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LOVE



The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments. $^{\sim Matthew}$ 22:37, 39

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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

DEVOTIONS & PRAYERS

- in Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesdays 8:30am-6:30pm
Perpetual Help Devotions
Tuesdays 6:30pm
Rosary
1/2 hour before Sunday Masses,
Thursdays, 8:35am

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.

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Required Preparation Class.
Call 240.3721 to register.

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

403 N Main Street O'Fallon MO 63366 636.240.3721 Parish Office 636.240.3722 Fax Office Hours - Weekdays 8:30am-4:00pm

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

Principal: Genny Callier 636.240.4474

BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE www.assumptionbvm.org





@assumptionmedia

Welcome

Assumption Staff 636.240.3721

Pastor:

Rev. Joseph G. Kempf

Associate Pastor

Rev. Mitch Doyen

Sr. Associate Pastor Rev. Mark Whitman

Sr. Associate

Rev. Andrew Meiners, C.Ss.R.

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Jerry Hurlbert Fred Volansky Bill Walbridge

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Lay Pastoral Associate

240 Amanda Suchara

Director of Administration 225 Jim Hager

Administrative Assistant

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Christ Renews His Parish

Jim & Shelly Schneider 636.379.2538

ALL SAINTS DAY - November 1

"Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called children of God." -1 John 3:1

Who are the Saints of your family?

Grandpa Joe? Grandma Mabel? Many Catholics look to the Saints, whether canonized or not, because the saintly person provides the model for Christian living appropriate for our age. The continuing influence of the late Dorothy Day or Thomas Merton (neither canonized) reflects a common desire to see how one can combine a deep spirituality with a thirst for social justice in a setting congenial to the contemporary experience. At this level of inquiry, Christian orthodoxy need not be a controlling factor as the persistent interest in a saintly personality like the late Mohandas Gandhi amply demonstrates. Just as one distinguishes the saint as a generic term for those who are "in Christ" from those who are publically recognized in the church as worthy of liturgical recognition, so also one can distinguish yet another category: those saintly persons who, without any official recognition, can make a claim on us as models to be imitated.

ALL SOULS DAY – November 2

All Soul's Day (sometimes called the "Day of the Dead") is a Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. All Saints' Day, together with All Souls' Day is known collectively as Hallowtide. All Souls' Day remembers all those who have died, not just the great and the good, but the ordinary person on the street. At each Mass the weekend of November 1/2 we will bring forward our Book of Remembrance to honor your friends and family who have gone before us.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK: NOVEMBER 2-8, 2014

Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision.... Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love.

-Pope Francis, Address to Seminarians and Novices

Prayer to Know One's Vocation

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you.

But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.

Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. – Pope Francis

The Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations seeks to foster and encourage the various forms of consecrated life in the Church today. For more information, go to http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/

May you find Christ here...

may you bring Christ to the world.

As part of Respect Life Month, our parish community was invited to participate with our PSR students in a living rosary on the parking lot (however, the weather persuaded us into the church). One mom remarked, "My kiddo was part of the living rosary during Wednesday night's PSR class. Hearing all the children in their voices saying Our Lady's prayer was a true blessing. Thank you for including the parish and parents in this beautiful form of prayer!"

New Member Registration

If you are attending Mass here but have not yet formally registered, we invite you to do so. So that we might welcome you personally, we invite you to attend noon Mass Sunday, November 2, for new member registration.

Feast of All Saints

This year, November 1, the Feast of All Saints falls on a Saturday. Therefore the holyday obligation is suspended. Regularly scheduled Saturday Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am at the Motherhouse Chapel on November 1.

This Week At Assumption

Sunday, Oct 26

RCIA Rite of Acceptance

All Masses

Nursery

7:45am and 9:45am

Sunday Preschool

9:45am School

Baptism

1:15pm Church

Monday, Oct 27

Club 50+

7:00pm Hall C

Tuesday, Oct 28

PSR

6:00pm School

PHD/Benediction

6:30pm Chapel

Wednesday, Oct 29

PSR

6:00pm School

Thursday, Oct 30

Ministry of Consolation

7:00pm Meyer Room

Finance Committee

7:00pm Conference Room

Saturday, Nov 1

Trivia Night

6:00pm Parish Center Reservations Required

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, Nov 2

Special Collection

Retirement Fund for Religious

Prayer Team Ministry

All Masses Church

Hospitality Sunday

All Masses Hall A/B

Nurserv

7:45am and 9:45am

RCIA

8:00am Hall C

Sunday Preschool

9:45am School

New Member Registration

Noon Mass

Advent by Candlelight

Can you believe that Advent is just around the corner? We get so involved in the activities and holidays of the fall season that it is comforting to have an event like Advent by Candlelight to help calm us and get our minds and hearts prepared for our celebration of the birth of Christ.

