

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

November 15, 2015



The wise shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever.

Daniel 12:3

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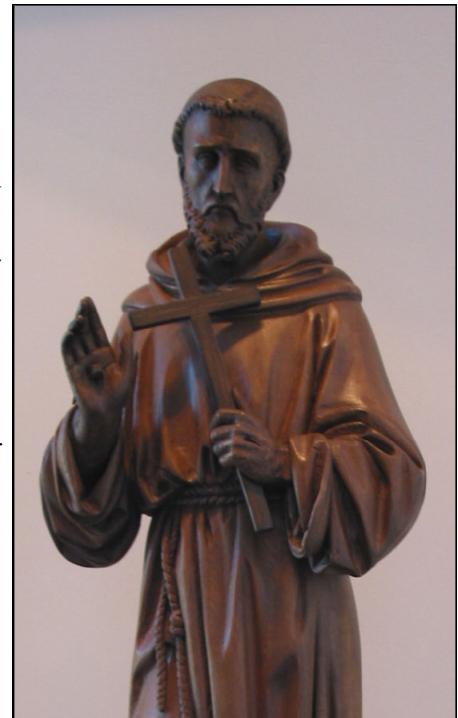
As I write this column our nation pauses to celebrate Veterans' Day. At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 the Great War ended. We all hoped it would indeed have been the war to end all wars. Sadly, that day has not yet come. While we strive for lasting peace, we yet need courageous men and women who will defend us in time of war. We owe these brave souls a tremendous debt of gratitude. Let us never forget the sacrifices they have made for us, nor the sacrifices they are still willing to make while we struggle to build a better world; as we work for the coming of God's Kingdom.

Our readings this Sunday reveal times of great distress and tribulation. The images of darkness and hints of battles waging might frighten us. We can take courage from the heart of Christ which is poured out for us. We can remain confident in God's saving power at work in us no matter the turmoil which swirls all around us; and sometimes even within us, as if our own spirit is contending with God's Spirit in us. We who persevere in faith "shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever... (Dn. 12:3)"

No matter the depths of despair that try to undo our faith in God; no matter the seeming chaos which seems to wash over our world; no matter the darkness which dares the light of Christ to shine; our confidence is in God's promise to us. This promise is revealed in Revelation, the very last Word of God in our scriptures:

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth (21:1)...Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever (22:5)."

Let us commend our mission and our lives to Jesus, through our Mother, Mary. **Fr Mitch**





May you find Christ here . . .

May you bring Christ to the world.

Last weekend our parish community listened to a bit about the extraordinary work of our St. Vincent DePaul Society, and how your Sunday offering makes a difference in the lives of the poor. As a result of the awareness raised, thirteen people took the bold step of volunteering to help in whatever way they would be needed.



"Over the next two weeks you will notice a trailer parked outside the entrance to the parish. The 24/Seven Assumption Men's Group will be staffing the trailer before and after mass to collect non-perishable food items to be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry to feed the homeless and hungry. We are called to help those that are in need. Please show your support by donating as many food items as possible. Wouldn't it be GREAT that if we as a parish family could fill the entire trailer?"

