

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

JANUARY 1, 2017 | MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



*Mary
kept all these things,
reflecting on them
in her heart.*

~ Luke 2:19

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Christ Renews His Parish

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Amen

Mary is the mother of God and our mother. We who are members of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish have a special connection with Mary. We know that our ancestors, who built this parish, literally carrying the stones from miles around, have left us a legacy of devotion to Mary. This is a beautiful gift, to be cherished and to be shared with the world. While we follow centuries of tradition and stand solidly on Church teaching, from the earliest councils until the Dogma of the Assumption in 1950, we ought never take Mary for granted.

We can see in the Gospels a growing understanding of Mary's role in our salvation. She says, "yes," in response to the Annunciation of Angel Gabriel; she offers her beautiful Magnificat to Elizabeth and to us; she wraps our savior in swaddling clothes in a manger; she travels with Joseph to Egypt to keep her son safe; she invites her son to save us at the Wedding Feast of Cana; she accepts us as her sons and daughters while standing at the foot of the cross; she stands with the apostles as they witness the Ascension of Christ and at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descends upon the Church. Mary is present everywhere in the Gospels, full of grace and ready to bring Christ to the world.

And yet many have struggled to accept her. Just as "(Jesus) was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him (Jn 1:10)," so the world has struggled to proclaim Mary as Theotokos, the one who gives birth to God. During the Council of Ephesus in 431 our early teachers of the faith struggled with declaring the truth of Mary as Mother of God. I am glad they did; the struggle itself reveals the importance of this truth. It is not a matter of us exalting Mary with a profoundly beautiful title; God has already exalted her. It is more a matter of humbly exalting all of humanity as children of God. Our hesitance to proclaim Mary as Mother of God and our Mother is grounded in that still small voice in the depths of our soul which cries, "God cannot really love you that much." But God does love you more than any human heart can ask for or imagine; God loves you enough to send his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to bring salvation to you and the whole world; God loves you enough to give you Mary as your mother. Let us be humble enough to let God exalt us as children of God. Let us join Mary in her "yes" to God's love. Let our "amen" to God's love be our New Year's Resolution.

Fr Mitch





Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 1

8:00am Patrick Fallon
10:00am James and Phyllis McCurren
12:00pm People Of The Parish

Monday, January 2

6:30am Millie Todd
8:00am Ida Chemlir

Tuesday, January 3

6:30am Dolores Grippo
8:00am Maryanne Newman

Wednesday, January 4

6:30am John Kertz
8:00am Helen Ransport

Thursday, January 5

6:30am Sr Mary Lou Talmon
8:00am Jerry Phillips

Friday, January 6

6:30am For the Safety & Wellbeing of
the O Fallon Police Dept
8:00am Frank Keeven

Saturday, January 7

9:00am Paul Meissen
5:00pm Shawn Reesor

Sunday, January 8

8:00am Clifford Campeau
10:00am Cindy Steitz
12:00pm People Of The Parish



The Feast of the Epiphany Home Blessing – January 8, 2017

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 + 17

The numbers stand for the year in which the blessing is inscribed (2017). 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 7/8.

The Blessing: 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 or guardian 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.

**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.

Women's Retreat – Jan. 21/22: Contact: Diane Reynolds – 314.941.8331 or dianereynolds03@gmail.com

Men's Retreat – Feb. 11/12: Contact: Jason Thomas – 636.332.8191 or jthomas1027@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...



THE FOUR PILLARS OF PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The four pillars of *hospitality, prayer, formation and service* invite parishioners to experience, witness and live the stewardship way of life in response to their baptismal call to discipleship. Individually, each baptized person is called to give of time, talent and treasure to strengthen these four pillars that support the parish community. Conversely, by making our parish a place of *hospitality, prayer, formation and service*, we provide greater opportunities for the sharing of time, talent and treasure.

This week we want to focus on the importance of **FORMATION**: As the steward grows in the life of prayer, God reveals Himself more intimately in this personal relationship. The steward also sees that the gifts received from God are to be shared and not buried. The steward remains deeply rooted in humility, recognizing that the gifts one has been given come not from self, but from God. Those gifts are to be shared with others. Here lies the heart of the steward's personal response as a disciple – to share what one has received and to share with a generous, grateful and loving heart. This formation of each individual becomes part of the formation of the parish community. As members of the Body of Christ, the parish recognizes that it has a call from God to give. Inherent within each individual is the need to give – to move from selfishness to selflessness. This formation is a life-long journey of conversion.

The stewardship parish journeys constantly in this formation of conversion. As one grows more deeply in this formation to a life of stewardship, the more deeply one loves as God loves us. This is true for the individual steward and for the stewardship parish. Such formation is a formidable task, involving education of the mind and conversion of the heart. To know the "stewardship way of life", does not make one live a "stewardship way of life." Formation includes quality education, but the knowledge itself is not enough. Ongoing Catholic education, (for children and adults), is important if we are to grow in our lives as stewards. This formation should include a proper knowledge and understanding of stewardship since it is a primary means to lead the faithful to holiness. Catholic schools, Parish Schools of Religion, youth ministry programs, adult education offerings and parish stewardship committees are wonderful and essential places where this faith formation begins. Yet, it is foolish to think that these are the only parish organizations responsible for this faith formation of parishioners to grow. Every parish organization has a role to play in nurturing the faith formation of our parishioners. It is in this collective parish effort and the grace of God at work through our sincere efforts that faith formation thrives. The meaning of faithful stewardship and how to live this way of life is at the core of the disciple's response to the gift of faith we freely receive from our loving God. *Excerpts taken from the Diocese of Wichita*

Stewardship Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

		Dec 4, 2016	Jul 3, 16 - Dec 4, 2016
Envelopes (597) & On Line	\$	45,028	\$ 737,067
Loose	\$	980	\$ 22,867
Total	\$	46,008	\$ 759,934
			Budget 771,922

Loan Balance as of 11/30/16: \$2,089,506

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:

Dennis Owens
Brother of Christine Hurlbert

Patricia Zender
of Our Parish Community



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, January 8. Registration begins at noon Mass and continues in Hall C from 1:00pm - 1:45pm.



