

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

MARCH 5
2017



First Sunday
of
Lent

ONE DOES NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE,
BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES
FORTH FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.

~ MATTHEW 4:4

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Give the Devil His Due

The serpent makes his first appearance in our first reading from Genesis today; and the devil joins Jesus, tempting him in the desert. He also shows up in the book of Job as the satan; then again in the Book of Revelation as “the huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called Devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world (12:9)” when he does battle with Michael the Archangel. We may also add references to “Lucifer”, or “Morning Star” in Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28 and

Ephesians. And Jesus refers to the “evil one,” even including it in the Lord’s Prayer; He also drives out demons in many of his healing encounters.

What are we to learn from all these references to the devil in our Sacred Scriptures? I am reluctant to admit it; and I even less frequently say it out loud: “there is evil in the world.” And there is also evil in me. Whether it is an energy from the psyche of a culture in travail or an actual spirit which has freedom to move among us, this deceiver is active in the world. From the tiny whispers that give us permission to tell half-truths to our neighbors to the frightening shouts that compel us to hate and harm others, this carrier of sin and death is a part of our experience. Whether we experience it as a subtle permission toward unhealthy behavior or a bitter resentment which is an anchor around our neck, we need to join Jesus in His rebuke, “Get behind me, satan.”

Here is what else we learn: EVERY TIME satan, the deceiver, the evil one, temptation appears in the scriptures, he is defeated. While we must take him seriously, he will NEVER have power over us. The challenge in our spiritual life and the invitation on this first Sunday of Lent, is for us to invite satan into the light. The temptations are real. But once they are in the light they are fully exposed as empty promises. We know the most seductive invitations in our lives never lead to life. The glittery and sensual frivolity which seems so glamorous in the dim light of Mardi Gras night are exposed as drunken disillusioned journeys down all the wrong paths in the light of Ash Wednesday morning. As difficult as it is some times; we all must face our demons in the light of day, in the light of Christ. They cannot have any power over us. The victory has been won. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ of God, our humanity has been sanctified, each one of us as a beloved child of God and all of us as the very Body of Christ.

This morning (Wednesday) I woke to pain and suffering in the lives of so many whom I love. I was tempted to despair. Yet already, by 6:44 am, I have been inspired by the very ones who suffer to trust the power of love, to trust the power of God’s Spirit at work in us, to trust the healing power of Christ dwelling in our hearts, to claim victory, even now over sin and death in every corner of my life and in every corner of the earth. Our God saves!

Fr. Mitch





Thank You

The family of Mary E. Reed would like to thank Father Zac, the Assumption Staff, and all of the many parish volunteers for the wonderful celebration of life Mass and luncheon.

New Member Registration

Registration begins at noon Mass today and continues in Hall C from 1:00pm - 1:45pm.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Please note that the Children's Liturgy of the Word has ended and will resume after Labor Day.

Missouri Right to Life

"Show Me Life" Pro-Life Action Day Tuesday, March 14 at the State Capital. For more information please contact Missouri Right to Life 573.635.5110 or www.missourilife.org

Covenant Network Catholic Radio is HERE!!

This weekend, Covenant Network Catholic radio will be downstairs after all of our Masses with a wide selection of Catholic books, magazines, and CDs (free of charge) that can enhance your faith life and better acquaint you with Catholic radio in our community. There will be an opportunity to sign up for our monthly newsletter and program schedule, and to get one of our new decals for your car. Just putting a sticker on the rear windshield of your car is a great way to evangelize our little corner of the world. We hope you will stop by our table after Mass today to select a free gift. Thank you and God bless you ~ CNC



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

The 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 one to our Spring Grief Support Series.

Our first session will begin Thursday, March 9, 2017 in the Meyer Room at 7pm.

To register (Deadline is Tue, March 7) or for any additional information please contact: Lynn Crews 636-294-0821 or lynncrews721@gmail.com

Hospitality Sunday Today

Join us for Hospitality Sunday, this Weekend, March 4 and 5 after all Masses in Hall A/B.