The generous will be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

This Week At Assumption

Sunday, Nov 15

8th Grade Commissioning
All Masses

RCIA

8:00am Hall C

Sunday Pre School

10:00am School

Monday, Nov 16

CRHP Men

7:00pm Sophia House

Parish Council

7:00pm Conference Room

Bible Study

7:00pm Meyer Room

Tuesday, Nov 17

Eucharistic Adoration
9:00am - 6:30pm Chapel

PSR

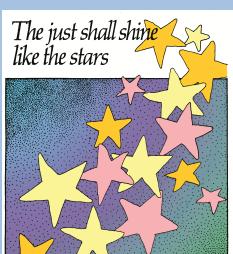
6:00pm School

PHD/Benediction

6:30pm Chapel

Athletic Assoc

7:00pm Room D/E



Wednesday, Nov. 18

Bible Study
1:45pm Meyer Room

PSR

6:00pm School

Extreme Teen Bible Study

7:00pm Church

St Vincent DePaul Informational Session

7:00pm Meyer Room

CRHP Women

7:00pm Conference Room

Centering Prayer

7:00pm Motherhouse

Friday, Nov 20

Youth Ministry Presents:
Mary Poppins
7:00pm Gym

Saturday, Nov 21

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7:00pm Gym

Sunday, Nov 22

RCIA
8:00am Hall C

Sunday Pre School
10:00am School

Baptism
1:15pm Church

Youth Ministry Presents:
Mary Poppins
5:30pm Gym

Eucharistic Adoration

These pleasant days and cool evenings might be great incentive to come out on a Tuesday to spend some quiet time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!

The chapel is open every Tuesday following 8am Mass until 6:30pm. Out of reverence for the Eucharist, we always have at least one person present. While we are in need of volunteers willing to commit to at least one hour each Tuesday, ALL ARE WELCOME to this special time of quiet prayer and reflection. If you are looking for a safe, quiet place for your own personal prayer or would like an ideal environment to pray for the needs of the world, consider giving yourself the gift of a few moments in the transformative presence of Eucharistic Adoration. Please call Rita at 636.240.5785 if you would like more info.

Baptismal Preparation Class

All parents are required to participate in a class of Pre-Baptismal instruction before having their child/children baptized at Assumption. For expectant parents it is often better to attend this class before baby is born. Call the Parish Office at 240.3721 to schedule a class.

PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

STEWARDSHIP

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." (Mark 13:26)
We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond?

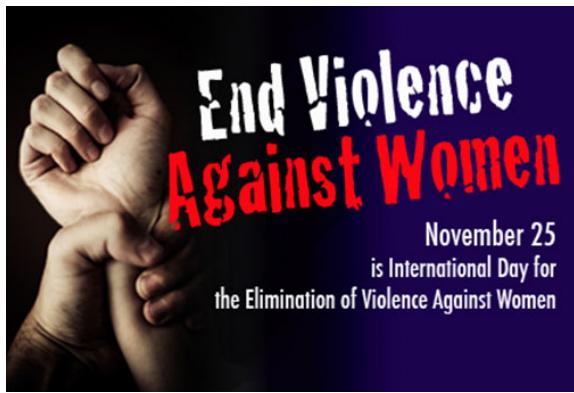


Life Peace Justice Everyone Can Take Action

16 days to "Orange the world"

From November 25 through

December 10, Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence aim to raise public awareness and mobilizing people everywhere to bring about change. This year, the UN Secretary-General's UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign invites you to "Orange the world," using the color designated by the UNiTE campaign to symbolize a brighter future without violence. Organize events to range streets, schools and landmarks!



A staggering one in three women have experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime—a pandemic of global proportions. Unlike an illness, however, perpetrators and even entire societies choose to commit violence - and can choose to stop. Violence is not inevitable – it can be prevented. But it's not as straightforward as .

eradicating a virus. There is no vaccine, medication or cure. And there is no one single reason for why it happens

As such, prevention strategies should be holistic, with multiple interventions undertaken in parallel in order to have long-lasting and permanent effects. Many sectors, actors and stakeholders need to be engaged. More evidence is emerging on what interventions work to prevent violence—from community mobilization to change social norms, to comprehensive school interventions targeting staff and pupils, to economic empowerment and income supplements coupled with gender equality training.

Prevention is the 2015 theme of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November 25 and of the UNiTE to End Violence against Women Campaign's 16 days call for action. This year, at the official commemoration at UN Headquarters in New York, the first UN Framework on Preventing Violence against Women will be launched and discussed (ECOSOC Chamber; 10am–12 noon). This document stems from the collaboration of seven UN entities: UN Women, ILO, OHCHR, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA and WHO. The framework develops a common understanding for the UN System, policymakers and other stakeholders on preventing violence against women and provides a theory of change to underpin action.

