

# THE PARISH FAMILY OF ASSUMPTION

February 8, 2015

**[THE LORD] tells the number of the stars  
and calls them by name.** — *Psalm 147:4*



## PREPARING For Lent

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Reading, Rice Bowls, and Activity Materials will be available in the Narthex beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18.

Everyone is invited to *one minute of silence* at Noon (and/or 6pm)

Attend Daily Mass at 6:30am in Motherhouse Chapel or 8am in Church

Attend Ash Wednesday Services:  
February 18, 8am Mass, 12:05pm Prayer Service, 5:30pm & 7:00pm Mass

Participate in the Stations of the Cross: 2:30pm (except the first Friday of the month) and/or 7pm on Fridays in Chapel; Good Friday 3pm in Church

All are invited to attend the *Day of Reflection* Saturday, March 7, 8am-4pm Parish Center

Tuesday Night Masses in Church:  
7:00pm - 7:30pm

#### Presentations:

\*Feb 24 (Tue) – Amanda “*Lent: Change for Good*” after Mass in Hall C

\*Mar 3 (Tue) – Fr. Andy “*TBA*” after Mass in Hall C

\*Mar 10 (Tue) – Dan Korn “*Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Reading the Icon*” after Mass in Hall C

\*Mar 17 (Tue) – Fr. Mitch “*Mary at the Foot of the Cross*” after Mass in Hall C

\*Mar 23 (Mon) – Fr. Mark “*Personal Prayer*” in Church, 7-8pm

Call or email Amanda to join or start a Small Church Community 240.3721, or [abvmamanda@yahoo.com](mailto:abvmamanda@yahoo.com)

Just come as you are! No registration required. Attend all or some of Fr. Mark’s Lenten *Journey with Scripture* Thursday, February 12, 19, 26; March 5, and 26; 7-8:30 Hall C. Materials provided.

Attend *Prayers for Healing and Hope*: Thursday, March 12, 7pm in Church

Attend our *Lenten Penance Service*: Thursday, March 19, 7pm in the Motherhouse Chapel.

Attend Eucharistic Adoration/ Devotions on Tuesdays 8:30am-6:30pm in Chapel

Visit our 24 hour Prayer Chapel (Northwest door code to enter: 3721)

Participate in praying the rosary on Thursdays after 8am Mass and Sundays before each Mass in Chapel

Attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45pm or, during Lent only, 6:15-7pm

Watch an on-line presentation from our website: <http://www.assumptionbvm.org/Resources/TalksandOtherVideos.aspx>

2014 Fr Joe Kempf: What I Heard in the Confessional - Talk on Forgiveness (Audio only)

2013 Dr. Tom Wagner: A Spirituality of Resilience

2013 Fr. Joe Kempf: What Do Catholics Believe and Why? (A Brief Overview)

2013 Fr. Gary Braun: Everyday Leadership



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

We received these sentiments from those who joined Assumption Parish February 1:

"I like how this parish has social concerns that go beyond the parish into the world!"

"This is a very welcoming and friendly parish and there's lots of activities to be involved in."

"This community really seems to care."

"I have family members that belong to this parish and when I would go to Mass here, it felt like I've always belonged here."

"This will be a great place to grow."



*It Is Hard To  
Imagine That There  
Could Be Any Life  
At The Other End  
Of Our Grief*

The Ministry of Consolation Grief Support Group of Assumption Parish cordially invites those of you 18 years of age and older who are grieving the death of a loved to our Spring Grief Support Series. Our first session will begin Thursday, February 19, 7:00pm, Meyer Room. Fr Joe's video series, "No One Cries the Wrong Way" will be incorporated into each session along with prayer, personal sharing, biblical reflection and social time.

To register or for any additional information please contact: Lynn Crews 636.294.0821 or [lynncrews721@gmail.com](mailto:lynncrews721@gmail.com). Registration deadline is Monday, February 16.

