

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



December 6, 2015

Welcome

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Lourdes Grotto

In 1921 our parish family gathered with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood to dedicate the “Lourdes Grotto” which was constructed on the very site that vandals had desecrated the blessed sacrament from our church. The original grotto needed to be relocated, just 50 meters up the hill, nearer to the intersection of Third and Main. On Tuesday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at 7:30am, we will again gather with the sisters to dedicate the new “Lourdes Grotto”.

This is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to Mary, recommit to our collaboration with the sisters in our shared mission of reconciliation and to pledge ourselves more deeply to pray at this beautiful site. As we prepare to say yes in echo of Mary’s “yes” to bring Christ into the world, we also prepare our hearts to be more willing dwelling places for the Lord.





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

A parishioner called just before Thanksgiving inquiring about where she might volunteer her time on Thanksgiving Day. She ended up traveling to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry and spooning out mashed potatoes for the afternoon. She spoke of the experience with tears in her eyes, voice shaking... "I felt God asking me to do this. And I felt I needed to have faith and trust it would be okay. You see, I set out to somewhere I had never been before, by myself, completely unsure if it would be safe, unsure where I was going, unsure of whether or not I would be needed. I was so struck by all the workers who arrived to cook, and serve, and assemble, and drive! They were amazing! And I was needed! And it was safe! And I felt my faith in action!"



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

**Thank You
Thank You
Thank You**

St Vincent DePaul would like to thank:

- The 24/7
- Assumption Men's Ministry for staffing the trailer and collecting food before and after Masses on



weekends prior to Thanksgiving. And to Jarrell Mechanical Contractors for providing the trailer.

- Members of our parish family, members of the Knights of Columbus, and friends and family who came out on Saturday, Nov 21 to help with the Scouting for Food collection. It was a huge undertaking, and we could not have done it without you!
- Thanks to all for the love and support Assumption parishioners give us throughout the year.

Just a Reminder:

Next Sunday, Dec. 13. is St Vincent De Paul Food Sunday. At this time the pantry is in need of gift cards. And remember to drop off your ham or frozen turkeys!

This Week At Assumption

Sunday, Dec 6

Prayer Team Ministry
All Masses Church

Hospitality Sunday
All Masses Hall A/B

RCIA
8:00am Hall C

Fair Trade Market
8:30am-1:30pm Parish Center

Sunday Pre School
10:00am School

New Member Registration
Noon Mass

Monday, Dec 7

Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
5:30pm Church

24/7 Men's Ministry
7:00pm Hall C

Finance Committee
7:00pm Conference Room

Tuesday, Dec 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass: 6:30am (Motherhouse Chapel),
8:00am and 7:00pm

Dedication of Lourdes Grotto
7:30am Grounds of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood

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

PHD/Benediction
6:30pm Chapel

Liturgy Committee
7:00pm Conference Room

Wednesday, Dec 9

PSR Catechist Gathering
6:00pm Meyer Room

Extreme Teen
7:00pm Hall C

CRHP Women
7:00pm Conference Room

CRHP Men
7:00pm Room D/E

Thursday, Dec 10

Advent Penance Service
7:00pm Motherhouse Chapel

Friday, Dec 11

MOP's
9:15am Parish Center

Saturday, Dec 12

Children's Liturgy of the Word
5:00pm Mass

Jr High Ministry
6:00pm Hall C

Sunday, Dec 13

RCIA
8:00am Hall C

Sunday Pre School
10:00am School

Baptism
1:15pm Church

Choral Arts Concert
3:00pm Chapel

PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

STEWARDSHIP

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. The Immaculate Conception means that the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings. We will celebrate Mary's state of being "immaculate" and "full of grace" with Mass times listed here:

Mass Times:

Monday, December 7:

5:30pm Vigil Mass - Church

Tuesday December 8:

6:30am (Motherhouse Chapel)
and 8:00am, and 7:00pm - Church.

Dedication of the Lourdes Grotto

Join us on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at 7:30am, as we dedicate the new "Lourdes Grotto" located on the property of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood (Main St, O Fallon).



Christmas Novena

Join the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood for their annual Christmas Novena.

December 17-23, 7:00pm, Motherhouse Chapel. All are welcome and admission is free. Questions? Call Sr Luella Dames 636.542.9510. www.cpps-ofallon.org



Christ Renews His Parish Winter Retreats

CRHP is a process designed to make us more aware of God's presence in our daily lives.

This renewal experience allows us to discover how our walk of life is interwoven with our journey of faith.

All too often we become creatures of habit and allow our busy schedules to crowd out the time needed for spiritual growth.

