

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 31, 2017



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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The child grew and became strong,  
filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

*May you find Christ here...*

*...may you bring Christ to the world.*

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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

On this Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph we are invited to see the world through their eyes. In the Gospel story of Jesus' presentation in the Temple we hear the beautiful Cantic of Simeon, which is prayed every night by the Church: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel (Lk 2:29-32)." God's saving power, revealed in Jesus, God made human, is for all the world. God has turned the table on Caesar Augustus. Caesar wanted to enroll the whole world under his power; God used the census to reveal His Kingdom in a manger, in Bethlehem, the City of David. And from the shepherds to the Magi and now to Simeon, we see that this light which has come into the world is for all the nations.

I encourage all of us to read the whole story of Abram and Sarai, Chapters 12-50 of Genesis. Our first reading today offers a glimpse from chapter 15 and another glimpse from chapter 21, reminding us of God's faithfulness and God's desire to draw all nations to Himself. The whole story includes God's promises to Ishmael and Isaac, Abraham's sacrifice of Ishmael and Isaac. I am especially fond of Ishmael, the first son of Abram, born of Hagar. Because we worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we might forget that God is also the God of Sarah, Rebekah and Rachel. And we rarely remember that God is the God of Ishmael and Esau, of Hagar and Leah. God's desire has always been that all are saved.

We are the ones who now live in the light of Christ, who bear Christ in our hearts, indeed even in our bones and our blood; we are the ones who are nourished by the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. So we echo Simeon's canticle, proclaiming the Holy Family as salvation for the whole world. We too are sent to find the outcasts, the foreigners, the wounded, the lost and the frightened...all who have walked in darkness. We have a story to tell. We have love to share. We have life to give. It is the Word become flesh, the light which has come into the world, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

As we honor the Holy Family today, let us pledge ourselves to continue their mission, to follow Mary in her mission of bringing Christ to every corner of our souls and to every corner of the earth.

Fr Mitch







## THE FOUR PILLARS OF PARISH STEWARDSHIP (Part 2)

Stewardship: *A grateful Response to God's Love*

God reveals his perfect and infinite love for us most visibly in His Son, Jesus Christ. A steward makes God's love visible by imitating Jesus. The more deeply one grows in love for God, the more one grows in heart to see stewardship as a way of life, a way of love, imitating God's love for us. Stewards see everything good as gifts received from God and they respond in gratitude with the gift of self.

### Formation - Continuous Conversion

"Being a disciple is not just something else to do, alongside many other things suitable for Christians, it is a total way of life and requires continuing conversion." from *USCCB's Stewardship a Disciple's Response - Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*. Formation is a formidable task, involving education for the mind and conversion of the heart. To know the "stewardship way of life", does not make one live a "stewardship way of life." Ongoing Catholic education is important if we are to grow in our lives as stewards.

### Service - Love in Action

"...Amen I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me." *Matt. 25:40*

Members of a stewardship parish are ready to minister to varied needs of their own parish family as well as the needs of the wider community and Church. Just as the members of a family come together to help one of their own, a stewardship parish family serves those who are hurting or in need, doubting or seeking salvation. The parish family also comes together to celebrate, thank and return God's gifts.

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*This article will be devoted to Stewardship in Action, and we need YOU to share your stories! Maybe you were on the receiving end of hospitality, or maybe you witnessed a person or a group in service to another. How have you been affected by a person or a ministry at Assumption? We want to know! Not sure where to begin? Prayer is always a great place to start. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes, ears and heart to Stewardship in Action all around you. Then let us know what you witness! Please email Jeannette Hamann at [abvmjeannette@yahoo.com](mailto:abvmjeannette@yahoo.com) with your stories of Stewardship in Action. Thank you!*