This Week At Assumption

Sunday, March 5

RCIA Rite of Sending
All Masses

Hospitality Weekend
All Masses Hall A/B

Sunday Preschool
10:00am School

New Member Registration
Noon Mass

Monday, March 6

Lenten Bible Study
7:00pm Meyer Room

CRHP Women
7:00pm Room D/E

Tuesday, March 7

Centering Prayer
9:00am Motherhouse Library

Perpetual Help Devotions
6:30pm Chapel

Lenten Mass
7:00pm Church

Tuesday, March 7 Cont.

CRHP Men
7:00pm Room D/E

Divine Mercy Retreat
7:00pm Hall C

PSR
6:00pm Church

Wednesday, March 8

MOP's
10:00am Room D/E

Bible Study
10:00am Sophia House

Youth Group Xtreme Teen
7:00pm Sophia House

Lenten Bible Study
7:00pm Room D/E

PSR
6:00pm Church

Thursday, March 9

Grief Support
7:00pm Meyer Room

Deacon Information Night
7:00pm Hall A/B

Friday, March 10

Knight of Columbus Fish Fry
5:00pm Knights of Columbus Hall

Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Church

Sunday, March 12

RCIA
8:00am Hall C

Sunday Preschool
10:00am School

Baptism
1:15pm Church



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Fundraising opportunities, Scholarships,
Sponsors, or out of your pocket. You decide!

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Turn in registration form below with a \$100 deposit at any
youth ministry event or to the parish office marked Youth Ministry
Please make checks payable to Assumption Youth Ministry

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Parents Name(s): _____

Parent Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Parent Cell: _____

School: _____ Grade in 2017: _____

Questions: contact Cathy Pasciaro at abvmyouth@gmail.com or 636.240.3721 x243

You are Invited to Pray with the Entire Parish Community

Every Friday during Lent, the people of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish are invited at 7:00pm to pray the Memorare.

You may recall receiving a note last October from our Pastor, Fr. Mitch Doyen, which included a prayer card with the Memorare and his encouragement to pray this powerful prayer as a family. With this encouragement, whatever you might be doing each Friday during Lent at 7:00pm, stop, gather whomever is around you (family members, children, adults, friends, etc.) and join the rest of the parish in praying this beautiful prayer to our Blessed Mother. In solidarity with each other, let us turn our hearts towards Mary and stand before her confident she hears our petitions



Family Prayer

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of thy Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer me. Amen



Assumption Youth Ministry

MIDDLE SCHOOL

March 31-April 2 – Luke 18 Retreat 8th Graders – FOR YOU!

April 13 - EDGE 7 CHURCH TOUR - It's the latest TREND!!!

Middle Schoolers/Join our High Schoolers (All Families Welcome)

Join us as we pop in on Adoration in 7 churches in our area where we'll spend 5 minutes with Jesus among friends in 7 different places. Then we'll head to IHOP on K to hangout, eat & break bread (& pancakes) with each other! More info coming about how to sign up...

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HIGH SCHOOL

March

8 – XTREME TEEN – SEX POSITIVE – PART 1 – Why truth, beauty and goodness matter in sexuality. Come check it out! Hall C 7-9pm

15 – Bible Study – God is CALLING – Are you LISTENING? Sophia House 7-8:30pm

22 – XTREME TEEN – SEX POSITIVE – PART 2 – A night on the fullness & distortions of sexuality. Come find out the difference! Hall C 7-9pm

29 – 5th WEDNESDAY ROAD TRIP – We'll hit the road and go bowling...are you in??? More info about the details coming soon...

LUKE 18 TEAM MEETINGS

Mar. 5, 1:30pm – 3:30pm, Meyer Room /Hall C

Mar. 12, 1:30pm – 3:30pm; Meyer Room /Hall C

Mar. 19, 1:30pm – 3:30pm, Meyer Room /Hall C

Mar. 25, Overnight Workshop 7:00pm – 7:00am, Parish Center

MARK UR CALENDARS

Catholic Heart Work Camp – South Carolina.

June 17-25 (see flyer)

Steubenville Mid America on the MO STATE CAMPUS.
July 14-16

abvm youth@gmail.com

Facebook: Assumption Church Youth Group

Twitter: ACYG Youth Ministry@acygyouth

Instagram: acyg.youthministry



RICE BOWLS ARE HERE!

At all doors of Church – pick up yours today!

FIRST WEEK OF LENT...

ENCOUNTER INNOVATION

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

faith.action.results.

