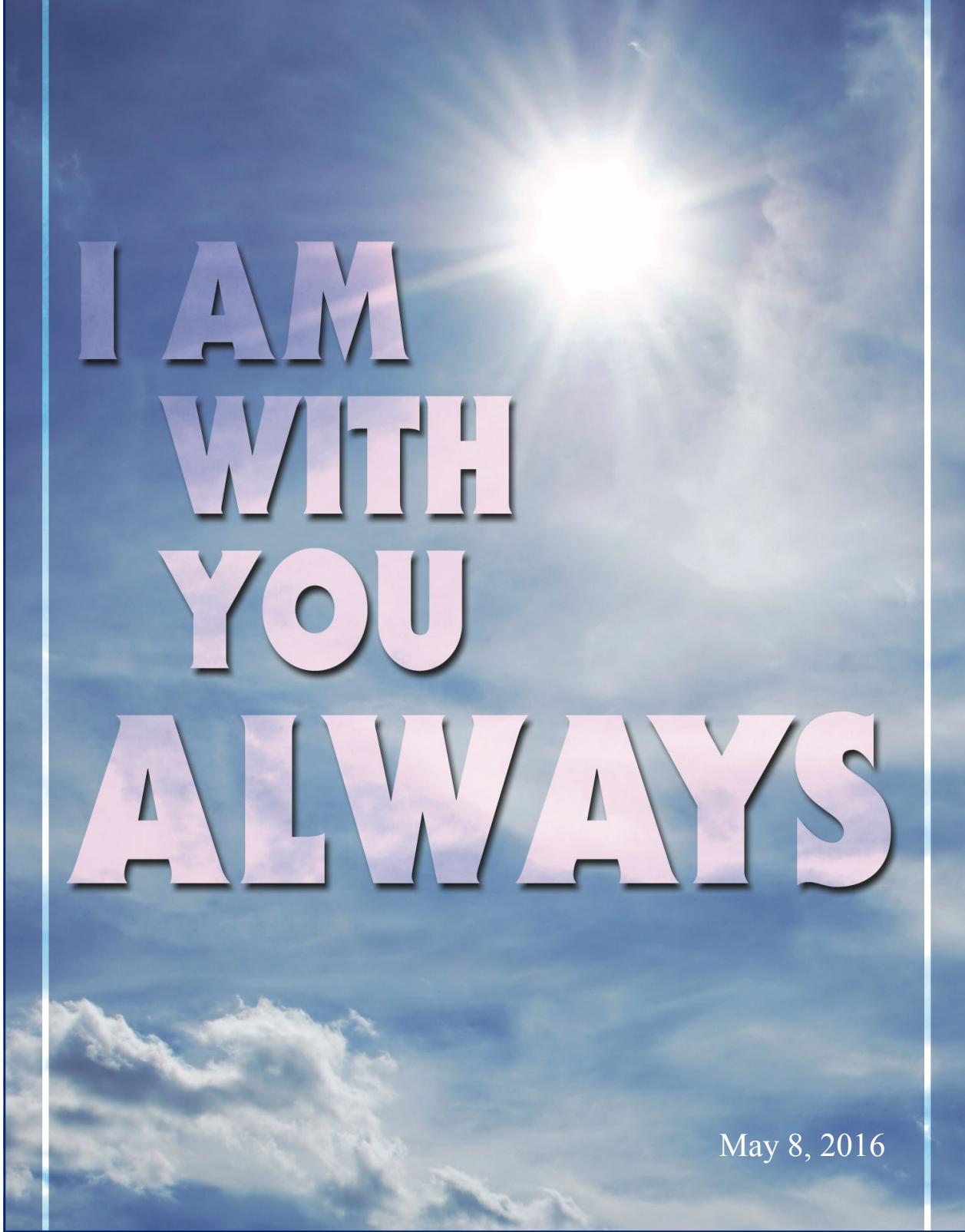


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May 8, 2016

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Feast of the Ascension of Christ and the Feast of Pentecost

The Feast of the Ascension of Christ and the Feast of Pentecost, which we celebrate next week, belong together. The accounts of both feasts in the Acts of the Apostles provide a running narrative which connects the two events. In the gospels, Jesus often promises to send the Holy Spirit. He also teaches us that we cannot cling to Him; we must let Him go to the Father so that the Spirit can come. It is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our hearts which awakens us to the very presence of the Risen Christ within us, all around us and among us in community.