### **This Week At Assumption**

#### Sunday, December 31

##### **RCIA**

8:00 am Hall C

#### Monday, January 1

##### **CRHP Continuation**

7:00pm Multipurpose Room

#### Tuesday, January 2

##### **CRHP—Women**

7:00pm Room D & E

#### Wednesday, January 3

##### **Bible Study with Fr. Mitch**

10:00am Sophia House

##### **RCIA**

6:00pm Meyer Combined

#### Wednesday, January 3 (con't)

##### **CRHP Men**

7:30pm Multipurpose Room

##### **CRHP**

8:00pm Room D & E

#### Sunday, January 6

##### **RCIA**

8:00 am Hall C

##### **Life Teen**

After 5:30pm Mass Halls B/C

##### **Hospitality Weekend**

Hall A/B

##### **Parish Registration**

After Noon Mass Hall C



### Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 31: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm

### Solemnity Mary, Mother of God

(Since this falls on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, January 1: 9:00am Mass ONLY



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 31

8:00am Carmela Bamert  
10:00am Robert E. Mueller  
12:00pm People of the Parish

### Monday, January 1

9:00am Robert Schneider

### Tuesday, January 2

6:30am Victor Bauer  
8:00am Jose Louis Cuatlahuahue Perez

### Wednesday, January 3

6:30am Sr. Mary Ann Averbeck  
8:00am Ira Obrist

### Thursday, January 4

6:30am Paul Sypiewski  
8:00am Fr. Ted Pieper

### Friday, January 5

6:30am Vocation to the Priesthood  
and Religious Life  
8:00am Herbert Parmentier

### Saturday, January 6

9:00am Leadership Team  
5:00pm Frances Hawksley

### Sunday, January 7

8:00am Kenny Long  
10:00am Margaret Hakenewerth  
12:00pm People of the Parish  
5:30pm Spec. Int., Zach Gasich



## Epiphany Home Blessing

One interesting custom for Epiphany is for families to ask God's blessing on our own homes. The ritual calls for parents to mark, with blessed chalk, the main entrance door with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year. This year's mark will be:

**20 + C + M + B + 18**

The numbers stand for the year in which the blessing is inscribed (2018). The letters stand for the names traditionally given the Magi who found the Christ Child: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They are also an abbreviation for the Latin blessing: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, or "Christ bless this dwelling." Blessed chalk and holy water will be available after masses the weekend of January 6/7.

Gather your family at the main entrance to your home.  
All make the sign of the cross.

**Parent:** "Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever."

**Family:** "Blessed be God forever"

*Parent or reader: (reading from Sacred Scripture)*

**"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Matt 2:10-11**

*Parent imparts the blessing:*

**"Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect Your love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord."**

**Family:** "Amen"

Then the parent sprinkles holy water on those gathered and sprinkles it about the home.

**All are invited to bring a bottle from home for you to gather Holy Water from our Baptismal Font to help celebrate this Feast and to assist in your blessing."**



### New Member Registration, January 7th

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 and continue in Hall C from 1:00 - 1:45pm.



### Hospitality Sunday

Join us for Hospitality Sunday, next weekend, January 7th, after all Masses.



ASSUMPTION  
LIFE TEEN

### CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

Is God calling you or someone you know to be a part of our Life Teen Worship Band? We are looking for varied musicians and vocalists for our Worship Band so as to help our community be led into worship during our 5:30pm Mass.

Contact Shannon Douglas for details or to set up an audition at: [shannon.assumptionym@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.assumptionym@gmail.com) or 314-422-5590

### Calendar

Sunday Dec. 31 NO Life Night: Happy New Year!

Sunday Jan. 7 7:00pm, Life Night:

"Jesus is a Friend of Mine" Hall C

Wednesday Jan 10 7:00pm WORD Wednesday Begins!  
Sophia House

Sunday Jan 14 7:00pm, Life Night:

"Like, Follow, Share" Hall C

Wednesday Jan 17 Leave for March For Life in  
Washington, DC

Sunday Jan 21 7:00pm, Life Night Hall C

Wednesday Jan 24 7:00pm WORD Wednesday  
Sophia House



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Assumption Life Teen Group

### ALL Are Invited to Invite a Friend to Mass! January 6/7

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.