Advent by Candlelight is an evening for adult women to enjoy fellowship, worship, and music in a beautiful candle-lit atmosphere. This year – we have a wonderful guest speaker named Patty Schneier and the entertainment will be provided by the Brothers of Harmony from CBC High School. Please mark your calendars now to ensure your participation in this delightful event!

Advent by Candlelight will be held Sunday, November 30 from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. You can sign up as an individual or to be the hostess of a table. Sign-ups will be after all Masses on November 1 and 2.

Contact either Beth Delano at Beth.Delano@charter.net or 314.520.0134 or Denise Fluhr at 636.577.9985 dvfluhr@aol.com if you have questions prior to signing up.

PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

S T E W A R D S H I P

"Whoever sacrifices to any god, save to the Lord only, shall be utterly destroyed." – Exodus 22:20

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status or some personal possession greater than your love for God? If so, you may want to pay attention to the scripture reading because you are not going to like the outcome. The good news – it's not too late to put God first in your life.



Life, Peace and Justice: Living the Gospel of Joy Respect Life Month

"Cultivate peace in yourself and it will be in the family; Cultivate peace in the family and it will be in the village Cultivate peace in the village and it will be in the nation; Cultivate peace in the nation and it will be everywhere"

-Lao Tsu

We've spent nearly an entire month reflecting on life issues. For those raised in a faith community rooted in unconditional love, with honor for the sacred dignity of all life, it may be hard to understand how anyone could choose to live in a way that disrespects life. Yet, in a given week we're likely to hear from the news grisly tales of local and global violence, of war, or hear reports of bullying from our kids at school. We're likely to witness prejudice, bigotry, discrimination, likely to watch someone throw trash on the ground, or walk past a homeless person without greeting them, or likely to be near someone expressing a point of view on life with which we disagree.

Our instinct, our ego, the hundreds of millions of years of evolution that have gone into our DNA, and the way we were raised drive us toward a desire to be "right"... we don't want to lose; we don't want to risk the vulnerability of being wrong. It takes practice, prayer, and consciousness to soften that drive.

As people of faith, we may similarly feel a thirst for truth. As Christians, we believe in the absolute Truth that is Christ. This keeps us from falling into the dangers of *relativism* (i.e. I have my truth, you have your truth, and there is no absolute truth). In the complete Truth of Christ, we learn that we are to be One Body – that we are to value being **One** more than being *right*. So, how do we have these delicate, tenuous, but vitally important conversations about Life, even with those with whom we disagree, without sacrificing our unity?

Patiently, honestly, and with courageous openness.

Consider the prophets: even the boisterous fire-and-brimstone angry speeches of Amos do not attempting to make others think the way he thinks. He is simply speaking truth. In the love of Christ, we see the same pattern. Scripture tells us of the things that angered or disturbed Jesus, and also describes His patient, radically loving response. It was not important to Jesus to make others think what He thought or believed what He believed. It was important for Him to know truth, to live truth, and to be truth.

Truth listens. Truth never feels threatened. Truth is willing to disagree respectfully. Truth stays in relationship even when opinions are divided. Truth never has to force itself on others. Truth prays for conversion and celebrates it when it happens. Truth forgives and is humble enough to ask forgiveness. If, as people of faith, we truly trust in the Truth of Christ, the Truth of God's Love, then what reason do we have to fear or lash out with violence? We believe God's Love – the Truth – will always win out. It may not happen as quickly as we'd like or in the ways we expected.

Truth empowers us to pray *for* and *with* those who think differently than we do, who live differently than we do. Truth will risk erring on the side of love. This is how we respect Life... by committing to the Truth of God's Love and patiently, honestly, with courageous openness staying united, One, with all Life.

Prayer throughout October: God of LIFE, mold us, fashion us into Your image and help us to see Your likeness in all LIFE around us, that we may reverence life in all its forms—at every stage of its existence. Amen.