At the center of both of these events we see Mary, the mother of Jesus and our mother. Mary is the first disciple. She is fully present to the Apostles, helping them in their mission of bringing Christ to the world. After all, Mary is the one who brought Christ into the world through the mystery of the Incarnation. Who, more than she, is capable of bringing the Spirit of the Risen Christ into the hearts of those who wish to follow Him?

On this day which we have set aside to honor our mothers, let us first honor Mary. Mary can show us how best to love our mothers. If we follow her, keeping our gaze fixed on Christ, we will be overflowing with love for everyone we meet. Mary teaches us, "Do whatever He tells you." Jesus tells us, "Behold your Mother." Let us commend one another to Mary's care as we anticipate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. *Fr Mitch*





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

"The Audrey Assad Concert was amazing. So much more than I ever expected. The Holy Spirit worked powerfully through her! Just beautiful!"

"It truly was an awesome evening. I was grateful that I got to enjoy it with two of my daughters and some wonderful friends."

"Such a classy performer! Thanks for a beautiful evening!"

"Kids had a great time and enjoyed the concert and peeps! We have such a wonderful church community from all over!"



This Week At Assumption

Sunday, May 8

RCIA

8:00am Hall C

Baptism

1:15pm Church

Monday, May 9

Growing Project

6:30pm Hall C

CRHP Women

6:30pm Room D/E

CRHP Men

7:00pm Meyer Room

School Board

7:00pm Conference Room

Tuesday, May 9

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am - 6:30pm Chapel

PHD/Benediction

6:30pm Chapel

Liturgy Committee

7:00pm Conference Room

Wednesday, May 11

MOP's

9:15pm Parish Center

Extreme Teen

7:00pm Hall C

St Vincent DePaul

7:00pm Meyer Room

Thursday, May 12

Life in The Spirit

7:00pm Church

Saturday, May 14

Wedding

1:30pm Stacey Meyer/Justin Grueneberg

Children's Liturgy of the Word

5:00pm Hall C

Jr High Ministry

6:00pm Hall C

Sunday, May 15

RCIA

8:00am Hall C

Mark Your Calendars – Blood Drive Coming Soon

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the Parish Center on Sunday, May 22, 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 March 27, you are eligible to donate at this drive. Please contact Mary Anne Robinson at 636.474.2677 with any questions.

You may 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.



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. Call the Parish Office at 240.3721 to schedule a class.

PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

S T E W A R D S H I P

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Revelations 22:13

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle, it's how I make all my decisions.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 30, we will pause to remember all the men and women who have served in our armed forces, especially those who have given their lives in service to our country. This Memorial Day, we will celebrate Mass at 8:00am.

During Mass we will remember all men and women who have served or currently served. We encourage you to bring pictures of your loved ones who have served in any branch of our armed services. We will create a book of remembrance to be placed on permanent display in our Parish Center. We will also pray publicly for each of them at the beginning of Mass. Near the end of Mass we will process out to the cemetery where we will honor all our parishioners who have served and are buried here.

We will pledge ourselves to honor their legacy by working for peace. The final blessing, concluding Mass, will take place in the cemetery. We do hope you will join us this Memorial Day, May 30 at 8:00am in Church for this beautiful and holy service.



Stop Human Trafficking

Slavery still exists on our world and in our own country. You can help to break the chains of modern day slavery! Human

Trafficking Awareness Presentation given by Precious Blood Sisters Ester Hogan and Ruth Kurtz. Wednesday, May 18, 6:30pm, All Saints (St Peters) Parish. For further information contact Fr Bob Suit 636.397.1440 ext 225 or suitb@allsaints-stpeters.org.



Today, May 8 is St Vincent De Paul food Sunday.