### Lectors, Usher/Greeters, Servers and Sacristans,

The new schedule for Lectors, Usher/Greeters, Servers and Sacristans, January 1–March 31, is on line. Please check the schedule and if you are scheduled for Mass times that you do not prefer, please go on line and correct your 'Mass Preferences'. Or you can call the parish office and Peggy will assist you with this.

We truly appreciate your willingness to share your time and talents. By your service, you are helping us all grow closer to Christ.

If you have any questions, please call Peggy at the parish office. 636-240-3721 ext. 221

### Readings for the Week January 1—7

Monday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: St. John Neumann

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: St. André Bessette

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### 2018-19 SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families seeking tuition assistance from the Archdiocese for the next school year should apply online at [www.ttef-stl.org](http://www.ttef-stl.org) between January 29 and February 28.

Families seeking tuition assistance from the Parish for the next school year should apply online at <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid> between February 15 and May 15. Those applying for Parish assistance are required to also apply to the Archdiocese.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
School

Our students have been showing generosity this week by making cards for nursing homes, the Air Force, and many more organizations! Have a wonderful Christmas break to all Assumption students and remember the real reason for the season!

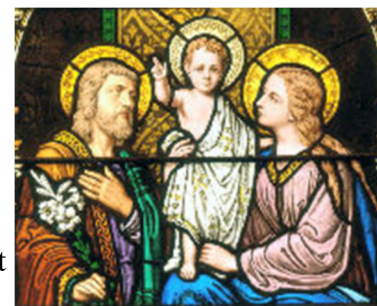




December 31, 2017

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

SIR 3: 2-6, 12-14; PS 128: 1-5; COL 3: 12-21; LK 2: 22-40



We celebrate today the Feast of the Holy Family so it is natural that the readings have to do with how family members relate to one another. Most are probably not aware that the calendar which we follow as Catholics is the result of revisions which occurred in 1969. After all, that is almost 50 years ago. In any case, this feast is always celebrated in what is called the Octave of Christmas, or now on the first Sunday after Christmas. The feast was instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1893.

Today is a day to celebrate not only the Holy Family, but the idea of family in general. No matter how we may define ourselves we are a part of a family. What is important to know is that this Feast is dedicated to the entire Holy Family. Each in their own right (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph) has their own feasts. This feast commemorates the life of the Holy Family together and the focus is, or should be, on religious family life.

We have cited the Second Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians previously as it outlines what is required for a stable family life. Paul says, *"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another."* It is not easy, of course, but if members of a family can be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, patient, and forgiving, then the family is bound to be more unified, more stable, and more of a unit.

And then Paul makes his most definitive statement about family relationships: *"And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection."* Love is the summary of all things St. Paul recommends. If each member of a family loves the others, that fulfills what God requires of us in all relationships. We do not know much about Jesus as a child through holy scripture, but we can certainly draw conclusions from what we do know. Mary and Joseph were devout Jews and parents. They obeyed God's commands. The circumcision and purification ceremonies were necessary as reminders that all were born in sin. Jesus, of course, was born without sin, and might seem to be excused from this tradition, but even as an infant He identified with sinners, just as He later did at His baptism, and on the Cross.

Note the statement in the Gospel that: *"Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons."* It is clear in the Old Testament (Leviticus 12) that at the birth of a son a lamb is to be offered as part of the purification and dedication ceremony. However, it was allowed for a family to offer two birds if they could not afford a lamb. The offering of two birds instead of the lamb was technically called *"the offering of the poor."* *Jesus was born into a humble and poor family, another reminder to us that He and His family might be very much like us. The Gospel goes on to proclaim that "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."*

**"Growing in wisdom"** is a sign that Jesus developed spiritually. Admittedly, He is not like all others. As a five year old, He must have had a grasp of life and reality that some of us still do not have. We may not know much of Jesus' life or His family from this time until He was 12 years old. Nevertheless, we do not need to know all the details to fully appreciate that this family was special, different, Holy. The Holy Family should continue to be an inspiration and an example to us.

