

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

B U I L D M Y C H U R C H

prayer

TRUST

peace

PRAYER † PARTICIPATION † GENEROSITY

God's Love and Grace *reflected and active in us.*

Prayer is best in a quiet space, detached from everyday life. It is there that true peace enters and a grateful and generous heart is born.

Stewardship Awareness Sunday

September 27, 2015



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God's Spirit

Jesus reveals a powerful answer to Moses' prayer offered in today's first reading: "Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!" Indeed, God has poured out the very spirit of his son, Jesus, into our hearts. And the Holy Spirit is fully present, moving in and through all of creation. We, for our part, are invited to trust the spirit of God at work in us. I wonder if sometimes we get lost because we are paying too much attention to the obstacles of God's grace, our own stubbornness of will or our neighbor's enemy-like behavior. Yes, there are obstacles to God's grace, just as the pebbles in a stream are obstacles to the flowing waters; but nothing, nothing can prevent the waters from finding their way to the sea.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus. Nothing can prevent us from reaching God's heart. Sometimes, too, I wonder if we accept the glowing embers in the bottom of the fire pit as the source of all the warmth there is. Instead of crowding around the embers and jostling for glimpses of glory, hints of flame, we can provide the needed oxygen to stir the embers into flame and then the flame into a fire which brings light and warmth to the ends of the earth.

And sometimes I wonder if we let our lack of understanding hinder our desire for communion with God and one another. We do not have to earn degrees to be theologians. The spark of the Divine in each of us qualifies one and all as theologians. We can be excited about our faith; we can share our faith; we can bring Christ to the world no matter the number of books we have read nor the degrees we hold. God's word has indeed been planted deep within us. God's spirit has been bestowed on all. Let us commend each other to our Mother Mary and let God's spirit stir us into a flame which is a light to the nations. *Fr Mitch*





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

This past Saturday 43 ministry leaders gathered for our Leadership Summit to take a L.E.A.P. of Faith. Here are just a few comments from those who participated in the morning's workshop:

- "The prayer service helped to eliminate my distractions. I loved the anointing. It brought me back to my confirmation promise to serve and witness."
- "It was beautiful. I became aware of the larger vision of our parish as a mission. Very inspiring!"
- "It was helpful to bring me back to why I'm doing what I'm doing." "So glad I attended!"
- "Time well spent! I loved this format. The presenters demonstrate joy and commitment!"



Hospitality Sunday

Join us Sunday, October 4, for Hospitality Sunday after all Masses in Hall A/B.



New Member Registration

If you are attending Mass here but have not yet **WELCOME** formally registered, we invite you to do so. So that we might welcome you personally, we invite you to attend noon Mass Sunday, October 4, for new member registration

Prayer Team Ministry

Next weekend, October 3/4, and each month on the first weekend of the month, you are invited to come forward for prayers after any Mass. Whether you are in need of prayers for yourself or a loved one, we will have prayer teams available in the front of church after the closing song.

This Week at Assumption

Sunday, Sep 27

Stewardship Weekend

RCIA

8:00am Hall C

Sunday Pre School

10:00am School

Baptism

1:15pm Church

PSR Family Mass

6:00pm Church

Monday, Sep 28

Fall Festival Committee

6:00pm Room D/E

Club 50+

7:00pm Hall C

Bible Study

7:00pm Meyer Room

Tuesday, Sep 29

PHD/Benediction

6:30pm Chapel

PSR

6:00pm School

Wednesday, Sep 30

Bible Study

1:45pm Meyer Room

PSR

6:00pm School

Bible Study

7:00pm Room D/E

Thursday, Oct 1

Ministry of Consolation

7:00pm Meyer Room

Friday, Oct 2

Fish Fry

5:00pm KC Hall

Saturday, Oct 3

Wedding

1:30pm Kristen Swagman/
Gray Stamulis

Sunday, Oct 4

Special Collection

Permanent Diaconate

Prayer Team Ministry

All Masses Church

Hospitality Sunday

All Masses Hall A/B

RCIA

8:00am Hall C

Sunday Pre School

10:00am School

New Member Registration

Noon Mass

Life Chain

2:00pm Main Street in front of Church

Assumption Pro Life Chain

Sunday, October 4, 2:00pm

Gather on the sidewalk in front of our church and chapel. Bring your rosary and join us in prayer.

PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

S T E W A R D S H I P

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41)

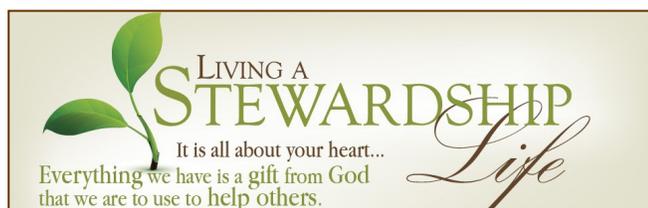
Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

Stewardship Weekend

Now that you have received your membership and ministry directory, please take some time to look through the opportunities to serve. Think about your own personal mission and then who you care about as a result of your call in this world. Please consider this a personal invitation to ~ carry someone else's cross, wipe the face of Jesus, reach out with a healing word, get to know your fellow disciples, cross over to new lands, cultivate the word of God, and so much more. Please take the time to read through how you might connect the image of God in you - with the image of God in others.

You will be invited to fill out your time and talent form and your commitment card and bring them forward along with your weekly Sunday offering (or the 'I Give Online' card) on the weekend of October 10/11.

Thank you for all the ways you do and will continue to find Christ here and bring Christ to the world!



Special Collection: Permanent Diaconate

Next Sunday, October 4, there will be a special collection for the formation of permanent deacons in the Archdiocese of St Louis. This collection relieves some of their financial burden for studies to become a deacon.

During formation and after ordination, deacons offer their time, personal gifts and material goods to build up the church without compensation. Please support the formation of permanent deacons next Sunday.

Holiday House – Calling Craft Vendors & Volunteers!

We need YOU to help us in the Holiday House on October 18. Workers are needed Sunday, 10/18, 11am-5pm... would you have some time to spare?

The Holiday House is also a great opportunity for independent arts & crafts vendors! Vendors interested in arranging space to sell their goods and those who would like to help out in the Holiday House should call/text Krystal at 636.345.0522 or send her an email: krystal012679@yahoo.com.



Life Peace Justice

Over the next several weeks, we will together attempt to break open Pope Francis' Encyclical: *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*.

Challenges Everyone (part 1)

The encyclical challenges both left and right:

“Instead of resolving the problems of the poor and thinking of how the world can be different, some can only propose a reduction in the birth rate. At times, developing countries face forms of international pressure which make economic assistance contingent on certain policies of “reproductive health”. ... To blame population growth instead of extreme and selective consumerism on the part of some, is one way of refusing to face the issues” (50).

“At times we see an obsession with denying any pre-eminence to the human person; more zeal is shown in protecting other species than in defending the dignity which all human beings share in equal measure” (90).

“It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted” (91).

“When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected” (117). “Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion” (120).

“The economy accepts every advance in technology with a view to profit, without concern for its potentially negative impact on human beings. Finance overwhelms the real economy. ... Yet by itself the market cannot guarantee integral human development and social inclusion” (109).

“Once more, we need to reject a magical conception of the market, which would suggest that problems can be solved simply by an increase in the profits of companies or individuals. Is it realistic to hope that those who are obsessed with maximizing profits will stop to reflect on the environmental damage which they will leave behind for future generations?” (190)

... *to be continued*

Assumption Youth Ministry



WED. January, 20
(Afternoon)-
SUN. January, 24
(Morning)

Cost = \$300

1/3 YOU 1/3 FUNDRAISING 1/3 CHURCH

Sign up to be part of this amazing trip to Washington DC to witness the Dignity of All Life!!!

Teens – we need you to help us stand up for life!
Sign up to make a difference!!!

September

27 – OFF – No Mary Poppins Rehearsal

30 – YM Road Trip – We'll head to the movies to see 90 Minutes in Heaven.

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)

A Message from Father Mark

Over the past several weeks you have been hearing about a Parish Planning and Viability Study taking place throughout the Archdiocese for the purpose of discerning future staffing of parishes and how to best utilize the resources available to continue the mission of parish life. The main reason for this study comes from the realization that within the next 10 years there will be nearly 60 fewer priests to staff parishes as pastors and associate pastors. With this in mind, it is vitally important for us as a Church community to come together to discern how we will continue the work and mission of the Body of Christ.

I ask that you prayerfully consider participating in the Viability Study being held on Saturday, October 3 from 8:30am to 10:30am to offer your insights and observations as to how Assumption Parish is living the mission of the Church and how we may continue this work, given the reality of declining priestly presence in the area of administrative and temporal leadership that is now opening up to our Deacons and professionally trained lay people. The Holy Spirit is at work in all of this. How do you want to continue the work of the Church and bring Christ to the world?

Viability Study
Parish Wide Gathering
Saturday, October 3
9:00am - 10:30am
Parish Center
Must be 21 to participate



Assumption Youth Ministry
NEEDS YOU!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTORS
Grades 5, 6 & 7



Are you interested in being in the show? If so...