See more at: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/end-violence-against-women>

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Coming to our parish on November 28!

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for ages 3 – 1st grade at the 5:00pm Mass. No pre-registration is necessary. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Just before the Liturgy of the Word begins for the assembly, the children are invited to come up to the front of church by the presiding priest. Father will then formally dismiss them to go with the weekly leaders from the church to Hall C. During this special time, our leaders will share with the children through prayers, songs and readings that are simplified for children.

The children learn about the same Scripture readings as the rest of the assembly. They are taught a simplified main message of the readings and are encouraged to share that message with their parents after Mass.

We have some wonderful volunteer leaders and would love for a few more to join our team so that the leader would be available to teach every 4-6 weeks; depending your "YES!" We will also have youth volunteers to assist our adult leaders.

This is a great opportunity for adults and middle school/high school youth to help these eager youngsters learn the Word of the Lord.

For more information contact the religious education office.
abvmps@ yahoo.com or
 636.240.1020.



Assumption Youth

November

Mary Poppins

Friday, Nov 20 At 7:00pm
 Saturday, Nov 21 At 7:00pm
 Sunday, Nov 22 At 5:30pm
 All Performances in the Gym!



Mary Poppins T-Shirts

Anyone interested in ordering a Mary Poppins long sleeve T-shirt contact us through email.

Mary Poppins Crew

Get us your email and we'll add you to the group list so you can be in the loop about work days, t-shirt orders & tech week. It's a great way to earn money for YM trips and it's totally fun!!!

Email: abvmyouth@gmail.com

Phone: 636.485.5221

Like us on Facebook: Assumption Church Youth Group

Follow us on twitter: ACYG Youth Ministry@acygyouth

WE NOW HAVE INSTAGRAM: acyg.youthministry

A Time of Need

A sad incident occurred at Sr Thea Bowman School in East St. Louis, the only Catholic School in that area. The school was vandalized. The 8th grade students here at Assumption Elementary School want to help replenish materials at the school so that the students can continue with their Catholic education and evangelization. The 8th grade students have decided to hold a fundraiser to sell candy bars at dismissal for \$1.00 each on November 20 and 24. Assumption School wants to do this because it shows kids helping kids and students helping students.

Sr Thea Bowman was always singing about her faith and was constantly joyful. She became a Catholic on her own and felt God's call to join the religious life.

"I think the difference between me and some people is that I'm content to do a little. Sometimes people think they have to do big things in order to make change. But if each one would light a candle, we'd have a tremendous light." *Sr Thea Bowman*

As 8th graders here at Assumption, we are not able to do big things, but we can do little things to help out. This is one way we can help. Please pray for us in our endeavor as we look to help our sisters and brothers in our Catholic faith.



O'Fallon Restaurant Seeks to Feed 1,000

Needy This Thanksgiving

The Brass Rail, (4601 Highway K) hopes to set a new record for its annual Thanksgiving tradition by feeding 1,000 of the area's needy. The restaurant is seeking organizational partnerships as well as monetary and food donations to help reach this goal. Food service will begin at 11:30am on Thanksgiving day. Both in-restaurant dining and food delivery will be available for those in need. Volunteers are needed to help cook, serve, clean, and transport food. Monetary donations can be dropped off or mailed to the restaurant address. Donations of food items can be dropped off at the restaurant by Monday, November 23. Most needed items include turkeys, pumpkin pies, and dinner rolls. For more information, please contact Scott Ellinger at 636.329.1349.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Special Collection November 21/22

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the official domestic anti-poverty program of the US Catholic Bishops. CCHD helps fulfill our Church's mission to go out and minister in the margins of society. The CCHD does this by addressing the root causes of poverty and providing funding to community and economic development organizations that empower low-income people to find solutions to problems in their communities.

