

THE PARISH FAMILY OF ASSUMPTION

Jesus sent the Twelve out, two by two.



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Our Life in Christ

God's promise to us can be trusted. Today Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians that "God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him (Eph 1:3-4)." This promise is given to us from the beginning, in many and varied ways, through kings and prophets, through signs and wonders; and in the fullness of time, through the "Word made flesh, the light which has come into the world (Jn 1:3-14)."

This promise reveals the truth of our lives together in Christ...and it testifies to the truth of each human person. It boils down to this: *You are holy; your human life is a participation in God; God loves you in this very moment with all the love the very heart of God can muster; you are the desire of God's own heart.*

Jesus invites us to live simply today, so that we can live fully. If every breath I breathe is God's Spirit in me, why do I need to put anything else in my body? If I am clothed in the Spirit of Christ, why do I care about a second jacket? If the Holy Spirit is teaching me all wisdom from within my very soul, why do I need to spend time arguing about what is not from the Lord?

Sin enters our lives when we doubt God's presence, when we fear the promise may be for everyone else, but not for me. It seems so silly in our moments of hope and freedom; but in our moments of fear or despair the light can seem too far on the horizon. In those moments of doubt and fear, let us be willing, in the very moment, to call upon the Holy Spirit which has already been poured out in our hearts; let us be willing to invite Jesus, our Emmanuel, to be fully present. And let us encourage one another to trust the promise God has made to us..."to make us holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our lives (Lk 1:73-75)."

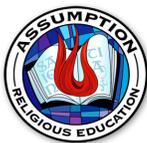
Fr Mitch





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

“Ellie’s Garden will be a gathering place, a learning center, a source of nourishment for our souls and for the poor; a place where relationships form as naturally as the vegetables grow,” stated Fr. Mitch.” This 2,000 square foot community garden, located directly across the street from the chapel on the northeast end of the Most Precious Blood Motherhouse property, will grow organic produce, much of which will be used to feed local families in need of food. Ellie’s Garden is handicap accessible and will always be a place of inclusion... and place where people find Christ here and bring Christ to the world.



PSR News

Registration is on-going. Email Krista at abvmpr@yahoo.com for a registration form or go the parish website and look under “Religious Education.” The form is found the ‘Parish School of Religion.’ You may return by mail or drop off at the Parish office. We are looking forward to our next school year! Please mark your calendar for September 8/9.

Thank you for your continued support.

Get Connected

If you long to express your faith, grow in friendship and deepen your relationship with God, consider joining a Small Church Community. Call Mickie McCool in the parish office at x229 or email MyMcCool@gmail.com.



Food Pantry Needs

Today, July 12 is St. Vincent De Paul food Sunday. At this time the pantry is

in need of the following items: Canned peaches, pears, fruit cocktail and mandarin oranges. Boxed cereal, grape jelly, tuna and chicken helpers, instant mashed potatoes, canned mixed vegetables and carrots. Ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise. Laundry detergent and bleach. Grocery store gift cards are always welcome. Thank you for your continued support.

This Week At Assumption

Sunday, July 12

Baptism
1:15pm Church

Monday, July 13

Fall Festival Planning
6:00pm Room D/E

School Board
7:00pm Conference Room

Tuesday, July 14

PHD/Benediction
6:30pm Chapel

33 Days to Morning Glory
9:00am Hall C

Liturgy Committee
7:00pm Conference Room

Wednesday, July 15

Extreme Teen Bible Study
7:00pm Church

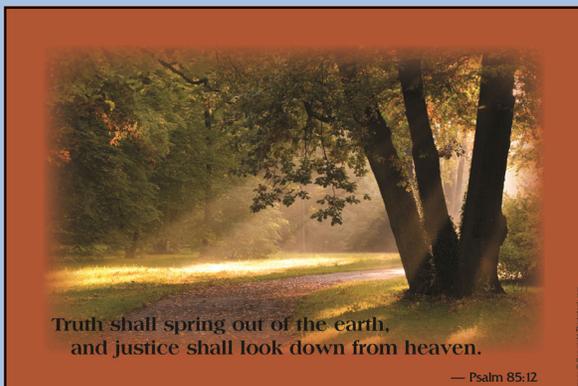
33 Days to Morning Glory
7:00pm Hall C

Centering Prayer
7:00pm Motherhouse

Crusader Run Planning
7:00pm Room D/E

Saturday, July 18

Wedding
11:00am Allison Becker/
Jeremy Kayser
1:30pm Kelsie Kestler/Jake Ballmann



Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12

PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

S T E W A R D S H I P

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” (Mark 6:8)

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.



