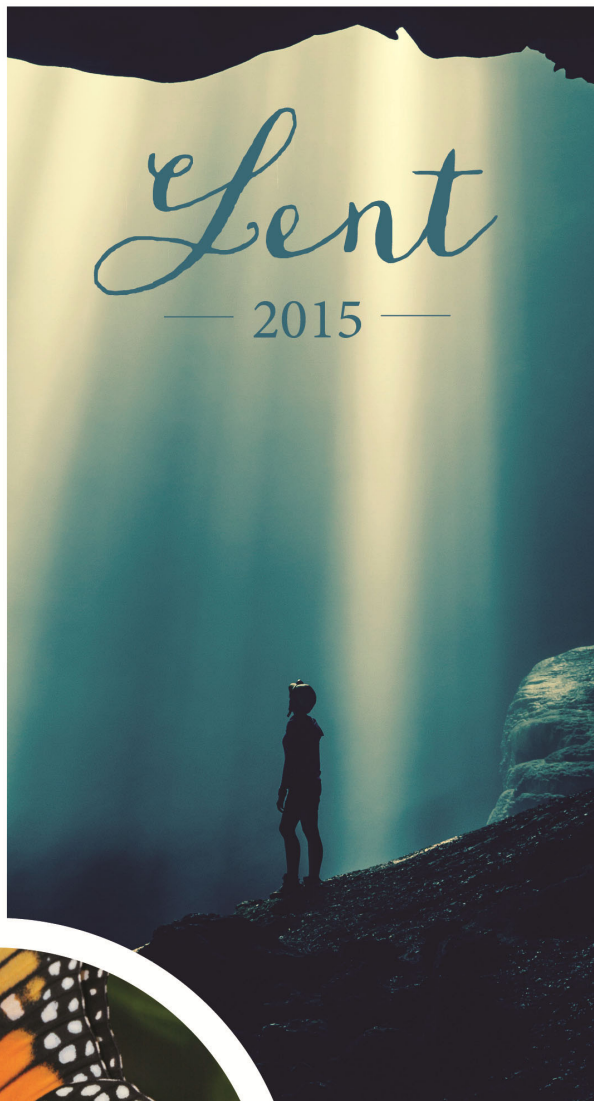


# THE PARISH FAMILY OF ASSUMPTION



**Sunday, February 22, 2015**

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## ASSUMPTION CHURCH 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

**Assumption Day School Students** will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary by attending 8:00am Mass on February 26 which will include special readings for a dedication of a church. Pre-K-8th grade students will attend. Immediately following Mass, and throughout the day, tours of the church will be provided to all students and faculty.

Activity packets which include information about Assumption Church as well as information about Saints, Popes, church architecture, prayers etc. will be enjoyed by the students at Assumption School throughout the week.

**Assumption PSR Students** will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary by attending Mass. Students who attend Tuesday evening PSR will attend Mass at 7:00pm on Tuesday, February 24. Students who attend Wednesday evenings will attend Mass at 6:00pm on February 25 to celebrate the 10th Anniversary as well.

Activity packets which include information about Assumption Church as well as information about Saints, Popes, church architecture, prayers etc. will be enjoyed by PSR students throughout the week.

There will also be opportunities for the students to have a tour of the Church.

### Anniversary Celebratory Mass and Reception!

Our present church is soon to be 10 years young! On Saturday, February 28, we will honor this special anniversary of our church at 5:00pm Mass. Bishop Herman, who was present at both our groundbreaking and dedication ceremonies, will be with us again and will concelebrate Mass. Afterward there will be a casual reception with light refreshments in the Fr Joe Kempf Parish Center. All are welcome and invited!

Then on Sunday, March 1, we will also honor this occasion at all our Masses, followed by a time for fellowship, coffee, and donuts.

After all Masses next weekend you will also have a chance to view a stunning display of some of the items from our blessed past, while celebrating a future full of hope.

In addition, Fr. Andy will lead all who are interested on a church tour beginning 5 minutes after each Mass. Gather at the baptismal font for a 20 minute narrated tour of our beautiful church building and its furnishings.





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

Our High School Youth Group had its first ever overnight Retreat last weekend. 27 teens participated. The theme of the Retreat was based on Micah 6:8 "There are three things the Lord asks of you only: that you would act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." The general consensus of everyone who attended was that it was awesome, fun and inspiring. It strengthened the bond of community among the group. The goal is to have these retreats twice a year.

## Prayer Team Ministry

Next weekend (Feb 28/Mar 1) 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 Guadalupe Room after the closing song.



## 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, March 1, for new member registration.

## Baptismal Preparation Class

All parents are required to participate in a class of Pre-Baptismal instruction before having their child/children baptized at Assumption. For expectant parents it is often better to attend this class before baby is born.