St Vincent De Paul/Boy Scout Food Drive

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 21 for the annual Boys Scout food drive. It will be held at the K.C. Hall from 10:00am until probably about 2:00 pm. We will need help with sorting, packing and transporting the food from the hall to the pantry. If you have a pick up truck and can lift, we could really use your help. The turnout in the past has been wonderful and many hands make quick work! Coffee and donuts will be provided. Thank you for all the help and support you have given us.



Mass Intentions**Sunday, Nov 15**

8:00am Jake & Hannah Schaeffer
 10:00am Steve Vehige
 12:00pm People of the Parish

Monday, Nov 16

6:30am Respect Life Apostolate
 8:00am Clarence Amptmann

Tuesday, Nov 17

6:30am Amy Lewis
 8:00am Joseph & Susan McHugh

Wednesday, Nov 18

6:30am Living & Deceased Parents & Relatives of CPPs
 8:00am Barbara Ronchetto

Thursday, Nov 19

6:30am 2015 50th Jubilarians
 8:00am Gene Schaeffer

Friday, Nov 20

6:30am Richard Henderson
 8:00am Bernice Klocke

Saturday, Nov 21

9:00am Deceased Sisters of the Most Precious Blood
 5:00pm Carolyn Cousin

Sunday, Nov 22

8:00am Vivian Gleese
 10:00am Nancy Davis
 12:00pm People of the Parish



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Francis Nolan
 Father of Sheila Franz

Ladies Quilting Group

Do you have a quilt top that needs to be quilted? We would be happy to quilt for you. For information please call 272-3138 or 272-5065.

Club 50+

You are welcome to attend our November 23 meeting, 7:00pm, Hall C.

Our entertainment for the evening will be the Davis Project, a group of young people who sing and play the ukulele.

Readings for the Week**Nov 16 - Nov 22**

- Mon:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
- Tue:** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
- Wed:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
- Thu:** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
- Fri:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
- Sat:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
- Sun:** Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pie Collection

Assumption Parishioners are again being invited to bring one or more non-refrigerated pies to the Prefunction Area of our Parish Center on Tuesday, Nov 24 and Wednesday, Nov 25 between 7:00am and 12:30pm. Just drop them off with the volunteer in the Parish Center and be on your way. The pies will be taken to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and served to over 1500 poor families on Thanksgiving Day. Thank you for your generosity.

Server Schedule**Saturday, Nov 21**

5:00pm Joey Pescarino
 Marissa McNeese
 Megan McNeese

Sunday, Nov 22

8:00am Jimmy Norris
 Justin Rothermich
 Luke Rothermich

10:00am Matthew Lewis
 Benjamin Repaso
 Deslin Puchalski

12:00pm Maddie Poropat
 Brady Dresner
 Drew Kuykendall

Stewardship Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	Oct 18	Jul 1, 15 - Oct 18, 15
Envelopes (488)	\$ 22,860	\$ 422,349
Online Giving	\$ 1,406	\$ 83,695
Loose	\$ 805	\$ 16,582
Total	<hr/> \$ 25,071	<hr/> \$ 522,626
Budget	\$ 582,778	

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 St. Vincent DePaul Christmas Sponsorship Program Sponsor Interest Intake Form

The Assumption St. Vincent DePaul organizes a Christmas program each year that provides assistance to needy families in the area. An important part of this program is connecting families, individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring a family for the holidays with individuals and families in need of the help.

Persons being sponsored are usually provided with a Christmas gift or two, possibly some needed household items and a food basket. Sponsorships can be “open” or “closed”, where “open” sponsorships involve both parties meeting each other in person. A “closed” sponsorship means that both parties are kept anonymous. St. Vincent DePaul coordinates matching compatible parties together and the delivery of items in “closed” sponsorships.

Now is the time to discern your desire to help others during the Christmas season.

Use this form to notify St. Vincent DePaul of your willingness to sponsor a family or person for Christmas.

