

THE PARISH FAMILY OF ASSUMPTION

NOVEMBER 30, 2014



# First SUNDAY of ADVENT

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*Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
with the mountains quaking before you,  
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,  
such as they had not heard of from of old.*

Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

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**FIFTH ANNUAL**

## FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SALE

**DECEMBER 6 & 7**

DECEMBER 6 4:00PM - 6:30PM

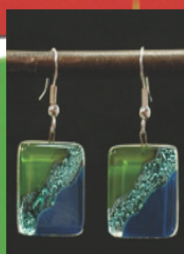
DECEMBER 7 8:30AM - 1:15PM

**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 Matters!**  
Gifts that make a world of  
difference!



## 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, December 7, for new member registration.

## Turkey Drive

The St. Vincent De Paul Society will be collecting turkeys, turkey breasts and hams before Masses on the weekends of Dec 6/7, and again on Dec 13/14. We will be making around 100 Christmas Baskets for families in need in our community. We sincerely appreciate any help that you could give us.



Want to make difference in the lives of people living in our community? Consider volunteering with our St Vincent DePaul Society. To volunteer or for more information call 636.272.4758 and leave your contact information.



## Advent Giving Tree

There are two trees set-up in the Narthex with tags that have wishes for members of our community.

Please limit your amount to \$25-\$35 per tag. These gifts will need to be returned to the tree in the downstairs hall, with the tag, no later than December 14, noon mass. Thank you and any questions can be directed to Steve 636.978.4203.

**Advent materials** for children, teens, adults and families are available in the Narthex this weekend.

## This Week At Assumption

### Sunday, Nov 30

#### Nursery

7:45am and 9:45am

#### Advent By Candlelight

6:00pm Parish Center  
(Reservations Required)

### Monday, Dec 1

#### Bible Study

7:00pm Hall C

#### Finance Committee

7:00pm Conference Room

### Tuesday, Dec 2

#### PSR

6:00pm School

#### PHD/Benediction

6:30pm Chapel

### Wednesday, Dec 3

#### PSR

6:00pm School

#### Extreme Teen Studip

7:00pm Sophia House

#### Centering Prayer

7:00pm Motherhouse

#### St Vincent DePaul

7:00pm Meyer Room

### Thursday, Dec 4

#### First Reconciliation

6:30pm Church

#### Growing Project

7:00pm Hall C

### Friday, Dec 5

#### MOP's

8:30 Parish Center

#### Lector Training

5:00pm Church

#### Fish Fry

5:00pm KC Hall

### Saturday, Dec 6

#### First Reconciliation

9:00am-3:00pm Church

#### Fair Trade Market

4:00-6:30pm Parish Center

### Sunday, Dec 7

#### Prayer Team Ministry

All Masses Church

#### Hospitality Sunday

All Masses Hall A/B

#### Nursery

7:45am and 9:45am

#### RCIA

8:00am Hall C

#### Fair Trade Market

8:30am-1:15pm Parish Center

#### Sunday Preschool

9:45am School

#### New Member Registration

Noon Mass

## Prayer Team Ministry

Next weekend, December 6/7, 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.

PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

S T E W A R D S H I P

*"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, everyday, and listen to what God is saying to you.





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

### Expecta Eum – Keep Watching

It is easy for us to become nostalgic during Advent and on into the holiday season. We are surrounded by candles and wreaths, images of an innocent-looking child in a manger, around whom the cattle are lowing, the doves cooing, and toward whom two penitent, mild parents gaze lovingly. It is good to remember what happened so long ago. It is good to tell the story of God's Love being so great that It became incarnate, that It chose to enter the limitations of humanity so as to walk among us. It is good to recall the surprising poverty and the scandalous simplicity. This is all a precious part of our story of salvation.

It is also important to remember we are not preparing for the birth of a child of long ago and faraway. The historical birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, happened thousands of years ago.

Advent is about Now... a special kind of readying.

We, the Church, are the Body of Christ. This is not just a light-hearted title for the Church – this is our life and our destiny! The Church is sacrament and mystery as the Body of Christ. It's a Body not yet complete, not yet perfected. Poet Jessica Powers wrote in her prayer-poem "Mary Darkness" that we are in the womb of Mary, the Mother of the Church. In this womb, we are not yet fully formed. The Body is broken in parts... divided by injustice, hatred, prejudice, entitlement and fear. The Body is blemished with the lesions of oppression and apathy; the Body is battling the cancers of war, pedophilia, smugness and self-righteousness.