## This Week At Assumption

### Sunday, Feb 8

**Nursery**  
7:45am and 9:45 am

**RCIA**  
8:00am Hall C

**Preschool**  
9:45am School

**Baptism**  
1:15pm Church

### Monday, Feb 9

**Bible Study**  
7:00pm Meyer Room

**School Board**  
7:00pm Conference Room

**24/7 Men's Ministry**  
7:00pm Hall C

### Tuesday, Feb 10

**PSR**  
6:00pm School

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

**Liturgy Committee**  
7:00pm Conference Room

### Wednesday, Feb 11

**MOP's**  
9:15am Parish Center

**PSR**  
6:00pm School

**Bible Study**  
6:30pm Room D/E

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

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

### Thursday, Feb 12

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

**Friday, Feb 13**  
**Extreme Teen Overnight Retreat**

### Saturday, Feb 14

**Anointing of the Sick**  
All Masses

**Jr High Ministry Saturday Matterday**  
6:00pm Hall C

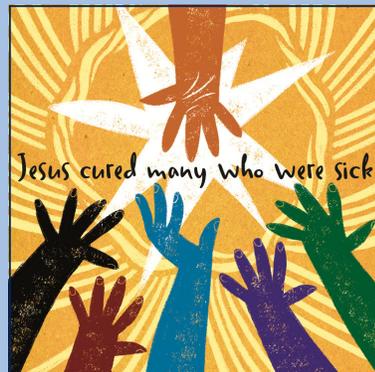
### Sunday, Feb 15

**Anointing of the Sick**  
All Masses

**Nursery**  
7:45am and 9:45 am

**RCIA**  
8:00am Hall C

**Preschool**  
9:45am School



PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

S T E W A R D S H I P

*"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" – Mark 1:35, 38*

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. Yet, Jesus also makes time to be alone in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what God wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.



## Life, Peace and Justice: *Living the Gospel of Joy*

### February 8, 2015 – World Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

We sell people... like objects, like livestock... women, men... *children*. We sell them. We buy them. We abuse and discard them. We... the human race... we do this...

Pope Francis started 2015 in his World Day of Peace Message dedicated bringing the dark, heinous crimes associated with human trafficking into the dazzling light of faith.

Human trafficking is stained with the tears and blood of many different kinds of situations: migrant workers forced to sell themselves or their loved ones to avoid starvation; children and young women bought from poor families, promised a life of education and prosperity, only to be sold into the pornography industry, sexual slavery, or domestic slavery; all the concentric rings of the drug trade; runaways and the kidnapped; the poor and desperate ones; those taken and sold for the harvesting of organs; those taken in acts of terrorism.

The lettuce and tomato on our sandwich from the fast-food restaurant... who harvested it? Do we know if the farmer was working freely? What about the clothes we buy... the shoes... who made them? what are their working conditions? The adult entertainment industry is one of the most powerful industries in the U.S... when we buy into its magazines, films, tv shows, whose slavery are we condoning? Who pays the price for our recreational drug use? When entire semi-trucks filled with refugees and undocumented adults and children go missing... how are communities invested in finding them and caring for them?

These are the kinds of everyday, real world situations crying out for the gospel... for the hope and compassion of the faith we profess week after week. As Christians, we believe the presence of Christ is in each person... abused/abuser... victim/perpetrator... friend/stranger...

we are called to seek and honor the sacred dignity planted in all life. This doesn't mean we pretend those guilty of human trafficking have done no wrong. Seeking Christ in the other simply prompts our willingness to know more... to care more about what's going on in the world.

Prayer and education are the 2 most formidable tools we have in building the Reign of God here on earth. They are what wake us up to the needs of those around us... to the impact of our choices. This weekend, as we mark this *World Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking*, perhaps we could let Pope Francis' message stir us into "awakeness"... and inspire us to prayer... inspire us to care about what is going on in our human family – the family God entrusted to us.

**Prayer:** Forgive us, O God, for the indescribable crimes of human-trafficking and for all the ways we unknowingly support it. Change the hearts of all who would wish harm or indignity on others. And, change our own hearts to be more awake to needs and the sufferings of those around us. May we never lose hope in the power of Your Love at world in the world. Amen.