~  
Excerpts from: Catholic Diocese of Wichita

*We pray that you and your family will open your door to the peace of the Christ child this season and that you have a Very Blessed and Joyous New Year!*



## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1, 2018

*In part, Homily from our Holy Father, Pope Francis...*

“Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart! (Lk 2:19). In these words, Luke describes the attitude with which Mary took in all that they had experienced in those days. Far from trying to understand or master the situation, Mary is the woman who can treasure, that is to say, protect and guard in her heart, the passage of God in the life of his people. Deep within, she had learned to listen to the heartbeat of her Son, and that in turn taught her, throughout her life, to discover God’s heartbeat in history. She learned how to be a mother, and in that learning process she gave Jesus the beautiful experience of knowing what it is to be a Son. In Mary, the eternal Word not only became flesh, but also learned to recognize the maternal tenderness of God. With Mary, the God-Child learned to listen to the yearnings, the troubles, the joys and the hopes of the people of the promise. With Mary, he discovered himself a Son of God’s faithful people.



In the Gospels, Mary appears as a woman of few words, with no great speeches or deeds, but with an attentive gaze capable of guarding the life and mission of her Son, and for this reason, of everything that he loves. She was able to watch over the beginnings of the first Christian community, and in this way she learned to be the mother of a multitude. She drew near to the most diverse situations in order to sow hope. She accompanied the crosses borne in the silence of her children’s hearts. How many devotions, shrines and chapels in the most far-off places, how many pictures in our homes, remind us of this great truth. Mary gave us a mother’s warmth, the warmth that shelters us amid troubles, the maternal warmth that keeps anything or anyone from extinguishing in the heart of the Church the revolution of tenderness inaugurated by her Son. Where there is a mother, there is tenderness. By her motherhood, Mary shows us that humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak but of the strong. She teaches us that we do not have to mistreat others in order to feel important (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 288). God’s holy people has always acknowledged and hailed her as the Holy Mother of God.

To celebrate Mary as Mother of God and our mother at the beginning of the new year means recalling a certainty that will accompany our days: we are a people with a Mother; we are not orphans.

To begin the year by recalling God’s goodness in the maternal face of Mary, in the maternal face of the Church, in the faces of our own mothers, protects us from the corrosive disease of being “spiritual orphans”. It is the sense of being orphaned that the soul experiences when it feels motherless and lacking the tenderness of God, when the sense of belonging to a family, a people, a land, to our God, grows dim. This sense of being orphaned lodges in a narcissistic heart capable of looking only to itself and its own interests. It grows when what we forget that life is a gift we have received – and owe to others – a gift we are called to share in this common home. Celebrating the feast of the Holy Mother of God makes us smile once more as we realize that we are a people, that we belong, that only within a community, within a family, can we as persons find the “climate”, the “warmth” that enables us to grow in humanity, and not merely as objects meant to “consume and be consumed”.

To celebrate the feast of the Holy Mother of God reminds us that we are not interchangeable items of merchandise or information processors. We are children, we are family, we are God’s People. I invite you to acclaim it three times, like the faithful of Ephesus: ***Holy Mother of God, Holy Mother of God, Holy Mother of God!***”

**\*\*MASS at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish will be celebrated:  
January 1, 2018 at 9:00am in Church\*\***

### Got *PRAYERS*?

Assumption’s Prayer Teams will be available after all Masses the weekend of January 6/7 to pray with and for you!

Here are some amazing facts about the prayer teams:

- Prayer teams are parishioners who bring Christ to the world through prayer.
- We’ll pray for you, your loved ones, your friends...anyone whom you’d like to lift in prayer.
- We pray for intentions big AND small! If it’s on your heart, bring it to Christ!
- Teams will do ALL the praying if you’d prefer! Just bring yourself and your intentions.
- Want to give thanks and praise to God? We love to do that!