Beyond the turmoil, unrest, and brokenness in our world – Advent is the season of PEACE, and we are called to be actively-waiting: We wait and watch to take notice of God unfolding all around us... we experience God coming to birth within us... Through the stories and rituals of Advent, we are once again filled with wonder, insight, intrigue. As we watch and wait and hope, we become what God desires for us to become.... love-made-flesh. Advent is about our birth as the Body of Christ.

This is why we again listen to the ancient stories of waiting and watching. This is why we are a Church committed to doctrines promoting life, peace, and justice. This is why we study the life of Christ. This is why join together to worship. This is why we Advent: to prepare for what

we are becoming – the manifestation of God's Love, active in the world today!

We have four weeks -- We will be watchful in our waiting, as the candlelight steadily overtakes the darkness. We will prepare by making time for prayer and reflection. We will rejoice in the glimpses of birth and new life we are awakened to see. And we will, evermore, become One in Christ, One Body, One Love – which we call the Church.

**Prayer:** God of our Waiting, find us ready – awake to Your Presence. You are our Peace. In this Advent, we will make room for You. Come and be born in us, again and again... and again. Amen.

**What can I do? WATCH:** Consider exploring some of the countless documentary films made about life, peace, and justice issues, such as: "Finding Happiness" (Compassion/Peace), "Who is Dayani Cristal?" (Immigration), "The 11th Hour" or "Meat the Truth" (Environment), "Nefarious: Merchant of Souls" (Human-trafficking), "Life & Debt" (Globalization), "Peace One Day" (Nonviolence), "Holy Land" (conflict in the West Bank) – [Note: Documentaries may not be appropriate for all ages]. **WAIT:** Consider using one of the booklets provided in the Narthex for daily reflection, and/or each day of Advent, write down a prayer intention for some place or person in our world that is in need of peace, and place it near our Advent wreath. This will help broaden our Advent watching and view of the world.



## Assumption Youth Ministry Fall 2014

Serving the teens of Assumption Church

### December

**3** – Spunky Time at STUDIP – don't miss this night to hang out, play games and just be together! Sophia House 7-8:30 pm

**10** – Xtreme Teen - MAMMA MARY – Right after the Feast of the Immaculate Conception we'll come together to talk about our beautiful Mother. Be there and bring friends!!! Hall C 7-9pm

**17** – Bible Study/Bother the Father – a great night to dive deeper into The Word! Check it out! Sophia House 7-8:30pm

**24** – Christmas Eve – Teen Choir/Band singing at the 4pm Mass

**31** – New Years Eve – No event but bring in the new year with a prayer. Amen!

### Generation Life

January 21 – 25 - Spots still available to head to Washington DC to attend the ProLife March. \$250.

**CHWC** – Sign up now! Only 40 spots this year so get your deposits in fast.

### Big Events Just Around the Corner

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

## Have You Considered Planning Your Funeral Mass?

Does that sound like an odd question? As people of faith, we know that we are bound for a life beyond this life. Just as many folks take time to draft a will or trust and make arrangements for cremation or burial, it is also a grace-filled process to think about the kind of funeral or memorial Mass you might like... maybe you already know some hymns you would like to have sung, or perhaps you've heard some scripture that you'd like to use.

It's a gift to our loved ones to already have these kinds of things planned, and it's also a way for us to participate in how we're remembered. If you'd like to know more about this or would like to meet with someone to talk about what kinds of things are possible at a funeral Mass, contact Amanda in the parish office 636.240.3721 ext. 240 or amanda.assumptionbvm@gmail.com.

## Welcome Visitors!

Guests at Assumption Parish are important to us! Consequently, we have placed a podium in our Narthex, just before entering the glass doors on the north side. Visitors are invited to fill out a card, letting us know if you have questions or comments, or to leave information about how we can best serve you.

## Christ Renews His Parish

(CRHP) is an exciting weekend of faith building, fellowship, reflection, song, and prayer hosted by parishioners for parishioners. The purpose of the weekend is to grow spiritually and closer in your relationship with God and with your fellow parishioners. The women's retreat will be held on January 17-18, 2015. If you would like more information or to register for this exciting weekend call Angela Dowdy 314.605.9852.