**Action:** This week, let's take time to: **LEARN:** Browse "Pope Francis World Day Peace Message" or type in this link:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco\\_20141208\\_messaggio-xlviiii-giornata-mondiale-pace-2015.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20141208_messaggio-xlviiii-giornata-mondiale-pace-2015.html) ... we can also learn more at: [www.humantraffickingawareness.org](http://www.humantraffickingawareness.org) and at [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org)

**GIVE:** Consider inviting Sr. Esther Hogan of the St. Charles Outreach Coalition Against Human Trafficking to come speaker to your small church community or group [ehogan@cpps-offallon.org](mailto:ehogan@cpps-offallon.org) and **PRAY:** as we are a parish devoted to the Blessed Mother, perhaps this week we could start each day this week, even before we get out of bed, by praying 3 Hail Mary's: 1 for the conversion of those who harm others, 1 for those who will suffer that day at the hands of another, and 1 for our own hearts to be fully awake as we make choices during the day, that we don't knowingly or unknowingly cause anyone suffering.



The Newly Reinvigorated (and renamed) **24/7 Men's Group** will have a meeting on Thursday, February 26, 7:00pm, Parish Center Hall A

### Job Opportunity

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood (O'Fallon) have an immediate opening for a Minister of Music and Liturgy. A full job description is available at [www.cpps-ofallon.org](http://www.cpps-ofallon.org). Please e-mail resume and references by April 25, 2015, to [missionadvancement@cpps-ofallon.org](mailto:missionadvancement@cpps-ofallon.org) or by mail to: Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, Attn: Mission Advancement, 204 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366

## Assumption Youth Ministry



### February

**11** – Xtreme Teen – DANCE PARTY 2015 – Don't miss it!!!! Hall C 7-9pm

**14** – MICAH 6:8 RETREAT – see below & flyer in bulletin

**15** – LUKE 18 Team Meetings begin! 1-4pm

**18** – NO BIBLE STUDY - Ash Wednesday Mass. We'll meet at 6:45 in Hall C and head upstairs...start LENT off right where God wants to meet you...in the Eucharist! JOIN US!!!

**22** – LUKE 18 Team Meeting 1-4pm

**25** – Xtreme Teen – MID WEEK MEDICINE FOR YOUR SOUL – come on out and bring people! Hall C 7-9pm

### LUKE 18

March 20-22 **8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS SAVE THE DATE !!!**  
High Schoolers - Applications are out – get yours in ASAP to help lead!

### MICAH 6:8 – High School Overnight RETREAT

You wanted it – well you got it!

February 13 & 14 (see details on flyer in bulletin)

### CHWC 2014

Get ready for the time of your life this summer!  
Catholic Heart Workcamp Memphis. June 7-13, 2015  
Pick up the registration form at any Youth Group event

**Limitless** - Steubenville Sign Ups coming soon...keep watching here for more details!!!!

**Like us on Facebook:** Assumption Church Youth Group  
**Follow us on twitter**

## Archdiocesan Lenten Regulations

*Then to all, Christ said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps." (Luke 9:23)*

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (Feb 18) and Good Friday (Apr 3) are days of abstinence for all Catholics over the age of 14. On these two days, fast, as well as abstinence, is also obligatory for those from the ages of 18-59.

Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

## Tuition Assistance Applications

Assumption school families wishing to apply for tuition assistance for the 2015-16 school year **MUST** submit a FACTs application online. You begin that process by going to:

**[online.factsmgmt.com/aid](http://online.factsmgmt.com/aid)**

This one process will actually start two applications – one to the Archdiocese for "Catholic Family Tuition Assistance" and another to Assumption Parish for local tuition assistance. If you have a student at St Dominic high school, it will initiate that application also. While it is one process, please note that each institution has its own due date: March 15 for the Archdiocese and St. Dominic, May 15 for Assumption.

## Eucharistic Adoration and Winter Weather

**Please Note:** If Assumption Day School is cancelled on Tuesday due to weather conditions Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Devotions will also be cancelled.