Respect Life Actions:

1) Joining the witness of faith for the unborn: every Friday during Respect Life Month, from 12p - 2p, along Mid Rivers Mall Drive in St. Peters (side walk near Barnes & Noble), or 2) gather a few friends or family members and give service at a local shelter, soup kitchen, or nursing home (see the Catholic Charities website for ideas: www.ccstl.org), 3) make it a part of our daily prayer this week to pray for those on death row, for the victims of their crimes, and for families on both sides, or 4) think of someone with whom we disagree – take a few minutes each day this week to imagine sitting with them and patiently, honestly having a conversation with courageous openness.

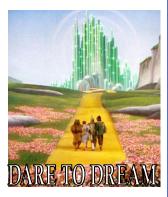


Assumption Youth Ministry Fall 2014

Serving the teens of Assumption Church

COME AND SEE AN AMAZING SHOW!

Support our teens in Assumption Youth Ministry's 11th annual musical fundraiser



THE WIZARD OF OZ

November 21-23

See Ticket Order Info elsewhere in bulletin.

October

MUSICAL REHEARSALS – Every Sunday, Monday & Thursday Night... Wizard of Oz Cast keep an eye out for the weekly emails about who is needed.

29 – NO ACYG event tonight but no reason not to go out and do something loving. On this 5th Wednesday here is the challenge. Do a random act of kindness, reach out to a loved one or show Christ to others by giving of your time and talent. Then let us know how you made your 5th Wednesday count!

November

5 – Teen Choir/Band 6-7 pm Sophia House STUDIP (hang out night) 7-8:30pm Sophia House
12 – XTREME TEEN – don't miss it! 7-9pm Hall C
19 – Teen Choir/Band 6-7pm Sophia House Bother the Father/Bible Study 7-8:30 pm Sohpia House
26 – XTREME TEEN – It's an ACYG Thanksgiving????
7-9pm Hall C

T-shirts for OZ – If you want to order a t-shirt (\$15) for Wizard of Oz let us know. We are preordering all shirts this year. Email us to receive an order from.

OZ SCHOOL ACTORS – If you have not received the schedule and music email us ASAP so we can add you in before we begin our 1st rehearsal.

240-3721 x222 abvmyouth@gmail.com Follow AYM on Twitter...@acyg3...#SWAG Like us on Facebook: Assumption Church Youth Group

Blood Drive Coming Soon

Mark Your Calendars – Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the Parish Center on Sunday, November 9, for our fall blood drive after all the Masses. The need is always great so if you are 17 years of age and older (16 years old with parental consent) you are eligible to donate. We would love to welcome you there and accept your donation of the gift of life!

Please contact Mary Anne Robinson at 636.474.2677 with any questions. You may go to: bloodcenterIM-PACAT.org (use sponsor code 9007) to schedule an appointment, or visit us at Hospitality Sunday, November 2, and we will sign you up. 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.

Very Special Thanks is extended to all who came to our very successful August drive. We hope to see you again on November 9 ... and please bring your friends!

St Vincent DePaul Annual Food Drive

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 15, the annual Boy Scout's Food Drive. It will take place at the K.C. hall from 10:00am until possibly 2:00pm. We need help with sorting, packing and transporting boxes from the hall to the pantry. If you have a pick-up truck and don't mind lifting we could sure use your help! The turnout in previous years has been wonderful and many hands make quick work!

Thank you for all your help and support for the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry.

St. Teresa of Avilla-Patroness of Chess Players

But that is impossible, for this King does not allow Himself to be taken except by one who surrenders wholly to Him."

Did you know CYC offers Chess (the sport of the mind) for 3rd – 8th graders? Assumption Parish Chess, beginners or enthusiasts, are encouraged to sign up. Contact Jennifer Martin Assumption School STEM Coordinator for information. If there is enough interest she will conduct a teaching workshop, as well as club playing time. The Chess Tournaments will be in the winter months.