Women's Retreat: January 16-17

Contact: Tracy Virtue – 314.495.7283 or womensretreat.assumption@yahoo.com

Men's Retreat: February 20-21

Contact: Casey Logue – 636.262.3908 clogue6@gmail.com

This is your time... this is your invitation... so reserve your spot to experience this AWE-some weekend!

Perhaps this would be a wonderful way for you to begin the New Year...

Sign up TODAY! Please visit the table downstairs after Mass to register or learn more!

Christmas Concert

The Concert Arts Assoc. invites you to join them for their 44rd season of musical excitement on Sunday, December 13 at 3:00pm as the "Choral Arts Singers" present their annual Christmas Concert here at Assumption Parish in the Chapel. "The Stories of Christmas" includes a variety of both popular and religious music to celebrate this wonderful Christmas season. Admission is free, but donations are welcome to help the Concert Arts Assoc. continue their efforts of bringing musical enjoyment to our community.

For additional information and concert dates, contact Bonnie Lang at 636.887.2899 or visit concertarts.org.

Assumption Youth Ministry



Thank You

*to all who
made
Mary Poppins
such an
incredible
success.
We can't wait
until next
year!!!*

December

9 – XTREME TEEN – Another fabulous night of diving deeper into your faith by being around some of the coolest people in town! Hall C 7-9pm

16 – BIBLE STUDY – Don't miss another opportunity to know the Word – after all, He became flesh and we are preparing for that event which changed everything! Church 7-8:30pm

23 – XTREME TEEN CHRISTMAS XTRAVAGANZA – Oh you've never celebrated the holidays in quite this way. Hmmmm.... Hall C 7-9pm

30 – NO EVENT TONIGHT – Happy New Year's Eve Eve!!!!

2016 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ProLife March - Stand up for LIFE. Still space. January 20-24. Call Cathy ASAP to go. 636.485.5221
- Annual Winter Retreat for High School Teens – February 12 & 13
- Luke 18 – March 11-13 – Applications will be out soon for the team
- Catholic Heart Work Camp -Groton, MA. June 19-26

Email: abvmyouth@gmail.com

Phone: 636.485.5221

Like us on Facebook: Assumption Church Youth Group

Follow us on twitter: ACYG Youth Ministry@acygyouth

WE NOW HAVE INSTAGRAM: acyg.youthministry

Looking for Substitute Teachers:

St. Dominic High School is looking for substitute teachers for the current school year. Applicants need to have completed a minimum of 60 college credits, be willing to contact either the night before or the morning a substitute is needed, and work the school day which is 7:30am to 3:00pm. Those with a prior background in education are preferred but this is not a requirement. Please contact Mathew George, assistant principal, at 636.240.8303, Ext 103 with questions or to apply.

Ham or Turkey Donation December 12-13

The St Vincent DePaul Society prepares Christmas food baskets to be given to families that have been helped throughout the year. As such, we are asking for donation of either ham or frozen turkeys to be included in the baskets for our families.

The ham or turkey should be dropped off and placed in the coolers stationed in the hallway of the Parish Center on the weekend of December 12/13 before or after all masses. St Vincent DePaul provides food baskets to 80-100 families.



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 \$20-\$25 per tag. These gifts will need to be returned to the tree in the Parish Center, with the tag firmly attached to the gift, **no later than December 13**, noon mass. Thank you and any questions can be directed to Steve 636.443.5854.



Christmas Masses

We will again offer eight masses at Christmas. I cannot encourage you enough to consider the good timing and beauty of all our Christmas masses. While the 4:00pm mass in Church and our 4:30pm mass in Chapel are overflowing with people, we have found that the 6:00pm mass in Church, the 8:00pm mass in the Sisters' St. Joseph Chapel, the 10:00pm mass in Church and the 8am, 10am and noon masses on Christmas morning all have room for more people. Please consider planning your Christmas schedule in a way that allows you to attend a Christmas mass later on Christmas Eve or on Christmas morning. God bless you. *Fr Mitch*

Mass Intentions**Sunday, Dec 6**

8:00am Wes Tucker
10:00am Michael Hammon
12:00pm People of the Parish

Monday, Dec 7

6:30am Barb Ronchetto
8:00am Ed Schroeder
5:30pm Jack Mockler

Tuesday, Dec 8

6:30am David Dunn
8:00am Norbert Rothermich
7:00pm William Dubuque

Wednesday, Dec 9

6:30am Jim & Kathy Kollar
(50th Wedding Anniv)
8:00am Francis & Alic McHugh

Thursday, Dec 10

6:30am Community Benefactors &
Prayer Enrollments
8:00am Bernice Meyer

Friday, Dec 11

6:30am Victor & Rose Scholten
8:00am Ann Nestor

Saturday, Dec 12

9:00am Sr Jean William Diepenbrock
5:00pm Ron & LeRoy Winkelmann

Sunday, Dec 13

8:00am George & Mary Forbeck
10:00am Margueritte Otalora &
Loved Ones
12:00pm People of the Parish



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

Marian Shaughessy
Mother of Joan Henderson

Mary Ann Love
of Our Parish Community

Darlene Walbridge
Sister in Law of
Deacon Bill Walbridge

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 of 5 selections to the address that you choose.

