

THE PARISH FAMILY OF

ASSUMPTION

WELL DONE,

My Good and Faithful Servant.

SINCE YOU WERE FAITHFUL IN SMALL MATTERS, I WILL GIVE YOU GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES.

COME, SHARE YOUR MASTER'S JOY.

~MATTHEW 25:21



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

November 16, 2014

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



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assumptionparish](https://facebook.com/assumptionparish)



[@assumptionmedia](https://twitter.com/assumptionmedia)

Welcome

November 16, 2014

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.

Deacons

Jerry Hurlbert

Fred Volansky

Bill Walbridge

Ext:

Dir of Lay Pastoral Ministry

226 Sarah Beams

Lay Pastoral Associate

240 Amanda Suchara

Director of Administration

225 Jim Hager

Administrative Assistant

232 Janet Schwendemann

Secretary

221 Christine Reinhart

Bookkeeper

234 Mary Knapp

Capital Campaign

235 Rose Tubbs

Youth Ministry

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Parish School of Religion

636.240.1020

Derlene Hirtz ext 241

Krista Kenkel (Sec) ext 328

Child Safety Coordinator

Lorraine Niemann

314.837.3757 x224

Sunday Pre School

Denise Hoehne 314.954.0092

Parish Council

Dennis Maher

abvmparishcouncil@gmail.com

Christ Renews His Parish

Jim & Shelly Schneider

636.379.2538

Giving Online:

It's easy, convenient, and environmentally friendly!

Please join us in our Financial Vision:

We each give financially as God asks of us:

For the physical and spiritual needs of all who would ever come here

For the needs of those who suffer, and

For our own spiritual well-being and growth

Tips: What you might want to know about Online Giving before beginning:

√ When given the option to create an account or give a one-time gift, you will want to **CREATE AN ACCOUNT**.

*This ensures all your donations will print to a single tax statement

*You can manage/edit your level of giving at all times

√ You may use your credit card, or draw from checking or savings account

√ If you pay your bills through Online Banking, just add Assumption and you may continue to do so.

Instructions:

- Go to Assumption's website: assumptionbvm.org
- Under Quick Links on the right, click on: Online Giving
- Click on: Login/Create an Online Giving Account
- Create username and password and keep it in a safe, easily accessible place. (If you forget your username, call Mary Knapp in the parish office. If you forget your password, you can reset it.)
- Follow the prompts for adding your personal information
- Click on: New Donation, and then Designation: Sunday/Weekly Offering
- Input the amount, frequency, and date of withdrawals. Click Save.
- You may also give to the Special Collections through this one account

If you have any questions or need additional help, please call Jim Hager, Director of Administration, 240-3721, ext. 225.





May you find Christ here...

may you bring Christ to the world.

Last week, the Saturday Matter Day Jr. High Youth Group collected goods for Thanksgiving for the St. Vincent DePaul pantry. Over 200 canned goods were donated. As it turns out, the pantry was bare. The timing was perfect for our young people to be of service to our community!

Fall Festival Thank You

What a tremendous Fall Festival we had!! Our Co-Chairs Dan & Nikki Simpson -and all of our leaders and volunteers - did a truly marvelous job.

We served 1,531 turkey dinners (not counting the fact that Fr. Joe ate two). We raised \$36,000 for our ministries. And we had such a beautiful spirit through both Saturday and Sunday. Beautifully done Dan, Nikki and all!!

Please know that we are grateful to everyone who was a part of our Fall Festival in any way. What an amazing parish we have!

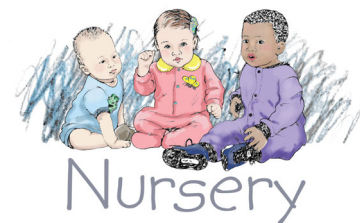


Grandpa's Nursery

Open during 8am & 10:00am Mass

Do you have children ages 6 months up to 3 years old? Our nursery volunteers (in Grandpa's Nursery downstairs in the Parish Center, near Room D), would gladly provide care for these little ones while you pray. There is no cost. Children ages 3 years and older are encouraged to attend our Sunday preschool, which provides age-appropriate learning about the Bible and other aspects of our faith.