Contact via email: martingirls16@gmail.com, or Assumption Fast direct contact site. Please include adult contact information, chess player name/age/grade, and experience playing.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Oct 26

8:00am Joan Burkemper 10:00am Cole Giesmann 12:00pm People of the Parish

Monday, Oct 27

6:30am **Curt Kuester**

8:00am Yvonne & Norbert Bathon

Tuesday, Oct 28

6:30am Ron Winkelman 8:00am Wehmeier Family

Wednesday, Oct 29

6:30am 2014 60th Jubilarians 8:00am Joseph & Susan McHugh

Thursday, Oct 30

Sr Virginia Volkerding 6:30am 8:00am Rita Freiburg

Friday, Oct 31

Helen Benson 6:30am 8:00am Bernie Cosgrove

Saturday, Nov 1

9:00am 2014 CPPS Jubilarians

5:00pm Frank Uttecht

Sunday, Nov 2

8:00am Norbert Rothermich 10:00am Class of 1952 Assumption

HS Graduates

12:00pm People of the Parish



We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Earl Bates Grandfather of Rick Bates

Thomas Brown Father of David Brown

Robert Pratt **Brother of Vince Pratt**

Edward Zender Father of Mike Zender

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

Since you are headed this way anyway...

Might you consider bringing someone to Mass who cannot drive themselves? If so, please call Dana Kiely at 636.379.5846.

Club 50+ News

You are invited to join us Monday, October 27, 7:00pm, Hall C. Paul Kruse, founder of "First Steps Back Home", will be our guest speaker. Paul does a wonderful job helping men find employment in our community, many times at his own expense.

We welcome anyone interested in joining our club. We are currently collecting the \$15 pp yearly dues.

Ouestions, call Martha 636.294.3367



Readings for the Week Oct 27-Nov 2

Mon: Eph 4:32 - 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tue: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Wed: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thu: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Fri: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6

Sat: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Sun: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5 -11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead,

nos. 1011-1016



Hospitality Sunday

Join us Sunday, Nov 2 for Hospitality Sunday after offee all Masses in Hall A/B.

Fair Trade Coffee: This coffee is served each month on Hospitality Sunday! Come enjoy a cup of this flavorful coffee! In addition, this coffee will be for sale each month. Fair Trade is a strategy for poverty alleviation and sustainable development. Thank you for your support!

Around Town

St John the Baptist (Villa Ridge) Sausage Festival, Oct 26, 10:30 - 6

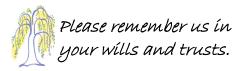
Holy Rosary (Warrenton) Fall Dinner/Craft Show, Oct 26, 11-6

Quilts of Valor, St Paul KC Hall, Oct 29, 8am- 3pm. Lunch provided. Further info call Jean 636.456.3980.

St. Barnabas (O Fallon) Quilt Social, Sat, Nov 1. Doors open:10:30. Bingo: noon.

St Peter (St Charles) Sausage Festival, Nov 2, 11-7

St. Paul (St Paul) Fall Quilt Social, Sat, Nov 8. Doors open: 11am. Bingo: Noon



Sunday Offering Our Gifts to God

It takes an average weekly contribution of \$36,000.00 to meet our Parish Offertory Budget.

Total Offertory Year To Date: July 6, 2014 - Sep 21, 2014

Offertory Budget \$ 400,900.00 Actual Offertory \$ 401.097.00 Difference \$ 197.00

Assumption's Growing Project

Our farming partners in Kansas are counting on our donations for the supplies needed for the land they will cultivate, plant and harvest. The proceeds from this harvest typically quadruple our donations and are then used to teach farmers in some of the poorest parts of the world to grow their own food. One parishioner had this to say:

"I did some fact checking and found out that 842 million people globally struggle with hunger every day. That is roughly 10% of the world's population. That is a sad, sobering, and humbling fact.

The Growing Project moves our family. We see it as a great way to serve the most vulnerable people in the most challenging circumstances on the planet. Plus, we know this to be an organization we can trust to be good stewards of our gifts.

This is the opportunity the Growing Project gives without us ever leaving the comfort of our home. All we have to do is give ~ give until your heart feels good."

Please continue to turn in your cornbags and, when you need a gift card, please remember the Growing Project. It is a great way to remind friends and family, "Because you live, I pray that others might also live." Thank you.



November Media Table News

Gospel Values, Inc Media Table will be set up downstairs in the Parish Center after the 5PM Mass on Saturday evening, November 1 and on Sunday, November 2 during all Masses for Hospitality Weekend. Gospel Value's Inc will be featur-

ing all signed books and DVD's by Father Joe including the new releases: Mini Retreats for Meaningful Living: "Catechist, God's call to speak about our faith" and "Family, God is in the mix of it all."

