

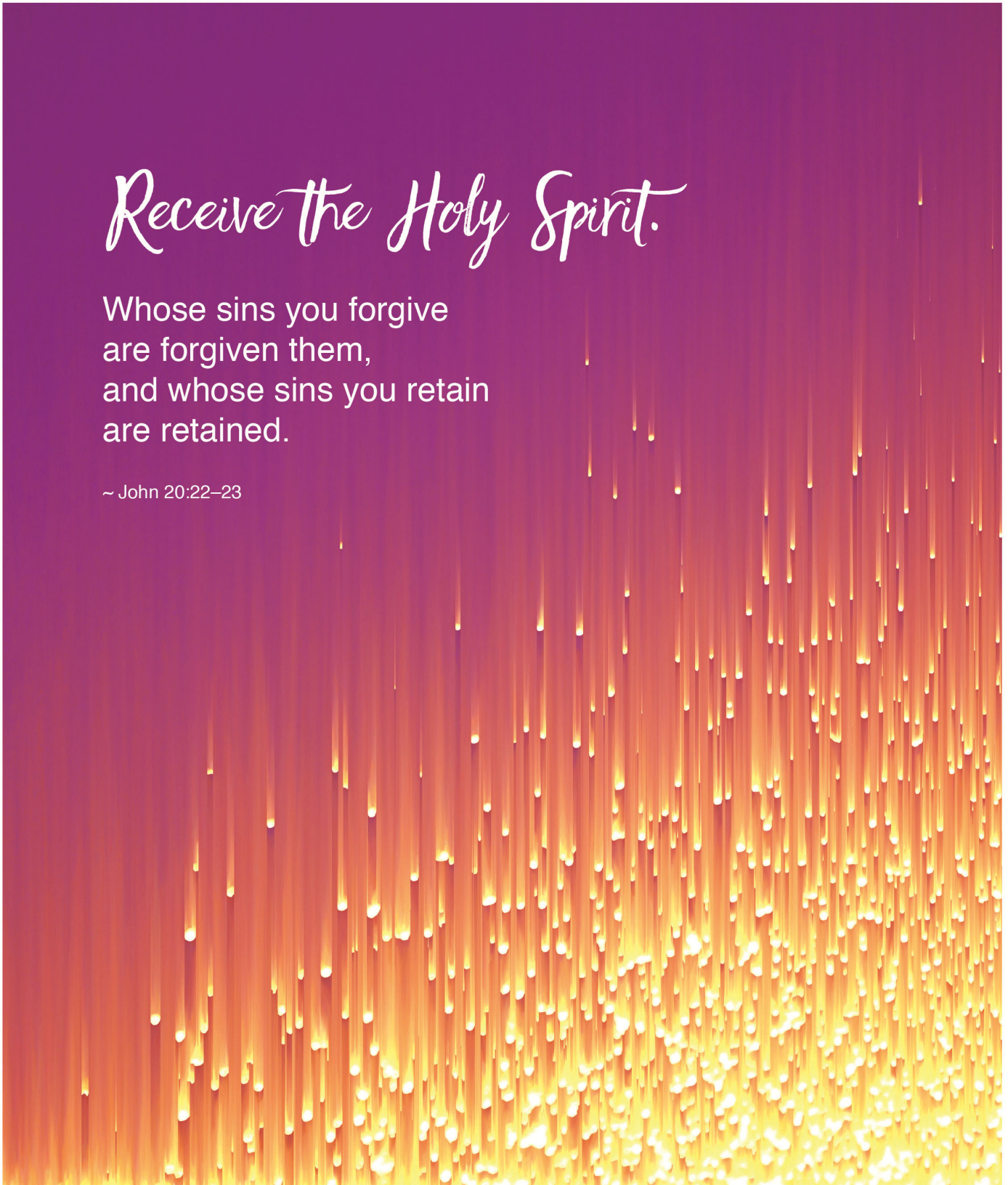
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

MAY 15, 2016 | PENTECOST

Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive
are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain
are retained.