Although no baptisms are held during Lent, classes are available.

Call the Parish Office at 240.3721 to schedule a class.

## This Week At Assumption

### Sunday, Feb 22

**CRHP Men's Retreat**

**RCIA Rite of Sending**

All Masses

**Nursery**

7:45am and 9:45 am

**Preschool**

9:45am School

### Monday, Feb 23

**Bible Study**

7:00pm Meyer Room

**Club 50+**

7:00pm Hall C

### Tuesday, Feb 24

**PSR**

6:00pm School

**PHD/Benediction**

6:30pm Chapel

**Presentation - Lent: What's the Point?**

7:30pm Hall C

### Wednesday, Feb 25

**MOP's II**

9:15am Parish Center

**PSR**

6:00pm School

**Bible Study**

6:00pm Room D/E

**Extreme Teen**

7:00pm Hall C

**St Vincent DePaul**

7:00pm Meyer Room

### Thursday, Feb 26

**Bible Study**

7:00pm Hall C

**Ministry of Consolation**

7:00pm Meyer Room

**24/7 Men's Group**

7:00pm Hall B

**PTO**

7:00pm Hall C

### Friday, Feb 27

**Stations of the Cross**

2:30pm and 7:00pm Chapel

**KC Fish Fry**

5:00pm KC Hall

### Saturday, Feb 28

**10th Anniversary Celebration**

**Reception Following 5:00pm Mass**

Parish Center

### Sunday, March 1

**10th Anniversary Weekend**

**Prayer Team Ministry**

All Masses

**Hospitality Sunday**

All Masses Hall A/B

**Nursery**

7:45am and 9:45 am

**RCIA**

8:00am Hall C

**Preschool**

9:45am School

**New Member Registration**

Noon Mass

PRAYER • PARTICIPATION • GENEROSITY

S T E W A R D S H I P

*"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." – Mark 1:14*  
Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.





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

### Lent 2015 – Awakening to our Impact on the World Operation: RICE BOWL

For 40 years, Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl initiative has connected communities, like our parish, with the dire, pressing needs of people throughout the earth. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is a presence of hope and life in areas ravaged by poverty, war, disease, famine, and natural disasters.

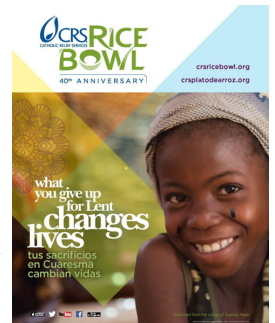
There is an old adage: "Some people give by going. Some people go by giving." Lent is a time for us to look at our own hearts, to examine how we are living – how we are in relationship to God, to others, to the earth. The CRS Rice Bowl project is a tremendous opportunity for us to visit those suffering in other lands...to visit them with our prayer, to visit them with our willingness to become more aware about the needs of the most vulnerable in the global community, to visit them with financial resources. For those of us with

young people in our lives (children, nieces, nephews, grandkids, etc.) the CRS Rice Bowl is a teaching tool – a way to show the next generations how to bring to Christ to the world... how to love the stranger, feed the hungry, clothe the naked... how to bring the light of the gospel of joy to even the darkest places.

**Prayer:** Renew my heart, O God, that I may be Your Love for all the earth. Amen.

**Action:** This week, let's take time to: **LEARN:** The young girl on the front of all of the Rice Bowls this year is from the village of Tourbey in Niger. Take some time this week to do some research on her village.

**GIVE:** Grab a rice bowl and start collecting, and **PRAY:** we see many images of people in need (newspapers, magazines, online, etc.). Find an image and put it somewhere you will see it regularly this Lent. Walk with that image in prayer and let the person in that image walk with you.



ASSUMPTION  
24/7 SEVEN  
MEN'S  
GROUP

The Newly Reinvigorated (and re-named) **24/7 Men's Group** will have a meeting on Thursday, February 26, 7:00pm, Fr Joe Kempf Parish Center, Hall A

### St Dominic High School News

Middle School Trivia Night, Friday, March 6, 7:00pm. Open to grades 6 - 8, \$10 per student.

Adult Trivia Night, Saturday March 7, 7:00pm, \$160 for table of 8.

To reserve a table at either event contact Shelley Lang at [sdhsalptrivia@hotmail.com](mailto:sdhsalptrivia@hotmail.com) or 636.300.1661

Dinner Theater Night, March 26. Ticket includes a buffet dinner and performance of "Beauty and the Beast". For tickets contact [brunge@stdominichs.org](mailto:brunge@stdominichs.org) or 636.240.8303.



## YOUNG ADULT GROUP FIESTA NIGHT!

### Food, Fun, Fellowship, and DRINKS!

Join us **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015** after the 5:00 PM Mass at El Tio Pepe Mexican Restaurant for dinner and drinks!