If you would like to help out in our Nursery, we would WELCOME your help!! Adults (ages 18 and older) must have completed Protecting God's Children before volunteering. Volunteers should be at least 14 and all volunteers will complete a very simple volunteer application. Please contact Amanda if you'd be willing to share an hour and a half of your time on Sunday so parents can worship and/or attend RCIA classes: 636.240.3731 ext. 240 or Amanda.assumptionbvm@gmail.com.



This Week At Assumption

Sunday, Nov 16

8th Grade Commissioning
All Masses

Nursery

7:45am and 9:45am

RCIA

8:00am Hall C

Sunday Preschool

9:45am School

Server Training

6:00pm Church

Monday, Nov 17

Bible Study

7:00pm Hall C

Parish Council

7:00pm Conference Room

Tuesday, Nov 18

PSR

6:00pm School

PHD/Benediction

6:30pm Chapel

Athletic Assoc

7:00pm Hall A

Wednesday, Nov 19

PSR

6:00pm School

Centering Prayer

7:00pm Motherhouse

Friday, Nov 21

Youth Ministry Presents:

Wizard of Oz

7:00pm Gym

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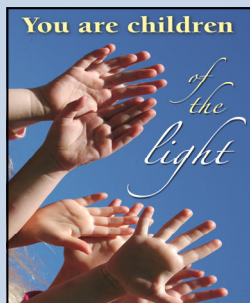
Baptism

1:15pm Church

Youth Ministry Presents:

Wizard of Oz

5:30pm Gym



PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

S T E W A R D S H I P

"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much..." - Matthew 25:21

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously give back with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them.



Life, Peace and Justice: *Living the Gospel of Joy*

***¡Presente!* –Remembering 25
years since the U.C.A. Martyrs**

November 16, 1989, at the University of Central America (UCA): Six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper, and her daughter were brutally murdered by 19 members of a death squad in El Salvador. During this period in history, political corruption and division in Latin America were volatile, complicated, and rampant. Volumes have been written about the numerous large-scale massacres, countless individuals being kidnapped and “disappeared”, excessive use of torture, and other atrocities that took place throughout Central America at the hands of these death squads.

These squads were sent out by powerful government leaders, and most often targeted priests and religious, teachers, scholars, students, union organizers, and those who worked to promote the rights of the poor. Many of these death squads, including the 19 members who committed the November 16 assassinations, were trained in the United States at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation-WHINSEC (formerly the School of the Americas) in Fort Benning, GA.

Padre Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J., Padre Ignacio Martín-Baró, S.J., Padre Segundo Montes, S.J., Padre Juan Ramón Moreno, S.J., Padre Joaquín López y López, S.J., Padre Amando López, S.J., Sñra Elba Ramos, Celina Ramos (16 year-old daughter of Elba)... **¡Presente!** [pree-ZEN-tay]

There's a tradition in Latin American movements for peace and justice of invoking the memory of those who have lost their lives in the struggle. When the name of the deceased is said aloud, those gathered respond “**¡Presente!**”. This literally means “here” or “present” in Spanish. When it is used at gatherings for peace, **¡Presente!** is a way of saying that those who have died for the struggle of justice are here with us, are not forgotten, and that we continue the struggle in their name. It is not unlike the Amen we proclaim when we receive Christ in the Eucharist – Amen; Yes; **¡Presente!** **Christ is truly present in our struggle to bring forth God's reign of Love.** Jesus' radical commitment to nonviolence and unconditional love set a lofty goal for followers. As Christians, as much as we have a spiritual responsibility to learn

how to love God with all our mind-soul-heart-strength and our neighbor as ourselves, we are also responsible for teaching love. The 8 names listed above are just a tear drop in the sea of names of those who have been martyred because of their beliefs, who have lost their lives to violence. It seems that we daily hear news of an ISIS execution, or a humanitarian worker gone missing, etc. What are we to do?