At this time the pantry is in need of the following items: powdered milk, canned chicken & dumplings, canned pears, chicken helpers, grape jelly, juice, Ramen noodles, small jars of mustard and mayonnaise, and deodorants.

Grocery store gift cards and always welcome and appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.



Life, Peace and Restorative Justice

Our Respect Life Apostolate works with Missouri Right to Life and encourages all of us to help achieve their 2016 goals.

- Ban dismemberment abortions
- Prioritize Medicaid family planning dollars for women's health care
- Ensure ambulatory surgical center regulations are followed
- Define clinical privileges for abortionists
- Ensure universities who receive state funds do not enable abortion by giving hospital privileges to abortionists
- Ensure there is an accounting of every baby body and body part from an abortion and that those babies are buried and not sold for research
- Whistle blower protection for abortion workers who leave employment of abortion facilities
- Video of informed consent information be given to women prior to abortions
- Require abortion facilities give women referred for abortions to out-of-state facility the same informed consent information given to women getting abortion in state
- Ban sex-selection abortions
- Require two parent custodial and/or guardian notification prior to an abortion
- Monitor economic developments bills to ensure pro-life protections to prevent our public dollars being used for abortion services, human cloning, and human embryonic stem cell research
- Monitor expansion of Medicaid for possible increase in abortions
- Continued funding for Alternative to Abortion Program
- Continued tax credits for pregnancy resource centers
- Monitor and oppose pro-abortion legislation



FOURTH ANNUAL 5K & 1 MILE FUN RUN

Assumption 5k & 1 Mile Fun Run September 17th, 2016

Join us for the 4th annual Assumption Crusader 5k or 1 mile fun run on Saturday September 17.

The 5K starts at the Assumption School Parking lot at 8:00 am, the 1 Mile Fun Run starts at 9:00 am. The race benefits Assumption School and Church. 5K race is timed. Awards for all finishers 10 and under and winners of the 5K.

All participants will receive a dri-fit shirt, food, beverages, and beer after the race, plus your runner bag with goodies. **Sign up early and save!** Sign up at: <http://www.fleetfeetstlouis.com/racing/highlighted-races/crusader-run>

The Crusader Run offers something for everyone, all ages and all fitness levels! If you are not a runner or walker you can still take part, volunteers are needed, email us at ofallonmo@snapfitness.com to help out.

Entry Fees:

5K \$25 on or before August 20
\$30 after August 20

1 Mile Fun Run \$15 on or before August 20
\$20 after August 20th



"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind. . . And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:2-4

All Are Invited To Wear Red – Pentecost Sunday, May 15

On **May 15** the Church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost! We celebrate the gift of the **Holy Spirit** who empowers us to live and love as Jesus, utilizing His very power in this world. The color for Pentecost is **RED** and you will see the priests wear red vestments. We invite everyone to wear **RED** on May 15 if you can do that easily, as an outward sign of our inward openness to the Holy Spirit and belief in His power among us.

Whether you are able to wear **RED** or not, may people be able to see in our lives the very power of the Holy Spirit alive in our heart!

Jubilee Year of Mercy

"For his part, Jesus speaks several times of the importance of faith over and above the observance of the law. It is in this sense that we must understand his words when, reclining at table with Matthew and other tax collectors and sinners, he says to the Pharisees raising objections to him, "Go and learn the meaning of 'I desire mercy not sacrifice'. I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mt 9:13). Faced with a vision of justice as the mere observance of the law that judges people simply by dividing them into two groups – the just and sinners – Jesus is bent on revealing the great gift of mercy that searches out sinners and offers them pardon and salvation. One can see why, on the basis of such a liberating vision of mercy as a source of new life, Jesus was rejected by the Pharisees and the other teachers of the law. In an attempt to remain faithful to the law, they merely placed burdens on the shoulders of others and undermined the Father's mercy. The appeal to a faithful observance of the law must not prevent



attention from being given to matters that touch upon the dignity of the person. . ." – Francis, Bishop of Rome, Servant of the Servants of God



SACRED CONVERSATIONS

A continuation of the discussions started back in February are culminating into Action. All are invited to attend our next meeting on May 11 at 7:00pm at the Most Precious Blood Sisters Motherhouse. Enter through the Main Entrance on the East side of the building, sign in, and we will meet you on the third floor.