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, Feb 8**

8:00am Grace Bittick  
 10:00am Lula May Vinson  
 12:00pm People of the Parish

**Monday, Feb 9**

6:30am Richard Grumich  
 8:00am Stella Marie Campbell

**Tuesday, Feb 10**

6:30am Lucille Meinert  
 8:00am Ethyl Topel

**Wednesday, Feb 11**

6:30am Community Benefactors & Prayer Enrollments  
 8:00am Joe Meyer

**Thursday, Feb 12**

6:30am Doris Groneck  
 8:00am Donald Sobczak

**Friday, Feb 13**

6:30am Trudy Starke  
 8:00am Julie Stephens

**Saturday, Feb 14**

9:00am The Huck Family  
 5:00pm Mary Ann Patterson

**Sunday, Feb 15**

8:00am June Muretech  
 10:00am Pauline Steiniger  
 12:00pm People of the Parish



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

**Eugene Palkowski**  
 Father of Jean Marie Tetlaff

**Max Hendley**  
 Brother of Vicky Wilmes

*May God welcome them home,  
 fill them with peace, and bless those  
 who will miss them.*

**Baptismal Preparation Class**

All parents are required to participate in a class of Pre-Baptismal instruction before having their child/children baptized at Assumption. For expectant parents it is often better to attend this class before baby is born.

Although no baptisms are held during Lent, classes are available.

Call the Parish Office at 240.3721 to schedule a class.

**Readings for the Week**

**Feb 9 - Feb 15**

**Mon:** Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56  
**Tue:** Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13  
**Wed:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23  
**Thu:** Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30  
**Fri:** Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37  
**Sat:** Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10  
**Sun:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**Save the Date!**

The Third Annual Day of Reflection will be held from 8am – 4pm on Saturday, March 7. All adults in the parish are invited to attend this awesome one-day retreat, which will include presentations by Fr. Mitch and Fr. Joe! We'll have more information in upcoming bulletins, but if you'd like to register for this special day, contact Mary Ann Schaller at [maschaller1@gmail.com](mailto:maschaller1@gmail.com).

**Around Town**

Immaculate Conception (Dardenne) Sausage Dinner, Feb 15, 11:30 - 6  
 United Services (St Peters) Love and Logic, Feb 18-Mar 3, for info 636.926.2700  
 Knights of Columbus (OFallon) Gentemann Special Olympics 4Man Euchre Tournament. Feb 21, 7pm, 314.540.1295  
 Immaculate Conception (Augusta) Breakfast, Feb 22, 8-12  
 St Paul (St Paul) Trivia Night, Sat, Feb 28, Reservations: call Carol at 314.800.5702  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary (New Melle) sausage Dinner, Mar 1, 11-6

**Stewardship**  
**Our Gifts to God and Parish**

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

		Jan 3-4	Jul 1,2014 - Jan 4,2015
Envelopes (495)	\$	31,939	\$ 834,981
Online Giving	\$	---	\$ 120,701
Loose	\$	1,885	\$ 36,585
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>33,824</b>	<b>\$ 992,267</b>
			Budget 966,859

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"*



*The Christ Renews His Parish retreat is just around the corner, and you are invited! What? Can't make it? Is it because...*

\*My current health issues would prevent me from staying overnight.

\*Our company has a huge regional meeting the Monday after the retreat and I need to prepare.

\*That's the weekend of the big baseball, soccer, basketball game for my child.

\*Inside for a whole weekend!?

\*If I give up another weekend, I don't think I will ever get stuff around the house finished.

\*I don't need to share my faith with a bunch of "strangers." My relationship with God is private just fine.

\*I do enough at the Church already. They will probably just use this as another opportunity to ask me to volunteer for something else.

\*It wouldn't be fair to my family to leave for a whole weekend.

\*Huggy, touchy, feeling is for other people.

\*I only get to hang out with my friends once a week and that happens on Saturday mornings.

*Here are the top 10 blessings participants receive after attending the retreat.*

#### **New relationships at church**

**I'm a better father; mother; friend... person**

**I made new friends... good and faithful friends**

**Re-energized**

**Deepened my relationship with Christ**

**Clarity**

**I'm a better husband; wife; friend; daughter; son...**

**It reprioritized the things I value**

**I'm back to going to church regularly**

**I have a new positive perspective on a challenging issue in my life**

*Do any of the reasons for not attending sound familiar? Or do you have one of your own that didn't make the list? We encourage you to look **beyond your reason** to the blessings **that the weekend could provide** for you and sign up for our upcoming winter retreats!*

*If you are new to the parish, we challenge you to avoid creating a reason for not attending and sign up for our upcoming retreat.*

#### **Men's retreat – February 21-22**

Contact Matt Markelz at 815.557.9251 or [mjmarke@yahoo.com](mailto:mjmarke@yahoo.com)

## **Anointing of the Sick**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all the Masses on the weekend of February 14/15.