The retreats for women and men are 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 just God and me in private is 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 retreat participants receive during and after the weekend...

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 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.

Summer Retreat Dates:

Men's retreat – July 25-26

Call: Jim Wehmeier at 636-485-4291 or email jewehmeier@hotmail.com

Assumption Youth Ministry



Prayers for our teens that are traveling back from Steubenville Retreat – Prayers for safe travels and that they may keep the flame of their faith that was lit at the retreat burning as they return home to our community!

July

15 – BIBLE STUDY – You don't want to miss another night to soak up God's Word. Fr. Mark is a pillar of knowledge...come let him share it with you. In Church 7-8:30pm

22 – WATER OLYMPICS – Let the games begin.... Outside 7-9pm

Email: abvmyouth@gmail.com

Phone: 636.485.5221

Like us on Facebook: Assumption Church Youth Group

Follow us on twitter: [@ACYG_Youth_Ministry](https://twitter.com/ACYG_Youth_Ministry)

WE NOW HAVE INSTAGRAM: [acyg.youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/acyg.youthministry)

Are You Someone or

Do You Know Someone Who . . .

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. Adults from all faith traditions or no religious background at all, are welcome to participate in our instruction beginning in September. For information please contact Missy Lowery at 314.630.3983.

Welcome Jeannette

I am beyond excited to say that I am once again a part of the Lay Pastoral team here at Assumption parish! This statement clearly reflects what is in my heart because of the many wonderful people whom I have served with who reveal Christ in countless ways: "May Christ's love be known in our every gathering."

My husband, Rob, and I live in Wentzville with our daughter Christina (17 years old) and son Anthony (24 years old). Assumption became our home after the birth of our daughter, and I began serving in ministry a couple of years later. At Assumption, I served as Lay Pastoral Associate for 5 ½ years and stepped away for a couple of years only to be drawn back to what I am most passionate about, serving here with all of you!

As Lay Pastoral Associate, I will focus on a variety of responsibilities which include: Liturgies, Retreats as well as being involved in some Youth Group activities.

I can be reached by telephone at the Parish Office at 636.240.3721, x247 or by email at: abvmjeannette@yahoo.com. I look forward to continuing my faith journey with you as we together live the mission of this great parish named in honor our Blessed Mother, Mary.

God Bless You, Jeannette

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.



An Opportunity to Serve Your Parish

It is time to nominate new members for our Parish Council. Every three years we invite Assumption Parishioners to think about who they feel would represent the parish in this role. We are looking for individuals who are registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly, and are involved in the life of the parish. We are asking for the names of parishioners that you think are: 1. Wise People, 2. Insightful Thinkers, 3. Open To Listening To The Holy Spirit, and 4. Possess Christian Joy. *(For other qualifications, see below.)* The deadline for submitting names will be August 15. We will invite those who are nominated to a meeting on September 21 at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about the role of a parish council member, and to discern if they feel drawn to serve. If we end up with more individuals than are needed, we will draw lots at Mass, six men and six women.

Our Parish Council mission statement is as follows:

"We listen to the Holy Spirit as we discern how people might best "Find Christ here... and bring Christ to the world." The Parish Council prayerfully discerns parish direction and priorities."

If you would like to recommend yourself or someone else from the parish for this role, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office before August 15. Thank you for taking a moment to reflect on this important process for our Parish.