Got PRAYERS?

Assumption's Prayer Teams will be available after all Masses the week-end of January 7/8 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!



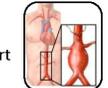
Hospitality Sunday

Join us for Hospitality Sunday, January 8, after all Masses in Hall A/B.

Assumption Parish

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, January 12th, 13th & 14th

Do You Have: High blood pressure, high cholesterol, a **FAMILY HISTORY** of stroke, heart attack, or aortic aneurysm?
Are You: A smoker, diabetic, overweight, or physically inactive?
Identify a potential, serious disease that may be life threatening: Call to schedule your appointment 1-866-935-7226.



Don't miss this opportunity. It could be the best decision you ever make. These are not part of a routine physical. **Stroke Scan Plus** will be bringing its mobile, ultrasound, stroke-prevention team here for early detection and prevention of:

- **STROKE** - Carotid artery scan to look for blocked arteries in the neck
- **AAA** - Sudden death due to ruptured Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
- **PAD** - Leg amputation due to blocked leg arteries, Peripheral Arterial Disease

FULL PACKAGE: 3 VASCULAR SCREENINGS + 5 ORGAN ULTRASOUNDS for \$150

Included: While scanning the arteries, we will also scan your vital organs. We can detect possible cysts, masses and stones*:

- Thyroid - Scans for cysts or masses
- Gall bladder - Scans for gall stones or sludge
- Liver - Scans for cysts or masses
- Kidneys (2) - Scans for cysts, masses, or stones
- Atrial Fibrillation - 2 lead EKG screens for irregular and often rapid heart rate which can cause stroke.



* Included with purchase of the FULL VASCULAR PACKAGE. Ultrasound cannot detect all organ abnormalities, it can detect most physical abnormalities depending on the size and other physical attributes, for e.g., body habitus.

Screening Preparations:

- Wear a two-piece comfortable outfit with short sleeves. No pantyhose, dresses or skirts.
- No big meals or caffeine 4 hours prior to screening. Fast for 8 hours if taking cholesterol test.
- If you are diabetic, make sure to EAT.
- **If you are taking medication, continue to take it.**



Stroke Scan Plus
1-866-935-7226

Results read by a Board Certified Radiologist and mailed directly to you in 3-4 weeks. Unless you are symptomatic, typically, your doctor will not order diagnostic versions of these screenings, and insurance companies may not pay for them.
Stroke Scan Plus 1-866-935-7226 www.strokescanplus.com (NAT 072716)

Readings for the Week

Jan 2-8

- Mon:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tue: Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wed: St Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thu: St John Neumann
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Fri: St Andre 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]
Sat: St Raymond of Penyafort
1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sun: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Around Town

Euchre Tournament: Jan 7, 7pm
Flint Hill KC Hall
\$10.00 per person,
keep your own
partner.

St Joseph (Cottleville) Trivia Night,
Jan 21, 7:00pm, for reservations:
stjoemensclub@gmail.com

St. Paul Parish is sponsoring a
"Monthly Cash Giveaway". Tickets
are \$50 each and give you a chance
to win \$500 each and every month
during 2017. Hurry, the first draw-
ing to be held on January 3. Call the
Parish Center at 636.978.1900 for
tickets.

**This Week
At Assumption**

Sunday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother

Monday, January 2
Finance Committee
7:00pm Conference Room

CRHP Men
7:00pm Sophia 2

CRHP Women
7:00pm Room D/E

Tuesday, January 3
Centering Prayer
9:00am Motherhouse Library

Perpetual Help Devotions
6:30pm Chapel

Wednesday, January 4
Bible Study (Fr Mark)
10:00am Sophia House

Youth Group Studip
7:00pm Sophia House

Friday, January 6
Fish Fry
5:00pm KC Hall

Saturday, January 7
Children's Liturgy of the Word
5:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 8
Prayer Ministry
All Masses Church

Hospitality Sunday
All Masses Hall A/B

RCIA
8:00am Hall C

Sunday Preschool
10:00am School

New Member Registration
Noon Mass

Baptism
1:15pm Church

Employment Opportunity

Immaculate Conception (Old Mon-
roe) is looking for a parish
bookkeeper/secretary 3 days a week,
knowledge of Quick Books pre-
ferred. Please call Father Rich or
send a resume to
frfrich@icomparish.org.

Reminder: Please take a copy of author, Matthew Kelly's book Resisting
Happiness as our Christmas gift to your family. This easy read, together with
prayer and perseverance in faith, will inspire us to live the truth and beauty of
Christmas every day of the year. Let us walk these days of the Christmas sea-
son with Mary, our mother; let us come to cherish the "salvation prepared in
the sight of all the peoples, a light to the nations and the glory of God's peo-
ple, Israel (Lk 2:31-32)." *Fr Mitch*

For more information on Matthew Kelly go to: DynamicCatholic.com

**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

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.

**RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION
of ADULTS**

(RCIA) Process through which adults are
initiated into the Catholic Church by Bap-
tism 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.

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BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office
by Tuesday 9:00am

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