~ John 20:22-23



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May 15, 2016

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A Celebration in the Garden!!!

Ellie's Garden Festival and Family Picnic June 4

Please join us for a FUN day (read: no work!) on Saturday, June 4, from 10:00am – 3:00p in Ellie's Garden. This will be an opportunity to witness all that has happened in the garden since our Garden Raising Party last July.

We will have activities for children and adults, interesting "top of the hour" presentations, a chance to visit with Ellie, good food and fun for all. You can pack a picnic lunch with your favorite food and beverages or you can purchase food at one of the food trucks that will be on site.

There will be live music all day by "Silent C" (a/k/a our very own Amanda Suchara!) and fun "family barbeque" games including washers, bean bag toss, and more!

The day will end with Mass at 3:00pm under the tent (yes, it counts for Sunday Mass!)





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

The neighbor of a parishioner called to let us know that she had heard we were a kind parish and that she had a request. She explained, "I am calling on behalf of my friend since she is a parishioner but would not want to ask for anything for herself." The neighbor went on to explain that a wheel chair ramp was needed at her friend's house. "Could we help with that?" After a call was put in to the parishioner to assess her openness to accepting the labor, Assumption's Home Repairs ministers jumped right in and are making this happen.

Fr Joe Weber to Visit Next Week

Fr Joe Weber, a former associate pastor of Assumption Parish, will visit next week at our 5:00pm and 8:00am masses. Fr Weber is currently the pastor of St. Justin the Martyr Parish in South St. Louis County. His purpose in visiting is grounded in his experience as an Air Force Chaplain. Fr Weber will help us prepare for Memorial Day. As a retired Colonel, he understands the sacrifices that our men and women in the armed forces make every day to preserve the freedom we enjoy as citizens of the United States. Please welcome him next week; and also congratulate him on his 40th anniversary of priestly ordination.

Blood Drive

Next Sunday, May 22

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the Parish Center on Sunday, May 22, after all the Masses to accept your donation of the gift of life! If you have not made a blood donation 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.

The need for blood is always great and we thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and generosity!



This Week At Assumption

Sunday, May 15

RCIA

8:00am Hall C

Monday, May 16

CRHP Women

6:30pm Meyer Room

Parish Council

7:00pm Conference Room

Tuesday, May 17

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am - 6:30pm Chapel

PHD/Benediction

6:30pm Chapel

Athletic Assoc

7:00pm Room D/E

Wednesday, May 18

Extreme Teen Bible

7:00pm Church

Thursday, May 19

Small Church Community

7:00pm Parish Center

Saturday, May 21

Wedding

11:00am Ashley Bross/Blake Deters

Children's Liturgy of the Word

5:00pm Hall C

Sunday, May 22

Blood Drive

9:00am - 1:30pm Hall A/B

Educator's Farewell

10:00am Mass

Reception Following Mass Parish Center

Baptism

1:15pm Church

PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

S T E W A R D S H I P

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

John 14:26

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to put the right words in our mouths when challenged about our faith.



Catholic Man of the Year

Congratulations to our very own Tony Kinkelaar on his nomination as the "Catholic Man of the Year" in the Archdiocese of St Louis. A reception, dinner, and ceremony was held on May 1, 2016 at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac where Tony was honored along with men from other parishes and organizations throughout St. Louis. Tony's

willingness to give of himself in so many ways in our parish has been a true blessing. He is involved in many ministries here and truly makes a difference. Also, we want to recognize his wife Elaine and his loving and supportive family. Thank you Tony for the ways you bring Christ to our community and to the world!

Small Church Communities

Keep the Fire Burning!

The Life in the Spirit Seminar has amplified awareness of how the Holy Spirit moves in our lives and throughout our vibrant parish. Beginning Thursday, May 19, 7:00pm, in the Parish Center small church communities are invited to gather and share faith. Our gatherings will feature a variety of topics, speakers, reflections and questions to share in your group. If you are currently in a small church community, or if you are exploring ways to nurture your faith, come and join us! Feel free to bring snacks and refreshments (and no need to clean your house). We will meet every other Thursday -- ALL ARE WELCOME!

