creativebarb@charter.net



You rejoiced in God's
mysterious ways
and holy designs
for your life
here on earth.
I, too, am grateful
for my own
unique existence
and the people
I alone
can influence for God.

~ A prayer to St. Anthony, prayed by
our Parish Office volunteer, Denise Warta.



POKER/BUNCO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

to benefit Assumption School & Athletic Association.



Saturday, February 3rd
Parish Center at Assumption Parish in O'Fallon, MO

Doors open at 6pm,
Games start promptly at 6:30pm,
Beverages and Food provided.



Texas Hold'em

ENTRY FEE:

\$60 buy-in
\$70 at the door
\$30 rebuys and add-ons

TOP PRIZE:

2018 World Series of Poker
Colossus Tournament Package
in Las Vegas, NV.

Raffles

50/50

and More!

Bunco

ENTRY FEE:

\$25, \$30 at the door

TOP PRIZE:

Ameristar Hotel
and Spa Package

To register online go to

<http://assumptionbvmschool.org/Activities/Poker-Bunco-Night> or
mail payment to: 36 North Kern Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63366
make checks payable to Assumption Parish

Event sponsorship opportunities available.

Please contact Adam Johnson at adam10johnson@gmail.com
with questions or for sponsorship information.

*Homebrewed
beer will be
available!*



January 7, 2018 — The Epiphany of the Lord

IS 60: 1-6; PS 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPH 3: 2-3A, 5-6; MT 2: 1-12

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning *“to reveal,”* and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to all humankind. Epiphany is traditionally and actually on January 6, but a number of years ago the Bishops in the United States moved it to the Sunday which falls between January 2 and 8. Many have heard of the “12 days of Christmas.” They begin with Christmas Day and end on January 6, Epiphany.

Of course, our readings on this solemnity all refer to the Epiphany as we know it — the time that the divinity of Jesus was revealed, made manifest, to the entire world, not just Israel and the Jewish people. The world is represented by the three magi — the wise men as most of us know them. They came from the east and were, like most of us, Gentiles.

There are certain passages in Holy Scripture almost universally known, and certainly well known to even a lukewarm Christian. The story of the Magi, the wise men or the three kings, falls into that category. As Matthew shares it in today’s Gospel, they were *“magi from the east.”* At no time does Matthew tell us there were three of them nor does he indicate that they are kings. Most likely, according to scholars, they were astronomers or astrologers, thus their knowledge of and fascination with the star which led them. Who they were and how many of them there were is not important. What is important is that they represent all of us, and their actions suggest to us how we need to respond to Jesus Christ and what He is and represents.

Holy Scripture is filled with subtleties we sometimes miss. Matthew tells us that *“on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.”* Joseph is evidently not present, and there is a reason for that. He was not, as we know, the true father to Jesus. They presented gifts to Jesus, not to His mother or His parents. When we give to Jesus today, we do not do it directly, but to the Lord’s people through the parish and other charities.

Finally, these visitors worshipped the Lord (*“They prostrated themselves and did him homage.”*). We, too, need to worship the Lord; we, too, need to acknowledge His holiness and His kingship. Worshipping is more important than the gifts, but we are reminded in this Gospel that both are significant.

~ Excerpts from: Catholic Diocese of Wichita

GREAT ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:

Paul VI Institute of Catechetical and Pastoral Studies offers courses to adults seeking a greater understanding of the Catholic faith. Classes are offered online and in classrooms at various locations around the Archdioceses. The Spring 2018 semester begins February 12 and runs until May 4, 2018. For further information on courses please visit the website www.archstl.org/paul6 or call Ann Marie Quan at 636 240-1020.



Montessori at Mary's House

What we believe:



In Mary's House:

- ◆ We believe we are a community holding each of these roles: educator, parent and child of God, working collaboratively to create a safe, loving, interesting environment for the youngest of God's children. Thus, we have prepared Mary's House with child-sized furniture, calm and active areas, and interaction that support independence as they develop a need for it.
- ◆ We believe and are committed to Montessori education as an aid to life for not only the children but for the adults as well.
- ◆ We believe we are interdependent and it is our challenge to constantly grow with the children.
- ◆ We believe we learn as much from the children as they learn from us.
- ◆ And, we believe the children bring to our community an unconditional love of life and a world that energizes everyone.

If you are interested in learning more about our program or how to enroll your child (6 weeks- 3 years old) please contact Melinda Kruper, 636.240.3721 for more information.

Blood DRIVE

Mark Your Calendars Blood Drive Coming Soon

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the Parish Center on Sunday, January 28, 9:00am – 1:30pm. If you have not donated since December 3, you are eligible to donate at this drive. We will be accepting whole blood and platelet donations at this drive.