This weekend, the gospel gives us the answer: If we see people who are hungry or thirsty, we should take care of them; if we see people who have been stripped of everything, we should help clothe them; if we see people who are lonely or trapped or sick, we should make time to be with them. We cannot bring back to life those massacred by violence, but we can make sure their death was not in vain. *¡Presente!* We can be kinder. *¡Presente!* We can be more compassionate. *¡Presente!* We can choose to live our life without violence. *¡Presente!* Christ is present here because we are here and we are the Body of Christ – whatever we do to ourselves or to others, we do to Christ.

Prayer: God of Peace, bless those who are still trying to heal from their memories of violence, of torture, of having loved ones taken or killed. Remembering the 8 UCA martyrs, help us to choose the path of peace and life. Amen.

What can I do? LEARN: Visit the Oxford Hub and learn what's being done to help Syrian survivors of torture (<http://ohrh.law.ox.ac.uk/providing-syrian-survivors-of-torture-access-to-rehabilitation-services/>) or learn about the Center for Victims of Torture (<http://www.cvt.org/>) **GIVE:** reconciliation is key to peace, so consider offering forgiveness to someone who has been the object of a grudge, jealousy, or anger and **PRAY:** sometime in our personal prayer this week, we can just say the names 8 UCA martyrs, and any other names of people who have lost their lives to violence, and end with the word: *¡Presente!*

Assumption Youth Ministry

Fall 2014

Serving the teens of Assumption Church



Get your tickets now for:

THE WIZARD OF OZ

November 21-23

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

ORDER TICKETS ONLINE:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4AD23A7F85-wizard

November

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

19 – NO EVENT DUE TO TECH WEEK FOR THE MUSICAL

22 – 5PM MASS with the TEEN CHOIR & BAND

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.

Big Events Just Around the Corner

The Wizard of Oz – November 21-24, 2014

The ProLife March – January 21-25, 2015 - See Flyer in this weekends bulletin.

Like us on Facebook: Assumption Church Youth Group
Follow us on twitter

Thanksgiving Pies for the Poor

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry in North St. Louis is asking for our assistance again this year in providing pies for the poor this Thanksgiving. They provide dinner for 1500-2000 people in the area. By providing these pies, we will express our thanks by showing our concern and love for the poor in our community. If you are willing to donate a non-refrigerated pie or two, parishioner Bob Capstick will be accepting them in the prefunction area of the Parish Center from 7am-1pm Tuesday, November 25 and Wednesday, November 26. Just drop them off and be on your way. Thank you!!



St Vincent DePaul Annual Food Drive

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 15, the annual Boy Scout Food Drive. (Assumption's food pantry benefits from goods collected by the Boy Scout 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.



Substitute Teachers

Assumption School is looking for substitute teachers for the 2014-2015 school year.

Substitute teachers will work with students in academic areas while the regular classroom teacher is unavailable.

Many times, early morning telephone calls will be made in order to obtain a sub for a classroom. If you are interested in becoming a substitute teacher for Assumption School, you need to have a minimum of sixty credit hours of college coursework. Experience in education is a plus. Send your resume to Assumption School, 203 West Third, O'Fallon, MO 63366 or email to: joannehoormann@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions**Sunday, Nov 16**

8:00am Jake & Hannah Schaeffer
 10:00am Jerry Phillips
 12:00pm People of the Parish

Monday, Nov 17

6:30am Robert Kemna
 8:00am Stella Marie Campbell

Tuesday, Nov 18

6:30am Ollie Tochtrop
 8:00am Mary Ann Patterson

Wednesday, Nov 19

6:30am Vocations
 8:00am James McHugh

Thursday, Nov 20

6:30am Living & Deceased Parents &
 Relatives of CPPS Sisters
 8:00am Rita Freiburg