Cards will be delivered on Monday, December 14 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm in the O'Fallon/Lake St.

Louis/Wentzville area for a donation of \$50.00. A limited number of cards are available, so reserve yours today. For reservations or additional information, contact Bonnie Lang at 636.887.2899.

**Hospitality Sunday/**

Join us **today**, December 6, for Hospitality Sunday after all Masses in Hall A/B.

**50+ Club Annual
Christmas Party**

The 50+ Club Christmas Party will be held Monday, December 21 at 6:00pm in the Parish Center. Open to all 50+ members who are current on their membership. RSVP to Martha Kaufhold: 636.294.3367 or Jan Peirick: 636.240.4267 to reserve your place.

Readings for the Week**Dec 7 - Dec 13**

- Mon:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tue: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wed: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thu: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Fri: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sat: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Sun: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Server Schedule**Saturday, Dec 12**

5:00pm Hailey Augustin
Hannah Augustin
Casey Sachs

Sunday, Dec 13

8:00am	Nick Bunge Hunter Bunge Zac Keeven
10:00am	Ethan Heckat Macy Mesplay Emma Ek
12:00pm	Jessica Roesch Molly Morris Reece Askimn

**Stewardship
Our Gifts to God and Parish**

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

	Nov 1	Jul 1, 15 - Nov 1, 15
Envelopes (600)	\$ 31,194	\$ 475,984
Online Giving	\$ 6,266	\$ 97,572
Loose	\$ 1,079	\$ 18,628
Total	<hr/> \$ 38,539	<hr/> \$ 592,184
Budget	617,223	

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

"Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2Cor 9:7

Forward in Faith Update

Thank you for your faithful and generous support toward the “Forward in Faith” initiative to complete the great work of building our new Church, Parish Center and School expansion.

At present we have:

164 Donors

\$861,348.00 in Pledges

\$244,133 has been collected



There are still opportunities to participate in this worthwhile endeavor. If you would like to become a part of this initiative please call the parish office at 636.240.3721 ext 235 and Rose will be happy to assist you. Let us strive together to find Christ here and bring Christ to the world. God bless you.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are still seeking helpers – both adult and young people – to assist in the Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Celebration! Commitment will be about once a month during the 5 pm Mass. Please email abvmps@ yahoo.com or call 636.240.1020 to help out!

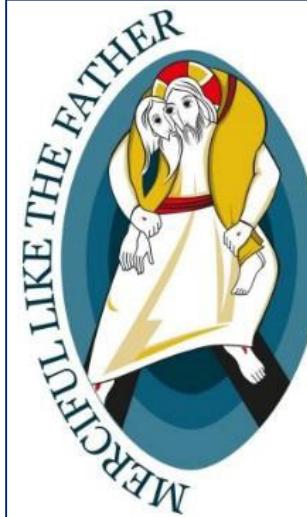
This is an amazing opportunity for both the leaders and our young children to experience the Gospel on their level and ability. Please consider helping once a month.



Attention ALL Servers:

Please consider signing up to serve at the Masses for the Immaculate Conception, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. There is a signup sheet in the working sacristy with the times and availability. If the mass you would like to sign-up for has been filled, please consider being a substitute. If you are a new server, and would like to walk through the Mass again, please have your parents email me.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Hicks at khicks527@yahoo.com. Thank you for all that you do!!!



The Jubilee Year of Mercy

Mercy is “the beating heart of the Gospel”

Pope Francis writes: “It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy.”

Mercy, he says, is “the beating heart of the Gospel” (*Misericordiae Vultus*).

To live mercy, we must rediscover both the spiritual works of mercy (counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead), and the corporal works of mercy (feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead).

Which spiritual works of mercy might Christ be calling you to practice? Which corporal works of mercy?

Ideas for Living Mercy during the Jubilee Year

There are many ways we can respond to the call to live mercy. Here are a few ideas:

Put Two Feet of Love in Action. Use the “Two Feet of Love in Action” guide to consider how you can strengthen both charitable works and social justice at home and as part of your faith community. Visit www.usccb.org/twofeet for more information.