*"Is any among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise. Is any among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven."* James 5:13-15

Through the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Christ strengthens those who are afflicted by illness, whether in body, soul or spirit, providing them with the strongest means of support. Jesus showed great concern for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick and commanded his followers to do the same. God did not promise that we would be cured of our illnesses, but God always provides a healing and forgiveness of sins. The celebration of this sacrament also provides an opportunity for the deepening of faith in the community – through the faith witnessed and devotion of those being anointed.

Symbols of this sacrament include the laying on of hands and the anointing with oil to the forehead and palms of both hands. The laying on of hands symbolizes the Spirit of God being called down – the very presence of the Lord putting his hands on our head. The oil is a sign that God 'has put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts'. Through the anointing, we are strengthened for what lies ahead.



## **Athletic Association Golf Sign Up**

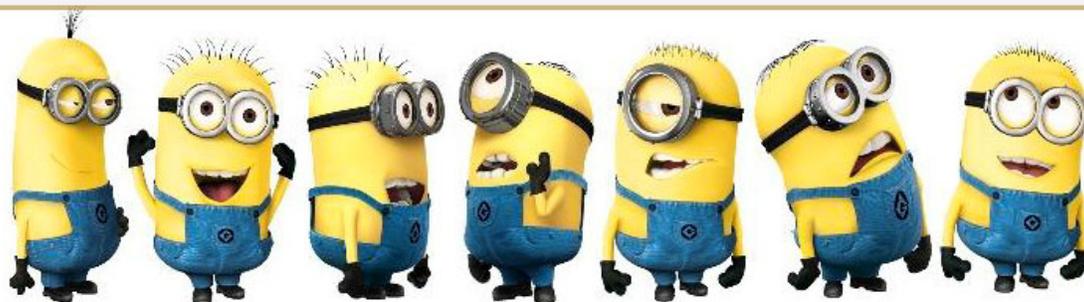
Sing-ups for the 2015 Golf season are now open until Feb 25. Cost \$130. Golf open to children in 2nd - 8th grade.

Grades 2 - 4 includes six training sessions and two rounds at Golf Headquarters (O Fallon). Grades 5 - 8 four training sessions and six rounds with playoffs for top players and teams.

Clubs are not provided. Proper attire (no shorts and shirts with collars) is required while on the courses. Sign up online [www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org). Due to league dates no late sign-ups will be accepted.



**ASSUMPTION YM 1<sup>ST</sup> EVER**  
**OVERNIGHT RETREAT**  
February 13th – 14th  
(Friday Night – ending with Saturday 5pm Mass)



**\$20 Bucks covers food, lodging at the very comfy Assumption Parish Hall, a T-SHIRT & good eats!**

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

636-485-5221 • abvmyouth@gmail.com

## The RCIA Journey

Our celebration of “sacraments of Christian initiation are combined with those whom are to be baptized and those whom celebrate Confirmation and Eucharist. The oil of Chrism will be used at the Easter Vigil for both the recently baptized and those already baptized in a different faith.

For centuries, this fragrant blessed oil has been a symbol of God’s overflowing grace and generosity. It’s a multi-sensory reminder of the goodness of creation, and of "consecration": being set apart from that creation to serve a sacred purpose. Like all our sacred oils, Chrism is made from olive oil, although other vegetable oils can be used if olive oil is unavailable. Unlike the other sacramental oils, Chrism is scented, usually with essential oil of Balsam, giving it a woody, pine-like fragrance.

Very early in our history, the better to signify the gift of the Holy Spirit, an anointing with perfumed oil (chrism) was added to the laying on of hands. This anointing highlights the name “Christian,” which means “anointed” and derives from that of Christ himself whom God “anointed with the Holy Spirit.” This rite of anointing has continued ever since, in both East and West. For this reason the Eastern Churches call this sacrament Chrismation, anointing with chrism, or myron which means “chrism.” In the West, the term Confirmation suggests that this sacrament both confirms baptism and strengthens baptismal grace.