## Toy Collection

The Guardian Truck Club will be collecting toys for our St. Vincent DePaul Christmas Program in the parking lot of the Target store on Hwy K, Saturday, December 6, 9:00am - 4:00pm. This group is sponsored by Chesterfield Service and Krekeler Jewelers of O'Fallon, and both have given generously of their time and treasure to our Christmas program for the past several years. If you're out shopping, please stop by, and bring the kids to see the Fire truck and the Monster trucks that they will have displayed.

## 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.

## Needed: Gently-Used Bicycles

Sts Joachim & Ann Care Service would like to provide a bicycle to every child who requests one in the Adopt-A-Family program this Christmas. Bicycles can be dropped off any time of day, and parked by the garage in the Care Service parking lot. (Assumption cannot accept bicycle donations.) Please consider donating for our local neighbors in need. For more information, contact Yvonne at 636.441.1302, ext. 224.



**Mass Intentions****Sunday, Nov 30**

8:00am Amon Owens  
 10:00am Tony Sgroi  
 12:00pm People of the Parish

**Monday, Dec 1**

6:30am Joseph Kovarik  
 8:00am Frank Keeven Family

**Tuesday, Dec 2**

6:30am James Sheehan  
 8:00am Rita Freiburg

**Wednesday, Dec 3**

6:30am 50th Jubilarians  
 8:00am Vocations

**Thursday, Dec 4**

6:30am Mary Ann Ziegler  
 8:00am Leroy Hoffman

**Friday, Dec 5**

6:30am Eugene Cronk  
 8:00am Sara Henke

**Saturday, Dec 6**

9:00am Chris Wiltse  
 5:00pm Bill Grumich

**Sunday, Dec 7**

8:00am Edward Hoffner  
 10:00am Kurt Klinghammer  
 12:00pm People of the Parish

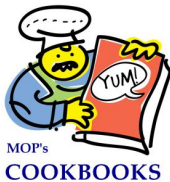


Be watchful! Be alert!  
 You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

**Caroling Christmas Cards**

Caroling Christmas Cards bring a musical holiday greeting right to your door. Members of the Choral Arts Singers will deliver a unique holiday mini concert to the address that you choose—a terrific way to let someone know they are especially thought of during the holidays. Cards will be delivered (O Fallon, Lake St Louis, Wentzville) Dec 15 between 6:30-9:30pm. Reservations limited. For reservations or information call Bonnie 636.887.2899.



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. If you can't make it December 7, call Jennifer Bolinger at 314.603.0872.

**Hospitality Sunday**

Join us Sunday, Dec 7 for Hospitality Sunday after all Masses in Hall A/B.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Monday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 8 as follows:

6:30am Motherhouse Chapel  
 8:00am & 7:00pm Church

There will be no vigil Mass.

**2014 Holiday Bulletin Schedule**

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Submission Date</u>
December 21	Thurs, Dec 11
December 28	Wed, Dec 17
January 4	Mon, Dec 22

**Around Town**

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 26, 2014

Offertory Budget	\$ 584,358.00
Actual Offertory	\$ 588,884.00
Difference	\$ 4526.00

**Readings for the Week  
Dec 1 - Dec 7**

**Mon:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tue:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wed:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thu:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Fri:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Sat:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sun:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

## 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.

## Christmas Concert

The Concert Arts Assoc invites you to join them on Sunday, December 7, 3:00pm, in the Chapel, as the Choral Arts Singers present their annual Christmas Concert. This year's program includes a variety of both popular and religious music to celebrate the Christmas season. Admission is free, but donations to support the association are welcome. For additional information and concert dates contact Bonnie Lang at 636.887.2899 or visit [concertarts.org](http://concertarts.org)

## Come Pray With Us . . .

The rosary is a beautiful prayer and we encourage its holy recitation. We invite everyone to join us for this prayer for peace, as invited by Mary; for religious freedom, as invited by the Archbishop, and for this Church, named in Mary's honor, that we might be known for our Christ-like love.

In addition to our other times to pray the rosary, we now also process over to our chapel on Thursday mornings after Mass. We begin the Rosary at 8:45am. A golf cart will be available for those who might need transportation between church and chapel.