Spring Cleaning and SVDP Donation Truck!

Mark your calendars-- June 18/19 our St Vincent De Paul Society will have a truck in Assumption Parking lot again to fill with your donations.

Mass Intentions**Sunday, May 8**

8:00am Herman & Gen Sommer
 10:00am Venancio & Mary Ann Salas
 12:00pm People of the Parish

Monday, May 9

6:30am Miller & Smajda Families
 8:00am Keith & Jason Robb

Tuesday, May 10

6:30am Robert Jung
 8:00am Roger Jung

Wednesday, May 11

6:30am CPPS Leadership Team
 8:00am Doris Beste

Thursday, May 12

6:30am Sr Madelene Reiners
 8:00am Alice & Richard Leffner

Friday, May 13

6:30am Vera Sandheinrich
 8:00am Mildred DeSalvo

Saturday, May 14

9:00am Sr Frances Therese Hansman
 5:00pm Juan Carlos Briz

Sunday, May 15

8:00am Francis Melliere
 10:00am Lester Wood
 12:00pm People of the Parish

Around Town

Immaculate Conception (Old Monroe) Classic 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run, May 21. Register at: icomparish.org/cougar-classic.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
May 9 — May 15

Mon: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tue: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wed: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Fri: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Sat: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sun: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



Save the date! Saturday September 24 is the date of the annual Assumption Golf Tournament. The tournament is moving to Bear Creek Golf Club in Wentzville, shotgun start at 1:00pm. All proceeds go to Assumption School.

Server Schedule**Saturday, May 14**

5:00pm Jacob Moore
 Kirsten LaBarge
 Ethan Heckart

Sunday, May 15

8:00am	Cole Kern Casey Sachs Chloe Hammond
10:00am	Evan Williams Alexis Greene Emma Ek
12:00pm	Mary Ward McKenzie Nelson Natalie Schmitt



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

Naomi Ulett
 Aunt of Rose Tubbs
 Mary Ann Pieper
 Mother of Jeanette Huffman
 Esther Kues
 Mother of Phyllis Stroud

Sometimes we have heard it said, "Give until it hurts..." This is an encouragement to sacrificial giving, a surrender of all our possessions to God. But it is not the best way to say it. A better way to say it, which I believe was first attributed to Mother Teresa, is, "Give until you are blessed." Our material possessions are part of our spiritual life; please consider a prayerful discernment of an increased gift to the mission of Assumption Parish. *Fr Mitch*

**Stewardship
 Our Gifts to God and Parish**

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

	Apr 3	Jul 1, 15 - Apr 3, 2016
Envelopes (618)	\$ 35,107	\$ 1,135,317
Online Giving	\$ 3,234	\$ 201,020
Loose	<u>\$ 907</u>	<u>\$ 49,133</u>
Total	\$ 39,248	\$ 1,385,470
Budget		1,443,802

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 Youth Ministry - Spring 2016



TEENS

Come check out what we've got going on for you and get yourself involved. It could be the best decision you EVER made!!!!

CHWC – June 18-25 –Almost full!!!!

STEUBENVILLE MID AMERICA – July 8-10 – This could possibly be the best weekend of your life. Don't miss it!!!

May

11 - Official FRESHMAN WELCOME!!!! 7-9pm - You DO NOT want to miss this! Wahoo!!!!!!

18 - Bible Study. 7-8:30 - 'nuff said!

25 - Outdoor Olympics. 7-9pm - Are you ready to rumble???

June

1 – STUDIP – You know the drill – just show up, play & pray! 7-8:30 Sophia House & North Parking lot

8 – Xtreme Teen – Overfed Yet Starving! Find out what you're still hungry for. 7-9pm Hall C

15 – Bible Study 7-8:30pm in Church

22 – Xtreme Teen – Some of us will be away at CHWC so this will be a very casual get together. 7-9pm Hall C and outside

Registration & information about all of the above events available at: [Facebook: Assumption Church Youth Group](http://www.assumptionbvm.org>Youth-Ministry/High-School-News-Events</p>
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Matching Gifts Program

All Boeing, Tyco, McDonald Corp, Verizon, Well Fargo, Bank of America, First Data, Home Depot, Monsanto, IBM, Merrill Lynch, MasterCard, UPS, Ameren employee and retirees!!!