Get Involved Locally. Explore the map at PovertyUSA.org to find local organizations that practice mercy by learning about and addressing poverty. Or, contact your diocesan director for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Engage Your Faith Community. With your faith community, use Pope Francis’ prayer for the Jubilee Year, and the resources mentioned below, to pray, reach out, learn, and act during the year. Visit WeAreSaltAndLight.org for stories of how communities of faith around the country are living mercy.

Attend the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (Jan. 23-26, 2016). This year’s theme is Called to Live Mercy in Our Common Home: CatholicSocialMinistryGathering.org.

Participate in Action Alerts on issues of life and dignity from the U.S. Catholic bishops (cqrcengage.com/catholicbishops).



Life Peace Justice

Why does assumption host fair trade markets?

WHAT IS FAIR TRADE?

**Quality Products. Improving Lives.
Protecting the Planet.**

Fair Trade goods are just that. Fair. From far-away farms to your shopping cart, products that bear our logo come from farmers and workers who are justly compensated. We help farmers in developing countries build sustainable businesses that positively influence their communities. We're a nonprofit, but we don't do charity. Instead, we teach disadvantaged communities how to use the free market to their advantage. With Fair Trade USA, the money you spend on day-to-day goods can improve an entire community's day-to-day lives.

Through direct, equitable trade, farming and working families are able to eat better, keep their kids in school, improve health and housing, and invest in the future. Keeping families, local economies, the natural environment, and the larger community strong today and for generations to come; these are the results we seek through Fair Trade.



We believe the rise of the Conscious Consumer will cause a fundamental shift in the way companies do business and create a historic opportunity to reward companies that embrace sustainability.



As Americans become increasingly concerned about the state of the world and look for opportunities to use their power in the marketplace to make a positive difference, we seek to provide an avenue for consumers to vote with their dollar. As we educate and inspire more and more consumers, we hope to be a force for change. As we raise the bar for best practices in global trade and production, we aspire to remain the Gold Standard label for social, economic and environmental sustainability.

OUR VALUES

Empowerment: We believe in empowerment and freedom of choice as means to a better world.

Integrity: We strive to always act ethically and we value relationships built on honesty, mutual respect and trust.

Sustainability: We engage in sustainable solutions to global problems that affect the earth and its people.

Innovation: We transform the world through entrepreneurial creativity and lead by example.

Excellence: We believe that quality of life, work and performance are critical to achieve our mission.

Personal Development: Strong organizations rely on strong individuals. We encourage and support each other to realize our fullest potential, and will thereby strengthen our internal community.

Community: We value our global and internal communities' diversity of perspectives, and know that each may hold a piece of the solution. We collaborate and partner for mutual success.

Fairness: We work to create opportunities and extend the benefits of globalization to all people, everywhere.

Impact: We build positive solutions that achieve meaningful social and environmental change in the world.

*Join us for shopping,
food samples and more!!*

DECEMBER 5 & 6

PARISH CENTER
4:30 - 6:30 on Sat
8:30 - 1:30 on Sun

An ideal place to get unique gifts for the holidays. Buying fair trade items creates opportunities, prohibits child labor, supports safe and empowering working conditions, and supports living wages for our brothers and sisters around the world.

What you buy impacts the world!

Shop for sterling silver and rhodium religious jewelry. A portion of the proceeds goes to organizations that help survivors of sexual abuse heal from their emotional scars.

<http://www.compelling-creations.com>

Gifts with a purpose

fairtrade

**Christmas
Market**



<http://www.plowsharing.org>

**POLE POSITION
MOUSE RACE**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH
TIME: 6:30 PM

Early Bird (December): \$15
Regular Ticket: \$20
Early Bird Table of 8: \$100
Regular Table of 8: \$125

Register at: AssumptionMouseRace2016.eventbrite.com

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 12. This group is sponsored by Chesterfield Service and Krekeler Jewelers of O Fallon and has given generously of their time and treasures to our Christmas program for the past several years. If you're out shopping, please shop by, and bring the kids to see the fire truck and monster trucks that will be on display. Questions? Contact Mike: michaellmccleish@msn.com.

Wanted: Bicycles For Local Children

Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service is looking for bicycle donations to provide to needy children participating in the annual Adopt-A-Family Christmas program. Last year, more than 350 bikes were given to children in the area for Christmas. The Loyal Order of the Squirrels will refurbish, fix and clean the bikes that are donated. All bikes must be dropped off at the garage located behind the Care Service at 4116 McClay Road in St. Charles. **Please Note: Assumption is unable to accept donated bicycles.** For more information, contact Amy Armour at 636.441.1302, ext. 266.

CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

Weekend Masses

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

Daily Mass

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00–4:45pm

BAPTISM

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

636.272.4758 (Helpline)

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should contact the rectory at least one year in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Christine 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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636.240.4474

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by Tuesday 9:00am

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