- Email abvmyouth@gmail.com with your contact info
- Bring a parent and come to the information meeting on Wednesday, October 7 at 6pm where you'll receive a CD to learn music and a schedule for the times you will be needed to learn your part in the show
- Be available during our tech week Nov 14th-19th
- Get ready for 3 performances Nov 20-22!!!

?s call or text Cathy Pescarino 636.485.5221

Server Schedule**Saturday, Oct 3**

5:00pm Sophie Gonzalez
Joseph Holliday
Cole Kern

Sunday, Oct 4

8:00am Matthew Lewis
Emily Swain
Megan Osdieck

10:00am Maddie Wyant
Alexis Greene
Evan Williams

12:00pm Jackson MaCarter
Kristopher Walsh
Mary Ward

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Sep 27

8:00am Gene Schaeffer
 10:00am James Barry
 12:00pm People of the Parish

Monday, Sep 28

6:00am Joanna Kuszak
 8:00am Intentions of the
 Thomas Stevens Family

Tuesday, Sep 29

6:30am John Anderson
 8:00am Norbert Rothermich

Wednesday, Sep 30

6:30am Otto & Lydia Wierkens
 8:00am Lester Wood

Thursday, Oct 1

6:30am 2015 50th Jubilarians
 8:00am Valerie Matusiak

Friday, Oct 2

6:30am Vocations
 8:00am Christine McCormack

Saturday, Oct 3

9:00am Todd Hepperman
 5:00pm Robert Veado

Sunday, Oct 4

8:00am Bob & Angie Powers (Anniv)
 10:00am Robert Mueller Family
 12:00pm People of the Parish



We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Richard Cierpiot
 Husband of Wilma Cierpiot

Sr Jean Diepenbrock
 of the Precious Blood Community

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

Support A Parishioner

Parishioner Cherie Bouquet has had a liver transplant. To help defray her medical expenses visit her booth at the O'Fallon Fall Fest, Oct 10. Cookbooks, wristbands, water and soda will be available.



Hospitality Sunday

Join us **today**, Sep 6, for Hospitality Sunday after all Masses in Hall A/B.



Banns of Matrimony

II Ashley Kaltenbach/
 Greg Carley
 III Kristen Swagman/
 Gray Stamulis

Centering Prayer Workshop

October 10, 8:45am - 2pm, St Robert Bellarmine (St Charles). \$10 per person includes workshop and six follow up gatherings. For more info or to register call Carolyn 314.791.1047

Readings for the Week
 Sep 28 - Oct 4

Mon: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
 Tue: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
 Wed: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
 Thu: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
 Fri: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
 Sun: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Missouri Catholic Conference

Saturday October 3, Jefferson City MO. 50th Anniversary of the Closing of Vatican II. Registration online at MOCatholic.org or call 800.456.1679.

Around Town

Immaculate Heart of Mary KC (New Melle) BBQ & Car Show, Sep 27, 11-4
 St Vincent DePaul (Marthasville) Fall Festival, Sep 27, 11-6
 St Joseph (Josephville) Fall Festival, Sep 27, 11-6
 Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine (O Fallon) Mass for Life, Sep 30, 6:00pm
 Immaculate Conception (Augusta) Turkey & Ham Dinner, Oct 4, 11-6

Stewardship
Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	Aug 30	Jul 1, 15 - Aug 30, 15
Envelopes (530)	\$ 22,118	\$ 241,537
Online Giving (1xMonth)	\$ 22,309	\$ 47,735
Loose	\$ 1,072	\$ 9,015
Total	\$ 45,499	\$ 298,287
		Budget 305,212

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"



OCTOBER 17-18

CARNIVAL RIDES

LIVE MUSIC

FOR THE KIDS INFLATABLES

GAMES FACEPAINTING

ADULT GAMES OF CHANCE

FUNNEL CAKES

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 17
11:00AM - 11:00PM

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 18
11:00AM - 6:00PM

SPECIAL EVENTS:
LIVE MUSIC BY McLOVIN
7 - 10pm
HAUNTED HAYRIDES
WINE GARDEN
PORK STEAK DINNER
BURGERS
BRATS

SPECIAL EVENTS:
HAYRIDES
BARREL TRAIN RIDES
CAKEWALK
COUNTRY STORE
LIVE MUSIC
SANDWICH STAND

TURKEY & SAUSAGE DINNER



HELP! We Need Volunteers in All Areas.
Help Make This Event a Success!
Sign up on line at www.assumptionfallfestival.com
or at the sign up table after mass!