For when two or three gather together in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20

Immigration Issues in Our Country and in St Charles County

Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service Social Justice in Action Committee Invites All to Attend, to Hear and Discuss Come to hear recent updates related to Immigration Reform. Come to learn and understand the challenges immigrant families and their children face on a daily basis.

Our Keynote Speaker will be Silvina Baez, a St Charles County resident, born in Mendoza, Argentina. Ms. Baez serves as the Pastoral Associate for the Hispanic community at St Charles Borromeo Parish.

Join us Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 pm, Sts Joachim & Ann Care Service – Celebration Room (St Charles). To RSVP, email Flora Fazio at FloraFazio@aol.com or leave a message by calling 636.441.1302, ext 350.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

The appeal Jesus makes to the text from the book of the prophet Hosea – "I desire love and not sacrifice" (6:6) – is important... Jesus

Mercy

affirms that, from that time onward, the rule of life for his disciples must place mercy at the center, as Jesus himself demonstrated by sharing meals with sinners. Mercy, once again, is revealed as a fundamental aspect of Jesus' mission. This is truly challenging to his hearers, who would draw the line at a formal respect for the law. Jesus, on the other hand, goes beyond the law; the company he keeps with those the law considers sinners makes us realize the depth of his mercy.

The Apostle Paul makes a similar journey. Prior to meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus, he dedicated his life to pursuing the justice of the law with zeal (cf. Phil

3:6). His conversion to Christ led him to turn that vision upside down, to the point that he would write to the Galatians: "We

have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified" (2:16).



Paul's understanding of justice changes radically. He now places faith first, not justice. Salvation comes not through the observance of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, who in his death and resurrection brings salvation together with a mercy that justifies. God's justice now becomes the liberating force for those oppressed by slavery to sin and its consequences. God's justice is his mercy (cf. Ps 51:11-16). – Francis, Bishop of Rome, Servant of the Servants of God

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.

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.

Life, Peace and Restorative Justice



In the Democratic Republic of Congo: improved nutrition, improved child health
 FRB's DRC Katanga Kamina program #3009
 Led by United Methodist Committee on Relief and local partner UMC North Katanga Diocese
 Based on stories by Fidele Muyumba, program manager, who also supplied the photos



Charlaine's healthy twins

1) **My name is Charlaine.** I'm 32 years old and mother of four. Thanks to prenatal care and everything I've learned about maternal nutrition and feeding infants and young children, my twin babies are much healthier than my older children were. With my first two, now 7 and 4, I followed traditional feeding practices, which meant discontinuing breastfeeding and introducing solid foods at two months. As a result, my children were frequently sick and they did not grow well. We wondered if their stunting was the result of witchcraft or a curse on the family. The frequency of disease destabilized our household.

1) Through the program, though, I learned the benefits of exclusively breastfeeding for the first six months. I am careful to practice good hygiene like washing my hands before handling food or breastfeeding, after changing the babies' linens or using the latrine, keeping food protected from flies, and reheating food before eating. I have found that diseases that were common in my first two babies have disappeared. We have food now, and peace has returned to our home, which has allowed us to save some money for the education of our children.

I am so happy to have been selected to educate other mothers during well-baby consultations based on my example of good nutritional practices.



Masangu & family

2) **My name is Masangu.** I'm a 57-year-old farmer with eight children aged 2 to 22. I have a 2.5-acre farm where I've usually grown maize and beans. Although I worked very hard, I could not produce good crops to support my family. As a result, our family was very poor and did not have enough to eat. My children did not develop properly and are stunted. Last year, my 3 youngest were often sick with diarrhea, malaria and respiratory infections. We did not have enough money for our children to attend school and they are currently illiterate.

Prior to participating in the program, some of the traditional agricultural techniques I used were burning the bush to clear the land for planting, planting the same things in the same areas, and not protecting the soil against erosion. I also did not know that different crops needed different amounts of space, and I did not use improved seeds.