For information about purchasing a Gospel Values, Inc product at any time, please contact Lynn Crews at 294-0821 or email:lynncrews721@gmail.com.

Prayer Team Ministry

Next weekend, November 1/2, 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.

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.

Do you have a musical talent, and are not yet involved in our music ministry?

Our large 4-part choir is looking for more musicians!

This is the mission Assumption's music ministry: A deep love of God and a commitment to exceptional liturgy impels to express our prayer through music and to inspire others to join in sung worship. We want you to join us in that mission! Our large choir is looking for all voice types (soprano, alto, tenor or bass) and instrumentalists (brass, strings, woodwinds, or percussion). Most of our music is in four-part harmony. Song books and sheet music is provided.

As an all-volunteer ensemble, we do our best to accommodate varying skill levels. Vocalists do need to be able to match pitch. Instrumentalists need to be able to read notation, as appropriate to their instrument. Previous experience in an ensemble is helpful. All members should be willing to commitment to regular participation and to the mission of our music ministry.

Our ensemble leads 8am worship on the first, third, and fifth Sundays and at 10am each second Sunday. We also get to lead Mass for a variety of major holidays and holy days. Rehearsal every Tuesday evening, 7pm.

More detailed information is available on our parish website: www.assumptionbvm.org

If you are interested in joining our mission for great liturgical music, we would like to meet you! Contact: Peg Wehmeier, director, at 314.486.4003 or peg.wehmeier@gmail.com





SATURDAY NOV. 15TH YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

Enjoy an evening with Assumption parishioners your age!

If you are a young adult between the ages of 21-35, join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship at O'Fallon Bowl after Saturday 5:00 PM Mass. This ministry meets on a monthly basis to have fun while learning more about our faith.



Join Fr. Mark and Fr. Mitch for a fun evening with the Young Adult Ministry

Meet like-minded young adults from Assumption

Faith Deepening
Discussions

Fun Events!

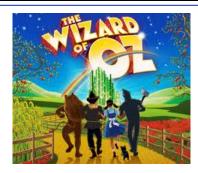
For more information contact Fr. Mark at frmark1995@gmail .com

O'FALLON BOWL

420 Sonderen Street O'Fallon, MO 63366

http://www.ofallonbowl.com

11/15/2014 7:00 PM-?



Presented By: Assumption Youth Ministry

WIZARD OF OZ SHOW DATES: Friday, November 21 7:00pm Saturday, November 22 7:00pm Sunday, November 23 5:30pm

Assumption School Gym

TICKET PRICES:

Adults and Teens: \$12.00 Children 12 and under: \$6.00 Families of 5 or more (2 parents w/ 3 or more children): \$32.00

NEW THIS YEAR!! ONLINE TICKET SALES!!

You can purchase tickets online at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4AD23A7F85-wizard

Please pay by credit card. No other payment accepted for online ticket sales.

OR you can still fill out an order form below and drop it off at the Parish Office with payment. Please make checks payable to Assumption Youth Ministry. Tickets can be picked up the night of each performance at the 'Will Call' table before entering the gym. Questions? Contact Lynette Hazell laac1@live.com or 314.954.1634.

TICKET ORDER FORM/WIZARD OF OZ

NAME:	
PHONE: _	
EMAIL:	

These shows are a fundraiser for Assumption Youth Ministries. Please come to a show and support our teens who are making a difference!

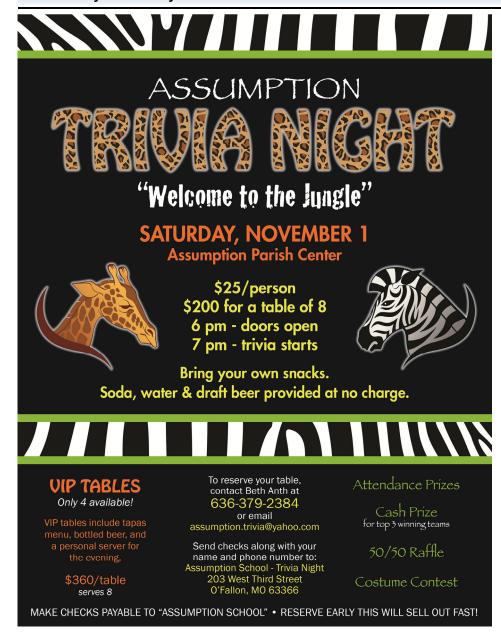


Performance Dates & Times

Circle your preference and indicate number of tickets per show.