Prayers For Healing and Hope

Would you like prayers
for healing and hope
for yourself? or
For someone you love?

Do you know someone with cancer,
financial hardship, or heartbreak?

Join us in Church
Thursday, October 8, 7:00pm.

This brief but beautiful service will include
scripture, beautiful music and healing prayers for
illness, heartache or struggle of any kind.

We will also offer the Sacrament of
the Anointing of the sick for those
who would benefit.



The golf cart will be running from the
Chapel parking lot (Lot C) to the Church.

ALL Are Invited... to invite a friend to Mass

Each and every first weekend of the Month, you are invited to invite someone you know who may not be church-going on a regular basis to: Come to Mass.

Pope Francis said, "Those who have opened their hearts to God's love, heard his voice and received his light, cannot keep this gift to themselves. Since faith is hearing and seeing, it is also handed on as word and light."

Let's be inexplicably kind, patient, compassionate, and thankful. Let's let our unconditional, unwarranted goodness and joy take others by surprise and stir them to wonder why we're like that. Then, let's be ready to extend the gentle invitation: "Come with me and find out."

Prayer – Jesus, may others know You through me.



Invite a Friend to Mass

Spanish Teacher:

St. Dominic High School is in need of a long-term Spanish teacher substitute, November, 2015 through early January, 2016 for Spanish I and Spanish II. Prior high school level teaching experience preferred. Please contact Janet Eaton @ jeaton@stdominichs.org

FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival Donations Needed!!!!

We are need of donations for the kids games for the Fall Festival. New or gently used stuffed animals or small toys can be placed in the bin marked Fall Festival in the Guadeloupe Room or if you prefer to make a monetary donation and let us shop for you please place the envelope marked Fall Festival Kids Games in the weekly offering.

Country Store

Country Store: is in need of donations of new, handmade craft items, homemade jams, jellies, breads, cakes etc. Donations may be dropped off Sat, Oct 17 from 9am -12 pm and on the morning of the Fall Festival in the Parish Center. Contact Lisa Serino 314.479.1097 or email: mylobstern96@yahoo.com.

Raffle Tickets

Grand Raffle and Quilt Raffle tickets are now available in the bulletin. The Grand Raffle chances are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. The quilt chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If you would like to enter these raffles, please fill in the tickets and return them either in the Sunday collection basket or by dropping them off at the parish office. Thank You.

Volunteer Opportunities

To sign up to volunteer at the Fall Festival go to: <http://www.assumptionfallfestival.com>.

Cakes and Pies:

It is time to think about making cakes and pies for the Fall Festival on Oct 17 - 18. We are asking that each family donate two pies (non-refrigerated only) and one cake. Please bring them to the Parish Center on Saturday Oct 17 or Sunday Oct 18. Mark your calendar now and thank you for your generous support

Halloween Howl for the Homeless

5k Run and Monster Mile Fun Run

Saturday, October 31, 9:00am

Sponsored by Sts Joachim and Ann Care Service

For more information or to register:

636.3441.1302 ext 263 or www.jacares.org

*Assumption Fall Festival Raffle
Sunday -18 October 2015*

\$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00

*1st Prize - \$1000.00
2nd Prize - \$ 500.00 3rd Prize - Quilt
Autographed Cardinal Baseballs*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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Quilt of the Day Raffle*

Sunday -18 October 2015

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A SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR TIME:

Breaking Open *Laudato Si'*: Care for Our Common Home

October 14, 7-8:30pm
in Halls A, B, and C

Please welcome Sister Barbara Jennings, CSJ, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and a St. Louis native and who has ministered in high schools, universities, parishes and in social justice. Sister Barbara will lead us in prayer, reflection, and discussion in efforts to break open this new Encyclical. All those who are in 8th grade or older are invited to attend and participate in this inter-generational workshop!

Sister Barbara is also an active member of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (www.iccr.org) in NYC. ICCR is a national coalition of faith-based and values driven organizations which harness their collective influence as shareholders in Fortune 500 corporations and beyond. We work with corporations and help them improve their environmental, social, and governance practices. Sr. Barbara has a MA in theology from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, with a concentration in Catholic Social Teaching and Scripture.

Drawing extensively from the teaching of his predecessors, the Pope teaches that care for the things of the earth is necessarily bound together with our care of one another, especially the poor. This interdependency extends from the deep respect due every human person, to all living beings, and to the earth where we make our home. "Each creature has its own purpose...and the entire material universe speaks of God's love." The Pope uses the term "integral ecology" to draw our attention to a rich treasury of thought that people of faith bring with them to conversations about the human person and our environment. He states, "We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it."

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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636.240.4474

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