Friday, Nov 21

6:30am Artie Molitor
 8:00am David Feldmann

Saturday, Nov 22

9:00am Obermann Family
 5:00pm Chester Hohowski

Sunday, Nov 23

8:00am George & Mary Forbecdk
 10:00am Randall Craig
 12:00pm People of the Parish



We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Barb Ronchetto
 of Our Parish Community

Rose Ann Johnson
 of Our Parish Community

Warren Kaufhold
 Brother of William Kaufhold

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

Club 50+

You are invited to join us Monday, November 24, 7:00pm, Hall C. Sr Josepha, Cpps will speak on the meaning of Advent.

The annual Christmas party is December 22. All members who have paid their dues are invited to a catered dinner, and entertainment by The Grand Reunion. If you have signed up for the party at the last two meetings, it is not necessary to do so again.

To sign up for the Christmas party call Jan 240.4267 or Martha 294.3367. If you sign up and find you cannot make it, call Martha or Jan to cancel. We do need and exact count for the caterers.

Since you are headed this way anyway...

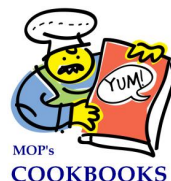
Might you consider bringing someone to Mass who cannot drive themselves? If so, please call Dana Kiely at her NEW number 314.304.0387.

**Readings for the Week
Nov 17-Nov 23**

Mon: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
 Lk 18:35-43
 Tue: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10, or, (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
 Wed: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
 Thu: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
 Fri: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
 Sat: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
 Sun: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Early Bulletin Deadline

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday all submissions for the Sunday, November 30 bulletin will be due on Thursday, November 20.



The MOPS group will be selling cookbooks on Hospitality Sunday, December 7.

They are \$10 each and we accept cash and

checks. We will also have some cookbooks gift wrapped for the holidays.

Meals For the Homeless

The Peace & Justice committee prepares and serves food to the working poor and homeless twice a month at the Economy Inn (Wentzville). If interested in helping in this effort contact LaVina Eickoff 314.323.3501.

Around Town

Immaculate Conception (Augusta)
 All You Can Eat Breakfast, Nov 23, 8-12

KC (St Charles) Fr Dominic, The Bread Monk, Dec 6, 2pm, tickets & info, Leo, 314.504.3638



*Please remember us in
 your wills and trusts.*

**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 - Oct 12, 2014

Offertory Budget	\$ 511,575.00
Actual Offertory	\$ 518,158.00
Difference	\$ 6583.00

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/](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4AD23A7F85-wizard)

[go/20F0C4CA4AD23A7F85-wizard](http://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.

Thanksgiving 2014

Let's Celebrate Thanksgiving Day

Join us on Thursday, November 27, and we will once again have a special Eucharistic celebration at 9:00am. It is special in several ways.

First let this day be a reminder that "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving". It seems then that taking part in the Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day is a most appropriate way of celebrating this holiday. We hope that you will join us.

Secondly, you are invited to bring gifts for the poor. These can be money or the usual items you bring for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. On this day don't leave them at the St. Vincent de Paul Society Depository but bring them to your pews with you. At the time of the Presentation of the Gifts, instead of the ushers/greeters passing the baskets, you will be asked to bring your own gifts forward into the sanctuary so they might serve as a sign for us to see. The ushers/greeters will be there to assist you.

Finally, you are invited to also bring something that you will be using at your own Thanksgiving Dinner or taking to someone else's. Let it be anything, cooked or uncooked, that you are able to handle easily. Again bring this to your pew with you. At some point in the Eucharist, you will be asked to hold up these items to be blessed. After Mass take them home with you to be used for your meal. The idea behind this is to help make a connection between the Lord's Table and your own feasting table. In this way you are bringing God's blessing to your own table. If you are particularly creative, you might even use this item to focus your meal prayer that day.

Please Note: There will be no 6:30am Mass on Thanksgiving.



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.