We are indeed blessed to have a chapel for devotional prayer. It is our commitment to continue to utilize this beautiful asset in holy and productive ways. Again, we invite you to join us for the recitation of the rosary on Thursdays. And we thank you for all the ways you pray; and for all the ways you are open to let that prayer help you to love.

You are also invited to pray the rosary prior to the start of Mass each Sunday. We meet in the chapel and begin at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am.

If anyone is interested in being a leader, please call Amanda at the parish office 240.3721.



## Advent Penance Service

Advent is a time of preparation, reconciliation, and hope. Looking for a way to prepare your heart, to fill your soul with peace? Join us in the Motherhouse Chapel on Thursday, December 11, 7:00pm for a communal Penance Service. Immediately following this service, time will be given for individual confessions.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24

4:00pm  
4:30pm (Chapel)  
6:00pm  
10:00pm

Our 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass will be particularly family-friendly. Families are invited to bring the baby Jesus figurine from their Nativity sets, to be used as part of a special blessing that will be given during the Mass.

### Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25

8:00am  
10:00am  
12:00pm

### Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31: Vigil Mass: 5:00pm  
Thursday, January 1: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

## 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.





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

In addition to some volunteering you may be doing here at Assumption, you can make a difference in someone's life in your own community! Most of these needs are right here in the Saint Charles-Wentzville area. And these are only a sample of the many agencies needing volunteers. Just find what you care about and join in solidarity with our neighbors! All have websites for more information.

### **FEED THE HUNGRY**

#### **Feeding America: You can make a difference in your community!**

Area families and seniors depend on the food that our volunteers sort, box and repackage in our Volunteer Center. Whether you're volunteering as an individual or as part of a group, spending a few hours at the Foodbank makes for a great field trip or team-building experience. Our Volunteer Center bustles with activity five days a week and the results are real. Last year, volunteers packaged 5.6 million pounds of food. 70 Corporate Woods Drive; Bridgeton, MO 63044. 314.292.6262



**OFS: Operation Food Search** distributes more than one million pounds of food and household items to 300 community partner agencies that in turn feed 95,000 poor people every single month. Nearly half the recipients are children. Volunteer (as a family or as an individual) as a chef (show others how to cook!), shopper (shop for food) or warehouse support. 314.726.5355

### **CLOTHE THE NAKED**

**Dress for Success Midwest:** Enrich the lives of low-income women and their families by providing work-related clothing and other self-improvement skills (adult volunteers only). In the St. Charles Region orientations are held on the second and fourth Wednesday each month at 1 p.m.; 3000 Little Hills Expressway, Ste. 102, St. Charles, MO 63301. 636.940.8027

**United Volunteers United Store:** Need teens/adults to help stock, sort, tag, price, organize, dust, clean, assist shoppers in their thrift store. Will take any amount of time you can give! 636.272.4110

### **SHELTER THE HOMELESS**

**Catholic Charities:** Check out their web site: [www.ccstl.org](http://www.ccstl.org)! There are tons of volunteer opportunities.

**Youth In Need:** Are you a regular Mr. or Ms. fix-it? We would greatly appreciate your talents at any one of our locations. We could use help with lawn and building maintenance or other miscellaneous repair needs. Extra bonus: This opportunity could also involve teaching our youth these skills. Other types of volunteer opportunities are also available. 636.946.3771

**Humane Society:** In order to help more animals on their limited budget, they rely on volunteers and staff to care for animals. Tasks range from doing dishes and laundry, cleaning cages, answering phones, fundraising events, etc. Help us keep our furry "guests" happy and healthy! 636.949.9918

**Lutheran Family Services:** Collect items for LFCS foster children who are in foster homes and may be living apart from their siblings. (Foster care packages) Items may include gift cards to entertainment venues (movie theatre, Chuck E Cheese, or the Magic House) for sibling visits or disposable cameras and photo albums to capture special memories. Great for a family, neighborhood or community service project. 314.787.5100

**Missouri Energy Care:** Maybe your good with your hands...Energy Care provides energy-related services to low-income older adults and families living in St. Louis City and County. Delivery of emergency goods (as heaters, blankets, air conditioners), minor furnace repair for older adult homeowners. The services are designed to keep low-income older adults and families safe, warm or cool, and in their own homes year round. 314.773.5900