# of Adults: # of 12 & under: Family: Saturday, November 22 7:00pm # of Adults: # of 12 & under: Family:	
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Sunday, November 23 5:30pm	
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TOTAL NUMBER OF TACKETS	
TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS:	_

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$



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.

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.

Retirement Fund For Religious

In the United States today, numerous Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past age 70 benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Donations to this special collection provide funding for support that helps religious communities care for senior members and plan for long-term retirement needs.

On the weekend of November 2, all parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an opportunity for you to acknowledge the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests for their faithful service.

Whether or not we realize it, we are all beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions these women and men have made to the Church in the United States. Through hard work, prayer, and sacrifice, they built Catholic schools and hospitals, initiated programs to promote social justice, and ministered to the neediest among us. As I reflect on the dedication of elderly religious, I remain grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith and for the tremendous service they have offered our archdiocese.

Today, many religious communities struggle to care for their elderly members. Increasing health-care costs and decreased income make it difficult to provide necessary medical care, costly medications and basic services. Aging convents and other facilities pose additional challenges in terms of safety and handicap accessibility.

You are asked to support numerous important causes in need of financial support. In thanksgiving for all that senior religious have done, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson Archbishop of St. Louis

Assumption St. Vincent DePaul Christmas Sponsorship Program

The Assumption St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP) organizes an annual Christmas program that provides assistance to local needy families. An important part of this program is helping families, individuals and businesses connect with individuals and families in need of the help during the holidays.

Persons being sponsored are usually provided with a Christmas gift or two, possibly some household items, and a food basket. Sponsorships can be **open** or **closed**. Open-sponsorships involve both parties meeting each other in person. With Closed-sponsorship, both parties are kept anonymous. SVDP coordinates matching parties together and performs the delivery of items for Closed-sponsors.

Now is the time to discern your desire to help others during the Christmas season. Use this form to notify SVDP of your willingness to sponsor a family or person for Christmas. **Forms must be submitted by November 15.**

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Assumption Church: Holiday Family Sponsorship Interest Intake Form

four Name.
Contact Number:
You are: an Individualrepresenting a family/group representing a business,
Business Name:
You/your group is interested in sponsoring:
A family with children A senior No preference
Maximum number of family members you prefer in your sponsored family:(Enter a number, 1 or higher)
We prefer an Open sponsorship, where we will know our sponsored familie names and will share with them directly.
We prefer a Closed sponsorship, where we and the family/person we spor sor will remain anonymous.

If you are in need of help now or for the holidays, please contact the St. Vincent DePaul help line at 636-272-4758.

Mail completed forms to: Assumption St. Vincent DePaul, 403 N. Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366.

Drop in the collection basket, or Email to: scrowder@scosamd.com , or Fax to: 636-272-4758

Forms must be submitted by November 15.



Fr. Andy's Bible Study

Stories of Jesus' Birth

Join Fr Andy Meiners, C.Ss. R., on a journey through the infancy narratives in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, in the light of ancient Israel.

Group will meet these Monday evenings at 7pm in the Meyer Room: Nov 10, 17, 24, Dec.1 and 15. All experience levels welcome. Participants should bring their bible. There is no cost but space is limited, so please call the parish office to register: 636.240.3721, or email abvmamanda@yahoo.com, or signup online (you will find the link on our parish website: assumptionbym.org). **Registration closes November 9.**

Attention All Students

Grades 5th-8th!!

If you were unable to attend the October server training, we will have another training opportunity on November 16 at 6:00pm in church, followed by a pizza celebration in Hall C! This opportunity is open to all students, whether PSR, Home-School, or Full-time. Your participation in the ministry is greatly appreciated! We need your piece of the puzzle!

Please RSVP by November 15 to Kathy Hicks by email at: khicks527@yahoo.com.

School Uniform Sweatshirts

Purchase now and throughout the school year at A.M. PRINTS, 717 Sonderen St, O Fallon, MO 636.272.1825 Hours: Tues, Wed, & Fri, 9am - 5pm. (jersey shorts on sale until inventory is gone)

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