I nominate _____ for the role of Parish Council

Member because _____

Nominator's Name (optional) _____

Guidelines to become a Parish Council Member

- ◆ We are looking for wise people, insightful thinkers, people who are open to listening to the Holy Spirit, and possess Christian joy.
- ◆ Must be a member of the Catholic Faith and of Assumption Parish, attend Mass regularly, involved in the life of the parish, and 18 years of age or older
- ◆ Must not be a staff person or spouse of a staff person (other than appointed by the pastor); must not have served as a member of parish council at Assumption in the past 9 years; and no two members of the same immediate family can serve at the same time.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 12

8:00am Harold Thessen
 10:00am Robert Mueller Family
 12:00pm People of the Parish

Monday, July 13

6:30am Barbara Ronchetto
 8:00am William Dubuque

Tuesday, July 14

6:30am Hubert & Isabelle Molitor
 8:00am Mamie Prinster

Wednesday, July 15

6:30am Vocations
 8:00am Carmela Bamert

Thursday, July 16

6:30am 2015 75th Jubilarian
 8:00am Kenneth Lang

Friday, July 17

6:30am Frank Peirick
 8:00am Charles & Nell Feise

Saturday, July 18

9:00am Mary Rodgers
 5:00pm Kathy Kinkead

Sunday, July 19

8:00am Norbert Rothermich
 10:00am Mary Sue Sharrow
 12:00pm People of the Parish



We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Barbara Allen
 Sister of Kevin Hinkebein

Becky Waldrop
 Mother of Jennifer O'Connor

Diane Zoellner
 Niece of John Zoellner

Chuck Coello
 Brother in Law of Pam Dempewold

Bernice Klocke
 Mother of Penny Smith

Minnie Ortmann
 Aunt of Rosemary Pieper

Herbert Cowart
 Grandfather of Scott Disbrow

Mary Anna Looney
 Niece of Marci Brunner

*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.

Call the Parish Office at 240.3721 to schedule a class.



Banns of Matrimony

III Kelsie Kestler/
 Jake Ballmann

III Allison Becker/
 Jeremy Kayser

Readings for the Week

Jul 13 - Jul 19

Mon: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tue: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thu: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Fri: Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
Sun: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

St Vincent DePaul Thrift Store Donations

Did you know . . . The St Vincent DePaul Thrift Store now has a donation box located on Parking Lot D. The box is for **clothing only!**

Thank you for supporting the St Vincent DePaul Society!!



Divorce Support Group For Children

Ages 9-12. Six sessions on Wednesdays beginning July 22, from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Facilitators are master level or licensed therapists. Free to St Charles County residents. Call 636.281.1990. Catholic Family Services, 311 S Main St (O Fallon).

Around Town

Holy Family (Port Hudson) Country Picnic, July 19, 11:30 - 5.

Immaculate Conception (Augusta)
 All you can eat breakfast, Jul 26, 8-12.

**Stewardship
 Our Gifts to God and Parish**

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

	June 21	Jul 1,2014 - Jun 21,2015
Envelopes (503)	\$ 21,256	\$ 1,509,241
Online Giving (1xMonth)	\$ - - -	\$ 229,614
Loose	\$ 1,121	\$ 65,508
Total	\$ 22,377	\$ 1,804,363

Budget 1,827,859

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"



FRB visits the Zambia-Northwest program

Assumption's Growing Project

Progress in Zambia

Staff from FRB and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries recently visited farmers in FRB's Zambia-Northwest program. They found it encouraging that farmers were eager to show off their fields, so they made the effort to walk and drive to as many as they could. Even though the program is only in the beginning stages in some areas, the visitors saw a lot of pride in these farmers' efforts.

The conservation agriculture techniques taught by the local partner, such as planting rows across hills rather than downslope to prevent erosion, and weeding before seed heads are formed to prevent weed propagation, are in various stages of being fully implemented in these fields.

One farmer expressed his dreams for the future. He hoped to raise enough crops for income to purchase cows as traction animals that would help him harvest more and haul his and his neighbors' produce to market. Another farmer, a sub chief, and his wife had planted a local hybrid seed called Lion seed. The corn stalks in this field were about 8 feet tall and the cobs were about twice as big as the local variety. When asked if he needed to buy seed year after year, he said he buys it every 2-3 years. He knows that each successive year he plants it his yield goes down, but even with the reduced yield it is still better than his previous average.

CONCLUSION

The implementation of the project is going well and there is a lot of enthusiasm by the beneficiaries. The method of making and applying green tea manure is simple and very effective. The soil has been preserved by the use of this natural manure unlike the use of fertilizer which increases the acidity levels in the soil. Right now the farmers have started preparing the land for vegetable gardens that will be sustained by irrigation after the rainy season. We shall keep this zeal by supplying the required implements at the right time.