Your name: _____

Contact Number: (____) _____

You are: _____ an Individual _____ representing a family/group _____ representing a business,

Business Name: _____

You/your group is interested in sponsoring

A family with children A senior No preference

The maximum number of family members you would like in your sponsored family: _____

We prefer to have an “open” sponsorship where we will know our sponsored families names and will share with them directly.

We prefer to have a “closed” sponsorship where we and the family/person we sponsor 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, or

Drop in the collection basket.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



“IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY.”
-POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis recently announced that from December 8 this year right through to November 20, 2016 the Vatican will be celebrating a special jubilee in the form of a global holy year of mercy.

The pope has symbolically called on the entire global Roman Catholic Church to reflect his message of compassion and pardon.

Pope Francis said that mercy is “The beating heart of the Gospel”.

The letter, published by the Vatican in seven languages, is striking for the global scope the pontiff envisions the Jubilee year taking, with availability for pardon and mercy seemingly available to all.

Archbishop Carlson stated, “As we journey together and prepare for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, may we recognize that we are strangers no longer and seek to bring to light God’s mercy: “It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope” (Misericordiae Vultus, 10).

Read more at <http://www.inquisitr.com/2167799/pope-francis-extraordinary-jubilee-the-global-holy-year-of-mercy/#DKOxg7Vz0QRHVxjk.99>

Wanted: Bicycles For Local Children

Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service is looking for bicycle donations to provide to needy children participating in the annual Adopt-A-Family Christmas program. Last year, more than 350 bikes were given to children in the area for Christmas. The Loyal Order of the Squirrels will refurbish, fix and clean the bikes that are donated. All bikes must be dropped off at the garage located behind the Care Service at 4116 McClay Road in St. Charles.

Please Note: Assumption is unable to accept donated bicycles. For more information, contact Amy Armour at 636-441-1302, ext. 266.

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 rickgblues@yahoo.com and Rose Kaiser 636.332.1959.. Care and Share is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. The Contact for Care and Share is Lee Schellert call him for any questions-636.946.7782. The meeting for December is on the 17 which is a Thursday.

Social Justice in Action Invitation

"We hear the Lord's gentle voice as He invites us to hunger and thirst for righteousness, and His invitation to each one of us to be Peacemakers." - Archbishop Robert J. Carlson

Please accept our invitation to join us for the first Social Justice in Action Committee meeting for Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish. Join us as we enter into Catholic Social Teachings together.

Tuesday, November 17, 7:00pm, Sts Joachim and Ann Care Service, 4116 McClay Road, St. Charles, MO 63304

RSVP Contact Flora Fazio at 636.441.1302, ext. 350,
florafazio@aol.com



MARY POPPINS

ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:

Friday, November 20th 7:00pm
Saturday, November 21st 7:00pm
Sunday, November 22nd 5:30pm

Assumption School Gym 113 W. 3rd Street O'Fallon, MO 63366

Tickets on sale now!!
Order forms available at the Parish Office!

Or go to: assumptionbvm.org/youthministry/highschoolnewsevents

National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week

The mission of Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service is to serve those in crisis and prevent homelessness and hunger. As the largest provider of food and shelter assistance in the Tri-County area we plan to be involved in the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week 11/14-11/22. We take seriously our responsibility to educate others about and involve others in what is going on in our communities. We seek solutions at every turn and believe that reaching out and educating the community is part of the solution.

In order to spread awareness about what is happening in our communities on November 18, volunteers/staff members will be handing out bottles of water in prominent places with facts about hunger and homelessness in our area to those who pass by. On that bottle will also be an invitation to join us at the Care Service (4116 McClay St. Charles 63304) on Monday 11/30 at 6:30pm to watch an hour long documentary "Homeless in the Heartland" and have a discussion about how we can make a difference in our area and in the lives of the people we serve.





HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

FILL THE TRAILER WITH NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

All items will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

MATTHEW 25:35





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 Bohm 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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