## Montessori at Mary's House

### What we believe:



In Mary's House:

- ♦ We believe we are a community holding each of these roles: educator, parent and child of God, working collaboratively to create a safe, loving, interesting environment for the youngest of God's children. Thus, we have prepared Mary's House with child-sized furniture, calm and active areas, and interaction that support independence as they develop a need for it.
- ♦ We believe and are committed to Montessori education as an aid to life for not only the children but for the adults as well.
- ♦ We believe we are interdependent and it is our challenge to constantly grow with the children.
- ♦ We believe we learn as much from the children as they learn from us.
- ♦ And, we believe the children bring to our community an unconditional love of life and a world that energizes everyone.

If you are interested in learning more about our program or how to enroll your child (6 weeks- 3 years old) please contact Melinda Kruper, 636.240.3721 for more information.



## Please Pray For Our Troops

Christopher Schneider	Son of Shelly and Jim Schneider
Anthony Horvath	Nephew of Judy Horvath
Scott Boatright	Son of Mary and Don Boatright
Steve Boatright	Son of Mary and Don Boatright
Thomas Townsend	Grandson of Lorraine Cully
Shaun Brown D.O.	Son of Rick and Andrea Wild
Clark A. Davis	Grandson of Jerry and Mary Ann Davis
Aaron Davis	Son of Tammy and Tim Davis
Timothy Johnson	Son of Gordon and Tina Johnson
Bethanie Mahl	Grand-daughter of Jerry and Ann Snow
Jason Jones	Grandson of Joyce Hunn
Dustin Hesscamp	Grandson of Joyce Hunn
Austen Thomas	Son of Jeanine Thomas
Alexander Boden	Grandson of Bob and Jan Weber
Christopher Weber	Grandson of Bob and Jan Weber

Do you have family or friend currently who are currently serving in the Armed Forces? If so we would like to pray for them by name as a community! To add or remove a name from our list, please call Ralph Pieper 636.240.3415



## SAVE THE DATE! WINTER RETREATS – 2018!

### WOMEN'S RETREAT:

**FEBRUARY 10/11**

### MEN'S RETREAT:

**FEBRUARY 24/25**

A CRHP Retreat is a weekend retreat designed to bring parish members together in Christ and emphasizes continued growth in Christian life.

During the weekend you will find love and laughter, great food and friendship, and a renewed sense of belonging to Assumption parish.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY...**  
Give yourself a weekend you won't forget.

Come and be spiritually renewed while enjoying awesome fellowship, making new friends, and sharing faith with fellow parishioners. It is an experience *worth* your time! It's also another wonderful way to begin the New Year!

### For more information:

**For the Women's Retreat, please contact:**  
**Laurie Berry at [laurieberry@gmail.com](mailto:laurieberry@gmail.com)**

**For the Men's Retreat, please contact:**  
**Bernie Stein at [bernies4us@hotmail.com](mailto:bernies4us@hotmail.com)**

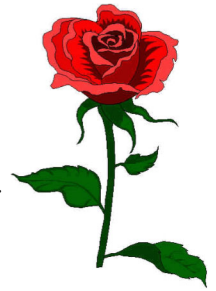






## Roses for Life Campaign Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

"Roses for Life" will be distributed the Weekend of January 6 / 7 at all Masses at Assumption Church. Roses and pencils will be provided in the pew. Please sign the rose tab and keep the rose as a reminder of the cause. The signed tabs will be collected after Mass and sent to our Congressional Representatives. Thank you for taking the time to participate.



## CHARITABLE GIVING FOR DECEMBER

As a Parish Family we are committed to the tithe back to God for the many blessings He has promised to bestow on us.