The following benefits have been noted:

- The beneficiaries, who are not all Nazarenes, have seen the love of God and are appreciating the work of the Food Resource Bank in partnership with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.
- We have seen the growth in the numbers of people attending church since the beginning of the project.
- There is enough food and this gives the hope to eradicate malnutrition in the children under the age of five.
- The church has been identified and seen as having an impact both spiritually and economically.
- The ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries have commended the use of this method because it preserves the soil and gives our food a natural test without so many chemicals.
- The peasant farmers can also use these methods which are very easy and cheap to implement.



The Corn Bags are coming: Our fundraiser weekend is Aug1/2!

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



ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

O'FALLON, MO



16th Annual Golf Tournament

Golf Club of Incline Village | Saturday, August 29, 2015

EVENT DETAILS

**Saturday, August 29, 2015 - Golf Club of Incline Village
4 Person Scramble**

12:00 - 12:45 pm - Registration and Lunch

1:00 pm - Shotgun Start

6:00 pm (approximately) - Dinner and Awards following golf

Men and Women of all ages and abilities are WELCOME!

Entry Fee Includes: Golf & Cart, Attendance Gifts, Mulligans and Team Skins, Lunch, Pork Steak Dinner, All Beer, Water and Soda throughout the event

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Team Captain Name: _____

Email: _____

Contact Number: _____

Player 2 Name: _____

Player 3 Name: _____

Player 4 Name: _____

Cost \$100 per player

Check off number of players:

1 player 2 players 3 players Full team (foursome)

Your Support Is Why Assumption School Is So Special!

For questions, email timmac52@yahoo.com

Registration and Payment can now be made on the Assumption School website.

<http://www.assumptionbvmschool.org/Activities/16thAnnualGolfTournament.aspx>

Or send completed form and check (made out to Assumption School) to:

Assumption School Golf Tournament c/o Tim McMillen, 7 Oranewood Ct., O'Fallon, MO 63368

16TH ANNUAL ASSUMPTION SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY: ASSUMPTION 24/7 MEN'S GROUP



Ministry & Membership Directory Advertising Opportunity by Guide Book Publishing

We are in the process of updating our annual Ministry and Membership Directory from Guide Book Publishing for Assumption Church. This book will be the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How of our Congregation. The book is being provided at no cost to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office at 636.240.3721, ext.235. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Ministry and Membership Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Ministry and Membership Directory.

Retreat for Married Couples

Join Jim and Shelly Schneider, fellow parishioners, and Fr. Mitch Doyen at the 4th annual Retreat for Married Couples at Eagle Hurst Ranch in Steelville, MO. The retreat will be held Friday evening, September 25, through noon on Sunday, September 27. Cost will be \$285 per couple and includes all meals, lodging and all retreat activities. Call 1.800.25.RANCH to book. Contact Shelly Schneider at schneid5@charter.net or Steve Butz at steve.butz@crawfordbutz.com for more information.



Life, Peace, Justice

Monday Prayer Vigil – ALL are invited to pray and make a phone call!

Updated Alert: July 14, scheduled execution of David Zink

Missouri plans to execute David Zink on Tuesday, July 14 for the murder of Amanda Morton. Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (MADP) condemns his wrongdoing and mourns with her loved ones over her violent passing. Killing him, however, only perpetuates a vengeful cycle of violence, suggests more death promotes healing and ignores the additional suffering the execution would cause his family members and others who care for Mr. Zink.

Other issues worth considering and further meriting mercy include:

- * Jurors were Unaware of Brain Damage from Serious Childhood Illness.
- * Represented Self in Trial Due to Public Defender Neglect.

A Prayer Vigil will be held on Monday, July 13, 7pm in the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood Motherhouse Chapel directly across Third Street from Assumption's Chapel. Please come pray with us.

Actions Needed Immediately

Contact Governor Nixon to urge that he stay Mr. Zink's execution. Call 573-751-3222.

Contact Attorney General Chris Koster to urge that he ensure justice by facilitating the stay. Call 573-751-3321.

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 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.

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by Tuesday 9:00am

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