### **COMFORT THE IMPRISONED**

**Voices For Children:** (A United Way organization): VFC trains community advocates to work on behalf of abused and neglected children and be their voice in court. 1,000 children are waiting for our help. 314.552.2352

**Crider Center:** Teens/seniors: thrift store volunteer; greet visitors as they enter, assist customers with their purchases, process sales and answer the phone. Assist putting items on the sale shelves, pricing, and ensuring the store is clean and neat. Accompany the pick up team to retrieve donated items, deliver items to the Thrift Store, and sort through donated items to determine if it is fit for resale. 636.332.8326

**Bridgeway Counseling:** Hospital advocate; Bridgeway Sexual Assault Center needs female volunteers over the age of 18 to assist victims of rape and sexual assault by being their advocate during their hospital visit. We supply



all your training. Males can help in other ways such as helping present prevention education to high schoolers. 636.224.1000.

### ***VISIT THE SICK***

#### **St. Louis Society For The Blind and Visually**

**Impaired:** Friendly Visitor; This person is assigned one-on-one with an individual who is blind or visually impaired and assists that person with regular social visits. They may also help read mail and other materials, assist with grocery shopping, and make periodic phone calls as the volunteer wishes. Limits on the relationship include not assisting with financial matters in any manner. With assistance from the Society's Volunteer Coordinator, Lucy McCalpin 314.301.7367, the volunteer is encouraged to set limits with the client on personal use of the volunteer. Main line: 314.968.9000

**Support Dogs:** TOUCH Program volunteers (you and your dog) visit hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and schools in the special school district.. Support Dogs provides service dogs to people who need assistance with mobility tasks. 314.997.2325

**Muscular Dystrophy Association:** Volunteer for camp; Children with Muscular Dystrophy rely on their volunteers for everything. It's 24-hour care. Camp is just one of the many projects of the MDA and they need people all year long. 314.683.2041

**Wings of Hope:** Maintain and repair airplane engines to help keep them flying so they can fulfill their mission of delivers Humanitarian programs to the impoverished, to achieve a more peaceful world. We do whatever is needed, to provide tangible resources to enable the poor and needy, or any marginalized citizens, to become active and productive participants in their societies. Wings of Hope is non-sectarian, non-political, non-racial and accepts all people as equal citizens of the world. Need volunteers to file, sort plane parts using their system, and other airplane hangar and misc. work. 636.537-1302

**DASA (Disabled Athlete Sports Association):** DASA gives people with permanent physical, visual, and/or hearing disabilities opportunities to compete in sports and participate in fitness activities (i.e. Fantasy Baseball Camp, Sled Hockey, Power Wheelchair Soccer, and more!) DASA office 636.477.0716. Website address is [www.dasasports.org](http://www.dasasports.org) Volunteers can fill out forms on line.

### ***BURY THE DEAD***

**Community Loving Care Hospice:** Providing support and service to hospice patients, caregivers and families. Includes providing respite care and special tasks according to talents and abilities. Wentzville office: 251 East Pearce Blvd; Wentzville, MO 63385. 636.639.6280



**Share:** Need volunteers to listen and to serve those whose lives are touched by the tragic death of a baby through early pregnancy loss, stillbirth, or in the first few months of life. National office is in St. Charles. 1.800.821.6819

**Stephens Ministries:** Stephen Ministries St. Louis has volunteer opportunities for couples. Currently welcoming gifted and committed married couples to be part of our Conference Team. 314.428.2600

**Catholic Charities:** Check out their web site: [www.ccsstl.org](http://www.ccsstl.org)! There are tons of volunteer opportunities. Condolence Researcher; Read the obituaries to identify who was Catholic. Research addresses for surviving family members so a sympathy card can be sent. Pray for that family and person; letting them know they are part of a bigger Catholic family. 314.367.5500, ext 155



**\*For more information regarding volunteer opportunities, try [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org) to search by keywords that help focus and refine your options.**

## 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.

## 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. Call Amanda 636.240.3721 ext. 240 or email:

Amanda.assumptionbvm@gmail.com if you're ready to pitch in!

## 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.

### 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.

### 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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### ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

Principal: Genny Callier  
636.240.4474

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