Friday, November 21 7:00pm

of Adults: _____ # of 12 & under: _____ Family: _____

Saturday, November 22 7:00pm

of Adults: _____ # of 12 & under: _____ Family: _____

Sunday, November 23 5:30pm

of Adults: _____ # of 12 & under: _____ Family: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____

FIFTH ANNUAL

FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SALE

DECEMBER 6 & 7

DECEMBER 6 4:00PM – 6:30PM
DECEMBER 7 8:30AM – 1:15PM

DOWNSTAIRS IN THE
PARISH CENTER



ASSUMPTION PARISH
SUPPORTS FAIR TRADE!!

Ornaments
Nativities
Jewelry
Scarves and
Mittens
Home Decor
KIDS Musical instruments
Purses & Totes
Coffee
Chocolates



Fair trade means

- Dignity
- Sustainability
- Education
- Hope

A fairer world



Fair Trade Matters!
Gifts that make a world of
difference!

RCIA Spiritual Retreat

The RCIA team members and sponsors feel so much energy growing in our program. These men and women who have come to us, inquiring to know more about our faith, have become awakened by an encounter with Christ. Their desire to embrace our Catholic faith comes to them through breaking open the Word together each Sunday morning, through our rich Catholic traditions, and through the witness of team members and sponsors.

Our sponsors are finding that they are renewing their own relationship with God and are experiencing a "newness" to their Catholic faith.

Please pray for our catechumens (those who have not been baptized) and our candidates (those already baptized) as we experience our Spiritual Retreat, today, Nov 16. The day focuses on individual discernment by our candidates and catechumens as to where they are in their relationship with Christ and where they need to go. Different forms of prayer, and introduction to Advent, John the Baptist, and a contemplation on the coming of Jesus Christ will be among the topics of our day.

Thank you, Assumption parishioners, for continuing to keep everyone in the RCIA program in your thoughts and prayers!

Prayer for Peace and Healing in our Community

O, Loving Father, You the creator of the earth and creator of human beings in your image, send you Spirit upon our neighborhoods and members of our churches that our hearts become hearts of love and not hearts of stone.

May your Spirit fill us with insight and understanding of the issues that lay below the surface of Michael Brown's death.

May you console Michael Brown's family with your healing grace, and walk with the family of the policeman involved in the shooting.

Bless as well those who hold positions of authority in our communities... give them wisdom, compassion and courage as they serve the common good.

We stand before you in our brokenness, pleading for your grace to come upon us, that we might be filled with your presence at this time.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

(From the Office of the Archbishop)

Ask and you shall receive!

Assumption parishioners were asked to use their Time and Talent forms to sign up for ministries that would match their gifts with the needs of the community. Over 2018 parishioners are volunteering in at least one ministry, and parishioners signed up to serve in 315 NEW areas! Thank You!!



GENERATION ★ LIFE

PRO-LIFE TRIP '15

January 21st – 25th 2015

\$250_{per person} 4-5_{people per room}

Prices increase for fewer people per room

RETURN FORM AND DEPOSIT TO ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

SPOTS WILL BE RESERVED FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

Name: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone: _____
School & Year: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

636-485-5221 • abvm youth@gmail.com

\$50 DEPOSIT



Assumption's Growing Project Fundraising Total

\$15,997.05
Thank You!

So what's next? We will send this donation amount to our farming partners in Bucyrus, Kansas. They'll be multiplying our investment when they sell their crops from this year. We will then hear from Rosie and Paul Guetterman as to how much the total donations to our projects in Africa and Asia will be.

Assumption's Growing Project team members are also in conversation with the Guettermans as to what projects we will apply this funding. We'll be updating you as soon as they are chosen.

For now, we offer our sincere gratitude for your abundant generosity and request your prayers for all who work so hard to grow their own food.

Assumption's Growing Project

Free gift cards available for your special occasion, which read:

A GIFT FOR YOU

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. **2 Corinthians 9:11**

On the occasion of *(name and celebration)*:

(Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Wedding, Christmas, Easter, Ordination, Extraordinary Generosity, or Other Celebratory Event.)

a donation has been made to the Growing Project for the relief of chronic global hunger and poverty.