Did you know that . . . These companies offer a matching gift program for private elementary schools and Assumption School qualifies?

Did you know that . . . by designating your weekly contribution to the school and with the matching gift funds Assumption School receives, the parish subsidy for the school is reduced?

If you work or are retired from one of these companies, please consider taking advantage of their matching gift program.

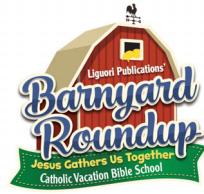
For more information please contact Jim Hager in the parish office at 636.240.3721 ext 225.



Vacation Bible School

Catechists-In-Training (CIT youth volunteers) must be 6th grade or older for the 2016-2017 school year. All CITs must attend a training class prior to VBS week in order to volunteer. Please watch the bulletin and your email address provided at registration for scheduled dates and additional info.

Adults- we need you! We are looking for teachers and team leaders to help the week of VBS. We also need helping hands to prepare crafts, decorations, and more over the months leading up to our program. To find out where you can help out please email vbsassumption@gmail.com or call 636.240.1020.





Thank you for your generous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal these past three weekends. If you took a pledge card home but have not yet returned it, please send it to the Parish Office by mail to 403 N Main St, O Fallon, MO 63366, drop it off during business hours or place it in the drop box to the right of the office door. Please make your check payable to the "Annual Catholic Appeal" and mark the envelope with the same name.

The tables are no longer in the narthex, but there is still time to make a donation to the ACA. Please contact Steve or Marcia Schmitz 314.422.0416 or schmitz80@gmail.com so that we can pull your pledge card. Several billing options are offered by the Archdiocese and they accept checks, credit cards and auto-withdrawal through your checking or savings accounts. If you choose to pay online on the Archdiocese website, please make a note that you are a member of Assumption-O'Fallon so that your donation is credited toward our parish goal.

Singles Again

Singles Again is a support group for separated, divorced and widowed. Singles Again meets at St. Cletus Church (St Charles) the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:15pm for their general meeting. Come and meet for friendship and support. All faiths are welcome. Contacts are Rick Pass 618.520.0966 (rickgoblues@yahoo.com) and Rose Kaiser 636.332.1959. Divorced and Widowed Transitioning to Singleness is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. The Contact for Divorced and Widowed Transitioning to Singleness is Lee Schellert call him for any questions 636.946.7782.



Men's Group Hosts Michael Wellington

Join us on Thursday, May 26 at 7:00pm in the St. Dominic Performing Arts Center to hear Michael Wellington. Michael is a golfer and author of "Birdies, Bogeys & Bipolar Disorder". He will have a raw and entertaining program discussing his college years, career as a professional golfer and his struggles with bipolar disorder. All members are the parish are welcome to join us for this engaging evening. You can find more information on www.assumption247mensgroup.org.

SAVE THE DATE!



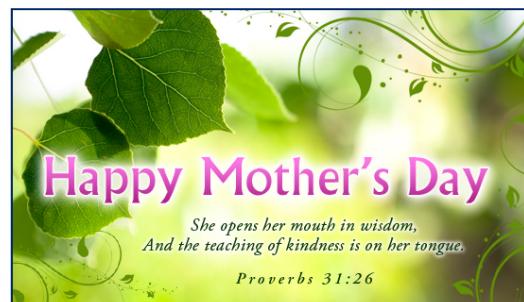
SUMMER RETREATS – 2016!
WOMEN'S RETREAT – JUNE 25/26
MEN'S RETREAT – JULY 23/24

Living Rosary - Date Change

Join us for the Living Rosary Saturday May 14. We will meet at the Chapel at 8:15am. If you are able, please bring flowers for Our Lady, and then after the rosary process with us to the Motherhouse Chapel for Mass at 9:00am.