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you and pour down upon you blessing without measure! (Mal 3:10)"*

We recommend the biblical tithe of 10% be divided as 5% of household income to the Sunday Offering and 5% to other charities. The Parish then gives 10% of the Sunday Offering to the poor, as directed by the Finance Committee. Please know, however, that we always honor the specific direction of donors; restricted gifts made to charities through Assumption Parish will go to the desired charity (e.g. Catholic Campaign for Human Development or Growing Project). Thank you for your generosity in giving thanks to God through support of our mission together.

November Sunday Offering Revenue: \$138,700

December Charitable Giving:

Growing Project	\$5,000 (Total for year: \$20,000)
St. Vincent de Paul	\$4,000
Counseling for those in need	\$300
Housing	\$1,000
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$1,500
Retired Religious Fund	<u>\$3,000</u>
Total	\$14,800



### Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	December 10, 2017	July 1 - Dec 10, 2017
Envelopes (495) & On Line	\$ 31,224	\$ 834,219
Loose	\$ 963	\$ 22,411
Total	\$ 32,207	\$ 856,630

**Needed to sustain our mission 864,000**

**Loan Balance as of 10/31/2017: \$1,903,058.29**

It takes an average weekly collection of \$36,000 to sustain our parish mission.

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1Peter 4:10*



***Please pray for the repose  
of the soul of:***

Francis Brady  
Father of Erin Karron

Henry Roloff  
Husband of Eleanor Roloff



Do you have an interest in assisting with some of the technology that makes our Masses at Assumption so moving?



*Assumption's Music Ministry is looking for help!*

This is the mission of Assumption's music ministry: *A deep love of God and a commitment to exceptional liturgy impels us to express our prayer through music and to inspire others to join in sung worship.* We want you to join us in that mission!

We are in need of volunteers to sit at the sound booth and advance slides for projection at the 5pm (Saturday evening), 8am, 10am, and 12pm (Sunday) Masses. No experience required. We have recently updated from PowerPoint to ProPresenter for projection of hymn numbers and lyrics at Mass.

*If you are interested in joining our mission for exceptional liturgy, we would love to have you!*

Please contact: **Bryan Beams** at 636-240-3721 ext. 240 or [bryanbeams@yahoo.com](mailto:bryanbeams@yahoo.com)

## Poker/Bunco Night Fundraiser



**Saturday, Feb 3rd**

The 2nd Annual Poker/Bunco

Night Fundraiser to benefit

Assumption School & Athletic

Association will be held Saturday, Feb 3rd, 2018. Doors open at 6pm. Games start promptly at 6:30pm. For information on the event and sponsorship opportunities or to register online, go to

<http://assumptionbvmschool.org/Activities/Poker-Bunco-Night>. Payments can also be mailed to: 36 North Kern Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63366 (checks payable to Assumption Parish).

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Johnson at [adam10johnson@gmail.com](mailto:adam10johnson@gmail.com) or 636-578-4756.

### Queen of Hearts Raffle O'Fallon Knights of Columbus - 202 W 3rd St. O'Fallon, MO

Every Tuesday evening. Doors open at 5pm. Drawing at 7pm sharp. Raffle tickets are sold (\$1 each), beginning at 5:00pm. Early Bird Special 6 tickets for \$5 from 5-6pm.. Choose the Queen of Hearts and win the grand prize! Thank you for supporting the O'Fallon K of C charities.

#### CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

##### Weekend Masses

Saturday 9:00am  
(Motherhouse Chapel)  
Vigil 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am  
10:00am  
12:00pm  
5:30pm

##### Daily Mass

Weekdays 6:30am  
(Motherhouse Chapel)  
8:00am

##### Morning Prayer

Weekdays 7:30am  
Chapel

##### RECONCILIATION

Thursday 6-7pm (Chapel)  
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 parish office at least one year in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Christine at the Parish Office, ext 325 (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

#### 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 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 636.795.2611, and for information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 294.0821.

#### OFFICE INFORMATION

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636.272.3838 Fax  
Office Hours - Weekdays 8:30am-4:00pm

#### ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

Principal: Laurie Zaleuke  
636.240.4474

#### BULLETIN NOTICES

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