Permanent Diaconate Information Night

On Thursday, March 9 at Assumption-O'Fallon and the Office of the Permanent Diaconate will be holding informational meetings for men who are interested in exploring the possibility of a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate. Interested men are invited to attend one of the sessions. All session will begin at 7:00 pm. Wives of interested men are strongly encouraged to attend.

For more information or to reserve a spot at the meeting, please contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 314.792.7431.

Readings for the Week

March 6– March 12

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tue: Saints Perpetua and Felicity
Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Saint John of God
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thu: Saint Frances of Rome
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sun: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



**READING,
RICE BOWLS,
and ACTIVITY MATERIALS**
will be available in the Narthex
beginning Ash Wednesday, March 1st.

Attend the
**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION:**

Thursday's 6pm-6:30pm & Saturdays 4-4:45pm
or, during Lent only, Tuesday's from 5:30-6:15pm
in Church

ATTEND WEEKLY MASS
Mon. - Fri. at 6:30am
in Motherhouse Chapel
& 8:00am in Church

**Attend EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION/DEVOTIONS**
anytime 24 hours a day.

Visit our
**24 HOUR
PRAYER CHAPEL**
(Northwest door ramp entrance-code to enter: 3721)
Thursday from 7pm-Sunday 1pm

TUESDAY NIGHT MASSES in Church: Begins at 6:30pm

**Attend PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND HOPE:
Thursday, March 30, 2017, 7pm in Church.**

Participate in
**PRAYING
THE ROSARY**
ON SUNDAYS BEFORE EACH MASS!
Begins promptly at 4:25pm & 7:25am in Church;
9:25am & 11:25 in Chapel

Participate in the
**STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**
every Friday during Lent!
- 2:30pm with our
School Children
(except not the 1st Friday's of the month)
- 7:00pm hosted by
various ministries!

**OFFICE of
READINGS**
Morning Prayer at 7:30am &
Evening Prayer at 6pm in the Chapel
with Fr. Mitch and Fr. Zac

**Lenten
Opportunities**

**Attend our
LENTEN
PENANCE
SERVICE:**

Thursday, March 23rd, 2017, 7pm
at the Most Precious Blood Motherhouse
- St. Joseph's Chapel

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 5

8:00am Kenneth Lang
10:00am Floyd Cotton
12:00pm People Of The Parish

Monday, March 6

6:30am Mildred and Chan Sobczak
8:00am Celeste Schneider

Tuesday, March 7

6:30am For the Safety and Well Being
of the O'Fallon Police
Department
8:00am Earl and Dave Feldmann
6:30pm Clarence Orf

Wednesday, March 8

6:30am Larry Oberle
8:00am Joseph Molitor Sr.

Thursday, March 9

6:30am Edward Kleine
8:00am Patricia Berry

Friday, March 10

6:30am Doris Patton
8:00am Norbert Rothermich

Saturday, March 11

9:00am E.A. Klein Family
5:00pm Al Zlotopolski

Sunday, March 12

8:00am Dolores Grippo
10:00am Bernice Beck
12:00pm People Of The Parish

Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed
by the renewing of your minds...
Romans 12:2



Rite of Sending...Rite of Election

Starting with Ash Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey and The Purification and Enlightenment period. This weekend we will celebrate the Rite of Sending at the 8:00AM Mass. In the afternoon, these same men, women and their sponsors will celebrate the Rite of Election at the Cathedral with the Bishop. The sponsors present their testimony to the Bishop that these men and women are ready to continue their journey to receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Their names are presented and accepted by the bishop.

We also have witnessed these men and women each Sunday and we also support their readiness to enter a more spiritual journey to the Easter Vigil. Those not baptized will now be called The Elect.

In the coming weeks, we will spend more time on spiritual reflection. This is a time that we invite the whole community to walk our journey with us. We will focus on those things that we need to "fix" in our life. This is a time of spiritual renewal, conversion and inner reflections. During this period the Catechumens (The Elect) and Candidates undertake several Rites, including the Scrutiny's and Presentations. They look to the Church to help them deepen their commitments and purify their hearts.