On this Mother's Day –

Let us rejoice in Mary, our mother and sister, and know her presence at our side as she once stood at the side of her son, Jesus. May she be with all mothers who are trying to nurture their children in difficult situations and to protect these children from violence. With the strength of Mary, may all mothers and all those who nurture others speak out so all children may grow up in peace.





What is MOPS?

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, a program led by moms for moms with children ages 0 to 5. These women all have a shared desire to be the best mothers they can be!

MOPS connects moms all over the world to a community of women, in their own neighborhoods who meet together to laugh cry and embrace the journey of motherhood!!

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Isaiah 55:12

CHILD CARE PROVIDED

While moms are in meetings their children are divided into age appropriate classes where they participate in fun, educational activities through the MOPPETS program.

Meeting Dates

2nd & 4th
Wednesdays
9:15 - 11:00 AM
Sept - May

Mom. YOU impact the world!
Motherhood is an exciting journey- but it's not one we should have to do alone!

For more info: Jennifer Disbrow 636-577-6142

Serving Flourished Mom's at

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Cardinals vs Rangers

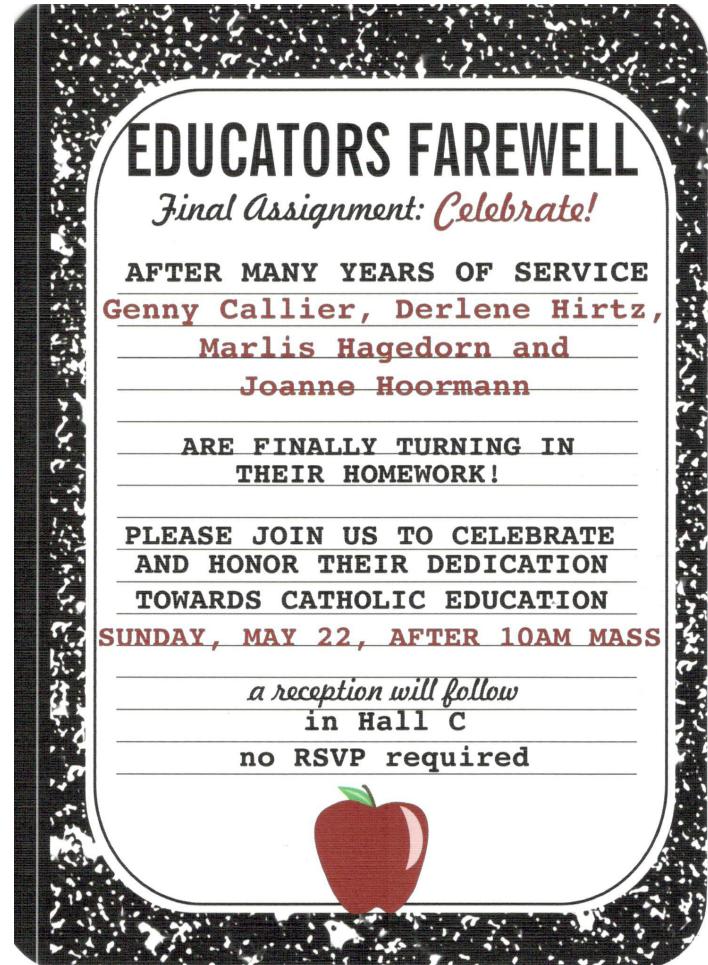
Join the Sisters for their Night at Busch Stadium Fundraiser on Friday, June 17 for the 7:15pm game. We have new seats in the Lower Right Field Boxes. Tickets are \$50 and first come, first serve. Bus transportation from O'Fallon will be available for an additional \$15. Reserve your seats now!

Download a Ticket Order form from our website, www.cpps-ofallon.org and mail with your check. Live out of town or can't come? Help sponsor a Sister to attend the game. Many are die-hard Cardinals fans! Questions? Call 636.240.6010.



Spiritual Journey to Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona

Oct 16-25, 2016 Includes daily Mass, tour of Eucharistic Miracle in Santarum, Burgos, Carcasonne, Barcelona, Montserrat, and much more. Travel booked through Collette. For more information call Beverly Raske 636.485.7979.



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 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 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.

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