## Your Love is Forever Photo

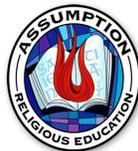
If you had your picture taken with Fr. Joe on January 24, you can download the photo from [frjoefarewell.shutterfly.com](http://frjoefarewell.shutterfly.com).

## ... and Video Links for You

If you missed the Parish-Wide Farewell to Fr. Joe on January 24 and would like to see the short video clip – or if you would like to see the video from the Monday Day-School Farewell with Fr. Joe – just go to our web page and click on *Announcements* on the home page, then *Goodbye and Thank You Fr. Joe*. There you will find your links.

## Prayer Vigil

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood will host a prayer vigil prior to the execution of Walter Storey on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7pm in the west side of St. Joseph Chapel. If the execution is stayed the vigil will be cancelled.



## PSR

February 16 – Cathedral tour and mini-retreat

February 17/18 –No PSR – Ash Wednesday – Attend Mass with family

February 24/25 – Celebration of 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Lenten Message From Pope Francis

Archbishop Carlson is encouraging all Catholics to read the message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent. The hope is to inspire you in your spiritual preparation for the upcoming Lenten season. Read Pope Francis’ letter on our parish website: [www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org).

Lent is a time for reflection and repentance, a time to pray with renewed fervor for ourselves, our families, and the Church. During this holy season let’s also pray for the transformation of the world we live in. Through the grace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, may we all be agents of the Father’s mercy!

## Young Adult Event

Come Catch the Fire, a year-long series for young adults by young adults, providing prayer, presentations, and praise and worship continues on Thursday, Feb. 12 with “Unplugged and Offline.” The evening will feature a presentation by newlyweds Theresa and Harold Velazquez sharing how to maintain a prayer life in this busy world. Praise and worship led by musician Adam Bitter. The evening is 8-10pm at the Sisters of St. Joseph motherhouse, 6400 Minnesota Ave. There is no admission charge, but those attending are encouraged to bring a canned food item for the Carondelet Community food bank. The evening is sponsored by the Association of St. Louis Vocation Directors. For more information, go to [www.csjssl.org](http://www.csjssl.org).

## St. Dominic High School

### March Madness Alumni Basketball Tournament

Fri Mar 13 - Sun Mar 15, and Fri Mar 20 – Sun Mar 22.

Men’s and Women’s teams forming. Participants must be 21. The Class of 2011 and older are eligible to play.

Classes may combine and team up but all players must be alumni.

Net proceeds benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Contact: Erik Wilson at [ewilson5@kw.com](mailto:ewilson5@kw.com) or Beth Runge at [brunge@stdominichs.org](mailto:brunge@stdominichs.org) or 636.240.8303 ext 119 to enter a team.



**Assumption  
Parish  
Religious  
Education  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Vino Van Gogh**

## FUNraiser

Save The Date  
March 28, 2015  
7-10 PM

Registration begins mid-February

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP  
NEXT MEETING: February 14,  
6-8:30 pm, Hall C  
MAKE SATURDAY MATTER!**

**M**ake a difference in the world

**A**ct, live, love like Jesus

**T**otal acceptance

**T**unes that Rock and Praise

**E**xtend God's love to others

**R**evere God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF  
FUN, FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP!**



**Food  
Pantry  
Needs**

Today, February 8 is St. Vincent De Paul Food Sunday. At this time the pantry is in need of the following items: powdered milk, rice sides, pasta sides, tunahelpers, chicken helpers, small jars of mayonnaise, paper towels and furniture polish. Grocery store gift cards are always welcome.

Thank you for supporting the SVDP food pantry.

### Steps To Wholeness Workshop

Are you, a friend, or a loved one Divorced or Separated? Come heal from the pain of Divorce or Separation, and learn to move forward in a positive direction. "Steps to Wholeness" workshop is starting February 13, 7-9pm at All Saints (St Peters). Advance registration is required by contacting Leo at 636.946.7782. Divorced and Separated of all faiths are welcome!

#### 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.

#### 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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636.240.3721 Parish Office  
636.240.3722 Fax  
Office Hours - Weekdays 8:30am-4:00pm

#### ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

Principal: Genny Callier  
636.240.4474

#### BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office  
by Tuesday 9:00am

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