Through the program, I have received farm tools, improved seeds (beans, groundnuts, soya and maize), fruit trees (orange, mandarin and banana), and training and support in sustainable agriculture techniques.

The quantity I was able to harvest was very good and will make a huge difference for my family. For the first time in many years everyone is able to eat three meals a day and no one goes hungry. I can see that my children are healthier.

I am storing a big quantity of this harvest which I will sell when the price rises, and am also saving a portion to use as seed next season. I know that by continuing to practice what I have learned through this program I will be able to meet the needs of my family and will even be able to start sending my children to school.

DRC Katanga Kamina encompasses 6 communities, 2190 households, and 12,045 individuals

This program has been funded in part by FRB's Community Growing Projects. For more information or to support this program or others like it, please visit the Overseas Program page on our website www.foodsresourcebank.org or call 888-276-4FRB

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 Traf-

ficking 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.

Parish Office Volunteer

Do you have office experience and would like to volunteer at the parish office? We are in need of someone to answer phone calls, as well as, do light office work during regular parish office hours. We are looking for a friendly, caring and reliable person who would be able to commit 4 hours once a week, on a regular basis. If you would be interested please call Angie at 636.240.3721 ext. 235 to apply.

Mass Intentions**Sunday, May 15**

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

Monday, May 16

6:30am George & Sarah Bathon
 8:00am Emily Linneman Shroer

Tuesday, May 17

6:30am Barbara Ronchetto
 8:00am Donald O'Brien

Wednesday, May 18

6:30am Sr Mary Lou Talmon
 8:00am Eleanor Scharenborg

Thursday, May 19

6:30am Community Benefactors &
 Prayer Enrollments
 8:00am Dottie Norman

Friday, May 20

6:30am Floyd Lindsey
 8:00am Robert Gitemeier

Saturday, May 21

9:00am Mary Seemiller
 5:00pm Revekah Hope Griffin

Sunday, May 22

8:00am Mildred DeSalvo
 10:00am Beverly Bowers
 12:00pm People of the Parish



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

James Schmerbauch
 Uncle of Gretchen Elder

Grace Jardon
 Grandmother of Michael Catalfano

Irene Rogers
 Sister of Mary Dierkes

Steven Roberts
 Husband of Amy Roberts

Susan Gandolfo
 Mother of Bill Gandolfo

Kim Vernon
 Daughter of Wilma Sitzer

Around Town

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

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Show, June 21 Time: 5.30 p.m. Joseph Kemp Hall Assumption Parish Center. Cost \$25 includes dinner. Call Rosemary Pieper for tickets 636.240.8262.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 May 16 — May 22**

Mon: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tue: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wed: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thu: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Fri: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Sat: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sun: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15



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 21**

5:00pm Megan McNeese
 Marissa McNeese
 Christian Sellers

Sunday, May 22

8:00am Jimmy Norris
 Brendan Heron
 Devyn Heron
 10:00am Delsin Puchalski
 Emily Swain
 Megan Osdieck
 12:00pm Blake Thien
 Drew Kuykendall
 Olivia Mannebach

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 10	Jul 1, 15 - Apr 10, 2016
Envelopes (618)	\$ 29,165	\$ 1,164,483
Online Giving	\$ 7,788	\$ 208,808
Loose	\$ 1,744	\$ 50,877
Total	\$ 38,697	\$ 1,424,168
		Budget 1,473,748

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



Thank you, thank you,
thank you to all who
helped with the MINI
MUD CRAZE. It
was a huge success
with over 100 volun-
teers and almost 200
participants!
God is good!!!!