Praying for our Catechumens and Candidates

This weekend we will distribute prayer cards at all Masses. Each man, woman and child are invited to take multiple cards and journey with them through your prayers to the Easter Vigil. Children are invited to draw pictures and share stories of how they are praying for them.

Please return these prayer cards by April 2 in the RCIA Prayer box that will be placed in the back of church. Please continue to pray for our men and women... and our entire community.





The Stations of the Cross

The most important reason for reviving the practice of making the Stations of the Cross is that it is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. It takes the reflection on the passion out of our heads, and makes it an imaginative exercise. It can involve our senses, our own experiences and our emotions... to the extent that - we come to *experience* the love of Jesus for us.

The History:

From the earliest of days, followers of Jesus told the story of His passion, death and resurrection. When pilgrims came to see Jerusalem, they were anxious to see the sites where Jesus was. These sites become important holy connections with Jesus. Eventually, following in the footsteps of the Lord, along the way of the cross, became a part of the pilgrimage visit. The stations, as we know them today, came about when it was no longer easy or even possible to visit the holy sites. In the 1500's, villages all over Europe started creating "replicas" of the way of the cross, with small shrines commemorating the places along the route in Jerusalem. Eventually, these shrines became the set of 14 stations we now know and were placed in almost every Catholic Church in the world.

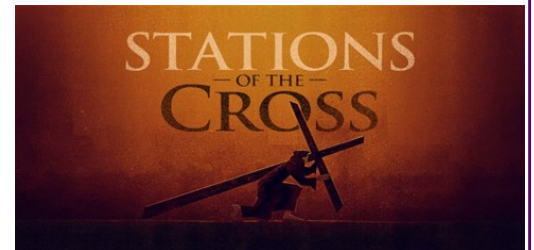
If you have never reflected on the Stations before...

We encourage you to attend as many of our Stations of the Cross during these upcoming Lenten days! The most important thing to remember is that this can be as personal as you'd like it to be. One of our common religious struggles is to realize that we are not alone. The Good News is that Jesus entered into our life's experience completely - even suffering and death - and that He fell into the hands of a Loving God, who raised him from death to life. We can have complete hope that suffering and death have no complete hold on us. And, along the way, we are not alone.

So, try the stations, and experience the consolation they offer. And return often, to be renewed in this intimate experience of Jesus' solidarity with all humanity in our way of the cross each day.

Stations of the Cross - Schedule during Lent

Friday, March 3, at 7:00pm - Church
 Friday, March 10, at 2:30pm & 7:00pm - Church
 Friday, March 17, at 2:30pm & 7:00pm - Church
 Friday, March 24, at 2:30pm & 7:00pm - Church
 Friday, March 31, at 2:30pm & 7:00pm - Church
 Friday, April 7, at 7:00pm - Church
 Friday, April 14, 3:00pm Church



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 29, 2017	Jul 3, 16 - Jan 29, 2017
Envelopes (349) & On Line	\$ 23,006	\$ 1,013,827
Loose	\$ <u>1,129</u>	\$ <u>34,865</u>
Total	\$ 24,135	\$ 1,048,692
		Budget 1,058,931

Loan Balance as of 01/31/2017: \$2,058,980

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:*

Mary Reed
Mother of John Reed Jr.

Walter Shaughnessy
Father of Bill Shaughnessy

Marcia Deterding
Wife of Robert Deterding

Francis Hanlon
Uncle of Patrick Fishbeck

Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.

A. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

Q. Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday? *A. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.*

~Excerpt taken from USCCB





2017 Catholic Women for Christ Conference



SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017

Doors Open 7:30 AM

Concluding Mass 4:00 PM

Touhill Performing Arts Center

University of Missouri — St. Louis

1 University Boulevard

St. Louis, MO 63121

*Blessed
is she who
believed. . .*

Luke 1:45



Sonja
Corbitt



Dr. Carol
Razza



Rev. Eugene
Morris

REGISTER ONLINE

CatholicWomenforChrist.org

Fees (lunch included)

\$35 ends 2/15/2017

\$40 2/16/2017-3/24/2017

\$50 at Door

\$15 High School & College Women (up to age 25)

Free Religious—Please register.

Questions:

Office of Laity & Family Life

314.792.7185



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ASSUMPTION
OF THE VIRGIN
OF THE BVM

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

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.

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.

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