Because you live, I pray that others might also live!

Signature: _____

On the back of the card, the recipient can read more about the Growing Project...

If you would like to make a donation and receive a free gift card to send to your loved one, please contact Sarah Beams, Director of Lay Pastoral Ministry at 636.240.3712 or just stop by the parish office.

Medicaid Expansion Community Meeting

Join Catholic Charities of St. Louis and our partners, Metropolitan Congregations United, and Missouri Health Care for All, for the first St. Charles Community Meeting on Medicaid Expansion. You will learn about the need for Medicaid Expansion in Missouri, important updates for the 2015 Legislative Session, and how you can get involved and take action to ensure that 300,000+ Missourians receive access to health care.

The St. Charles Community Meeting on Medicaid Expansion will take place Tuesday, November 18, 7-8pm, First United Methodist Church (801 First Capitol Dr., St. Charles, MO 63301). Please RSVP to Meg Olson, 314-367-5500 ext 1128 or molson@ccstl.org.

As Pope Francis wrote in *The Joy of the Gospel*, charity means "working to eliminate the structural causes of poverty and to promote the integral development of the poor. This means education, access to health care, and above all employment." We know that expanding Medicaid certainly increases access to health care for so many of our neighbors, and it also creates jobs in Missouri. So join Catholic Charities as we live out the Gospel and work to eliminate a significant structural cause of poverty in our state!

Saturday, 11/22: Feast of St. Cecelia, Patron Saint of Musicians!!

Have you ever thanked a church musician? Our community is richly BLESSED to have so many musicians willing to put in hundreds of hours of rehearsal and personal practice just to help us lift our voices in sung praise!! It's one of the few ministries that requires volunteers to commit to weekly practice as well as weekly ministry at Mass – 52 weekends a year, not counting holy days, holidays, prayer services, funerals, sacraments, or parish missions. These musicians sacrifice their time and share their gifts completely out of love for the communities they serve. What an expression of love! To the musicians of our parish and to all musicians everywhere, may God always bless you in your craft through the intercession of St. Cecelia: **Thank You !!**



2015 Lector Workbooks – Ready for Pickup

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS: If you requested to have a workbook for the coming liturgical year, please stop by the Guadalupe Room, pick-up a Lector workbook, and mark your name off the list. If you would like to make a contribution to help cover the cost of the workbooks (\$12) – THANK YOU; simply issue a check payable to Assumption Church and write "Lector Workbook" in the memo line. Checks can be given to Parish Office or deposited in the collection basket.

Invitation to Divorced and Separated Catholics

A 12 week program entitled *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* begins on January 8, Immaculate Conception (Dardenne). Contact Debi at: debijo@att.net or 314.276.3859 for more info or to register. Cost: \$25.

Transforming the World Through Laundry

Would you be willing to do 1 white load of laundry this week?

It's a key domino that needs to fall to keep the life of the church in motion. Clean linens, purificators, and towels are necessary for daily Eucharist... those who come to Eucharist are empowered by God's Spirit... those who are empowered go to their families, classrooms, offices, and elsewhere to spread God's Love! This is a great service opportunity for someone who likes to do behind-the-scenes (but absolutely necessary) kind of work. As an added bonus, you get to see the fruits of your labor at Eucharist in every clean cloth that is used!

Call Amanda 636.240.3721 ext. 240 or email: Amanda.assumptionbvm@gmail.com if you're ready to pitch in!

Memorial Cards

In the sadness and grief of losing someone we love to death, some may wish to do something tangible and create a special way to remember them. At Assumption, we have memorial cards that can be used to remember a loved one through a general donation to the church. The donations will be used to meet a current need of the parish. As they are received, we will remember your loved one in a special way in prayer.

There are cards available in the Narthex of church. Please pick up one or two cards to take home with you. The cards are also available at local funeral homes upon request.

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.

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