Registration & information about all these events available at: www.assumptionbvm.org/Youth-Ministry/High-School-News-Events

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

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

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

June

1 – STUDIP – Y8ou 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

Facebook: Assumption Church Youth Group

Twitter: ACYG Youth Ministry@acygyouth

Instagram: acyg.youthministry

abvm youth@gmail.com



Welcome Fr Zachary Povis



Fr Povis will join us here at Assumption on July 1. Fr Povis shares the following with us:

I was born and raised in the North County area and am the oldest of three children. My home parish was St. Blaise until the parish merged with two others after the airport buyout to become Holy Spirit parish. After

graduating from St. Blaise, I attended DeSmet Jesuit High School until graduating in 2007. The priesthood had always been an option at the back of my mind, and so, with no real clear sense of what exactly I was meant to do with my life, I entered the college seminary immediately after high school to “give it a try.” My intention upon entering was to remain for only two years, but I found that I was so happy and at peace with the life of prayer, study and fraternity that I found in the seminary, that after those two years were over it seemed evident to me God was asking me to stay. In the years that followed, it became more and more clear to me that God was indeed calling me to the priesthood.

After graduating from the college program and completing a year of theology studies at Kenrick-Glennon seminary, Archbishop Carlson asked me to continue my studies in Rome and so I moved there in July of 2012. Last year, on May 23rd, I was ordained to the holy priesthood and spent the summer at St. Patrick's parish in Wentzville, before returning to Rome for a final year of study. In June of this year, I will complete a Licentiate in Dogmatic Theology and am excited beyond words to return to the Archdiocese and to serve at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish.

I am an extremely devoted fan of Blues hockey and I love to read and play soccer. I also jog a fair bit to stay in shape, though I can't say I enjoy it. I am not terribly familiar with the O'Fallon area, but I look forward to getting to know it and especially getting to know everyone at Assumption parish. I am thrilled to be your new priest, and I look forward to serving you!

Attention all Mass Mobsters!

St Rita Parish (Vinitia Park) is turning 100 on the Feast of St. Rita. All are welcome to join us for a special Mass commemorating this bicentennial on May 22 at 10am.



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

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 of the parish are welcome to join us for this engaging evening. You can find more information on www.assumption247mensgroup.org.



From the RCIA Team

Since Easter our neophytes have met each Sunday with team

members to share their experience of "new life". At Sunday Mass the neophytes gather with the faithful and take their rightful place in the Eucharistic assembly. The readings from the Lectionary which are proclaimed at these Masses are specially geared to reflecting on the relationship between the sacraments and the Christian life which the newly initiated have embraced.

Today, our Pentecost celebration marks the close of the final phase of RCIA but the beginning of a lifelong journey. At 8:00am mass the neophytes and their families will be sent out as disciples to share the light of Christ. The symbolism of the light of Christ began in their first meeting when a candle was lit and continued to be lit at each meeting.

Christians are continually called upon to consider what it will cost them to live according to the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, into which they have been initiated through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This sacramental union with Christ also beckons all of us to go into the world "to carry out the mission of the entire people of God in the Church and in the world." We ask everyone in the church to pray for those who are seeking God, and if they know anyone who is thinking about becoming Catholic, to be the person who extends the invitation. Please contact the church office.

The RCIA team thanks the parish community for all your

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.



THE MEANING OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:2-4 – *“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 Ghost.”*

This is one of the most amazing stories in the world. There is none which should be more interesting to Christian people, for it is the story of the launch of the Christian Church. It is the story of how the Church which had been slowly shaping in the quietness and obscurity of that Upper Room became aware of life and power... and set out upon its mission.

So far, these men and women have been rather ordinary people, their love for Jesus Christ the one thing keeping them together. They were perplexed, terribly timid, and very aware of their weaknesses. Then, as they waited, all of a sudden as it seemed, something happened which changed their personalities. They became aware of a unity which broke down every other barrier. They found themselves in possession of faculties they had never dreamed could be theirs. They lost all fear of people and all thought of themselves. They were fired with a message, and a passion to tell people about it, to spread the good news of a love which had flooded their lives and carried them off their feet.

What did it mean to the apostles' to receive the Holy Spirit?

It meant that God's power of immediate contact was in their lives. That was the great thing which the Spirit signified for them. They realized that God was in contact with them, was within their very souls. They did not need any kind of outside help. They could go out and face the world and be confident that God would back them up; that somehow His very Spirit was in living touch with theirs, that deep down in the place where the mind did its thinking, the heart its loving, and where courage and hope lies within.