Please contact Mary Anne Robinson at 636-541-2823 if you plan to donate. You may also go to 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.



SAVE THE DATE! WINTER RETREATS – 2018!

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:
FEBRUARY 10/11**
**MEN'S RETREAT:
FEBRUARY 24/25**

A CRHP Retreat is a weekend retreat designed to bring parish members together in Christ and emphasizes continued growth in Christian life. During the weekend you will find love and laughter, great food and friendship, and a renewed sense of belonging to Assumption parish.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS
INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY...**
Give yourself a weekend you won't forget.

Come and be spiritually renewed while enjoying awesome fellowship, making new friends, and sharing faith with fellow parishioners. It is an experience *worth* your time! It's also another wonderful way to begin the New Year!

For more information:

**For the Women's Retreat, please contact:
Laurie Berry at laurieberry@gmail.com
(or call Laurie at 636-544-5522)**

**For the Men's Retreat, please contact:
Bernie Stein at bernies4us@hotmail.com**

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life



Roses for Life Campaign Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

“Roses for Life” will be distributed this weekend at all Masses at Assumption Church. Roses and pencils will be provided in the pew. Please sign the rose tab and keep the rose as a reminder of the cause. The signed tabs will be collected after Mass and sent to our Congressional Representatives.



~Thank you for taking the time to participate.



33 Days to Morning Glory

Last year parishioners participated in a 6 week, small-group retreat based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, 33 Days to Morning Glory. Each gained new insights into Marian Consecration, learned how key saints lived it out, and grew profoundly in their relationship with Mary. Come join us and discover the gifts Our Mother has to offer you.

Two Sessions available:

Tuesdays, beginning January 9th

9:00 - 10:30am, Meyer 2

7:00 - 8:30pm, Hall B

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	December 10, 2017	July 1 - Dec 10, 2017
Envelopes (495) & On Line	\$ 31,224	\$ 834,219
Loose	\$ 963	\$ 22,411
Total	\$ 32,207	\$ 856,630

Needed to sustain our mission 864,000

Loan Balance as of 10/31/2017: \$1,903,058.29

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

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1Peter 4:10



With Loving Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Sister Teresa Reichmuth
Of the Precious Blood Community

Jim Payton
Of our Parish Family

Renee LaCuru-Kratzer
Daughter of Paula & Craig Kratzer

Cameron Lathrop
Son of Amy & Kevin Lathrop



Do you have an interest in assisting with some of the technology that makes our Masses at Assumption so moving?

Assumption's Music Ministry is looking for help!



This is the mission of Assumption's music ministry: A deep love of God and a commitment to exceptional liturgy impels us to express our prayer through music and to inspire others to join in sung worship. We want you to join us in that mission!

We are in need of volunteers to sit at the sound booth and advance slides for projection at the 5pm (Saturday evening), 8am, 10am, and 12pm (Sunday) Masses. No experience required. We have recently updated from PowerPoint to ProPresenter for projection of hymn numbers and lyrics at Mass.

If you are interested in joining our mission for exceptional liturgy, we would love to have you!

Please contact: Bryan Beams at 636-240-3721 ext. 240 or bryanbeams@yahoo.com



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN: In order to be in compliance with the Archdiocese, you must have a Signed Code of Conduct, a completed Worker Registration Form and a PGC Workshop.

If anyone has taken a Workshop but has still not turned in their paperwork, or have any questions about their status of Compliance with the Archdiocese, please contact Lynn Crews at lynn.assumption@gmail.com or 314-578-0741.

St. Paul Country Knights! Friday, January 12th & February 16th

Come join in for Dancing and good music.

Doors open at 6:30pm, \$7 / person

Line Dance Lesson at 6:45 pm

Music from 7-11pm

Line Dance, two-stet, Swing Dance or just come!

Cash Bar (no outside beverages allowed)

Snacks are welcomed

St. Paul Knights Hall, 1270 Church St., St. Paul, MO. 63366

Queen of Hearts Raffle O'Fallon Knights of Columbus - 202 W 3rd St. O'Fallon, MO

Every Tuesday evening. Doors open at 5pm. Drawing at 7pm sharp. Raffle tickets are sold (\$1 each), beginning at 5:00pm. Early Bird Special 6 tickets for \$5 from 5-6pm.. Choose the Queen of Hearts and win the grand prize! Thank you for supporting the O'Fallon K of C charities.

CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

Weekend Masses

Saturday 9:00am (Motherhouse Chapel)
Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 5:30pm

Daily Mass

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

Morning Prayer

Weekdays 7:30am Chapel

RECONCILIATION

Thursday 6-7pm (Chapel)
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 parish office at least one year in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Christine at the Parish Office, ext 325 (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

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 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 636.795.2611, 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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