They knew that somehow Jesus was there within them by His Spirit, active and loving and gracious, able to make new men and women of them, able to revive their courage and faith so that they could face anything. That was what the Spirit meant to them.

What a new power it would give us to realize this---that God is within. What a new vitality it would bring to our prayer to realize that He does not stand without us but already manifests Himself in our hearts... to the very urge that sends us to our knees.

What they found was that through Him they possessed a root of life, a spirit alive in their souls, growing up in them, shaping character from within and finding its outlet in a certain way of life and service and in all their attitudes to one another. They found that they could think with His mind and were not slavishly dependent upon His words. The life was in them as an original impulse, breaking out in them in a way of feeling and thinking and doing.

Jesus laid down no rules---He communicates a Spirit. And the measure in which we have that Spirit... is the measure of the freedom and reality of our own Christian lives. Come Holy Spirit, COME!



Club 50+ News

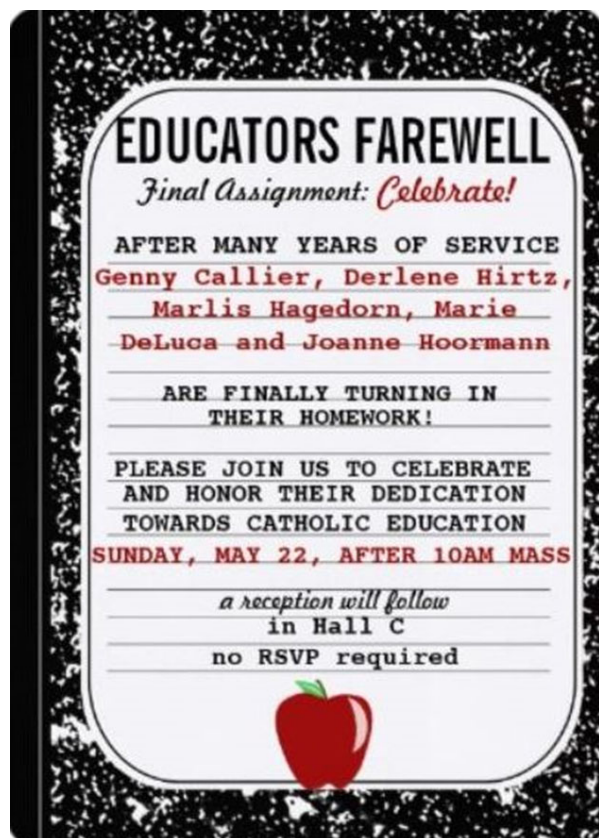
You are invited to join us on Monday, May 23, 7:00pm, Hall C. Sharon Gibbons, President of the Missouri Beekeepers Assoc will be our guest speaker. Sharon has been keeping bees since 1979 and will provide interesting stories and information about bees. Questions, call Martha 294.3367.

St. Dominic Reunion Weekend

Friday June 3 is the Taste of St. Dominic. Grab your family, your lawn chair and join us. Food Trucks 5:00 - 9:00pm and Bands 5:30 - 9:30pm. Admission is free.

Sat, June 4 are reunions for alum class years ending in 6 or 1, you and a guest are invited to attend. Mass will be held at 4:00pm followed by individual receptions for each group. Food, drink, tours, alum t-shirt, photo booth, and memorabilia are provided. Event is free. To RSVP contact Beth Runge, brunge@stdominichs.org, 636.240.8303 ext 119 or on line at: stdominichs.org.

It is with warm wishes that we will celebrate the retirement of teachers Marie DeLuca and Marlis Hagedorn. We will also say farewell to Genny Callier, Derlene Hirtz and Joanne Hoormann. Please join us to celebrate the service of all of these wonderful Assumption educators on Sunday May 22:



SAVE THE DATE! SUMMER RETREATS – 2016!



**WOMEN'S RETREAT –
JUNE 25/26**

MEN'S RETREAT – JULY 23/24

Cardinals vs Rangers

Join the Sisters for their Night at Busch Stadium Fund-raiser 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.



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.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

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