**\*February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Come help celebrate the 10 year anniversary of our new church at the 5:00 P.M. Mass.

**\*R.S.V.P. to Fr. Mark by March 5<sup>th</sup>. ¡Muchas Gracias!**

Saturday, March 7th

6:30 P.M.

Ages: 20s-40s!

[Frmark1995@gmail.com](mailto:Frmark1995@gmail.com)



EL TIO PEPE  
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RESTAURANT

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## Assumption Youth Ministry



### February

**22** – LUKE 18 Team Meeting 1-4pm

**25** – Xtreme Teen – MID WEEK MEDICINE FOR YOUR SOUL – come on out and bring people! Hall C 7-9pm

### LUKE 18

March 20-22 **8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS SAVE THE DATE !!!**

High Schoolers - Applications are out – get yours in ASAP to help lead!

### CHWC 2014

Get ready for the time of your life this summer!  
Catholic Heart Workcamp Memphis. June 7-13, 2015  
Pick up the registration form at any Youth Group event

**Limitless** - Steubenville Sign Ups coming soon...keep watching here for more details!!!!

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

## Job Opportunity

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood (O'Fallon) have an immediate opening for a Minister of Music and Liturgy. A full job description is available at [www.cpps-ofallon.org](http://www.cpps-ofallon.org). Please e-mail resume and references by April 25, 2015, to [missionadvancement@cpps-ofallon.org](mailto:missionadvancement@cpps-ofallon.org) or by mail to: Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, Attn: Mission Advancement, 204 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366

## Lent: What's the Point?

Have you ever wondered: *Why do we do Lent every year?* or thought *How can I possibly get something new out of Lent?*

Come down to Hall C after 7pm Mass on Tuesday, February 24. Our pastoral associate, Amanda Suchara, will offer a brief reflection on how to make the most of these special 40 days, tackling topics, such as: *How to make a Lenten resolution without making yourself and those around you crazy... How to engage resources and opportunities... How to become awake to joy, even in a season of penance and privation.*

This is the first in a series of special Lenten talks focused on deepening our faith journey. No registration necessary – bring only an open heart.... and a **hope** for something new to be brought to life in you!



## Tuition Assistance Applications

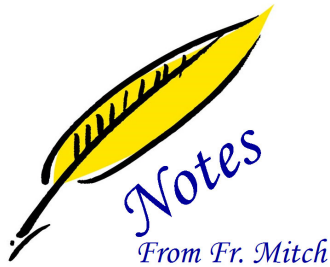
Assumption school families wishing to apply for tuition assistance for the 2015-16 school year **MUST** submit a FACTs application online. You begin that process by going to:

**[online.factsmgt.com/aid](http://online.factsmgt.com/aid)**

This one process will actually start two applications – one to the Archdiocese for “Catholic Family Tuition Assistance” and another to Assumption Parish for local tuition assistance. If you have a student at St Dominic high school, it will initiate that application also. While it is one process, please note that each institution has its own due date: March 15 for the Archdiocese and St. Dominic, May 15 for Assumption.

## Eucharistic Adoration and Winter Weather

**Please Note:** If Assumption Day School is cancelled on Tuesday due to weather conditions Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Devotions will also be cancelled.



### Synod on the Family

As Pope Francis and bishops from around the world prepare for the Synod on the Family in Rome this October, they have asked you to provide feedback to inform their efforts to speak a word of hope to all families.

They are especially mindful of the varied circumstances of families in different cultures throughout the world, including separated, divorced and remarried couples; including non-traditional families comprised of mothers and fathers who live together without being married; and including families of same-sex unions. While upholding the value and the centrality of the sacrament of marriage as vital to the life of the Church and central to God's revelation of Christ to the world, the bishops are searching for ways to meaningfully invite and love all who are yet struggling to find their way into full communion. In our heart of hearts, and in the heart of the Church, we know that Jesus' prayer for us is that "we all be one..." Jesus has already found a way to welcome all God's children, no matter their circumstance in life, into His Sacred Heart. Christ has chosen to make His dwelling in the very heart of every person, and indeed, in all of creation. It is our responsibility, then, to celebrate and honor that unity which is ours in Christ.

In seeking feedback the bishops have made available to us a survey of 46 questions. The link to the survey is posted also in this bulletin. While the language of the questions may seem complex, it is an effort on the part of the bishops to learn what you think and how you feel. I encourage you to answer as many of the questions as you can, expressing yourself to them. To help prepare for the survey, the full text of the bishops' summary document from their preparatory meeting last fall is also available. I want to highlight two excerpts from that

document to provide a context for the larger conversation which needs to unfold throughout the coming months.

In the introduction we find Pope Francis' prayer for all families: "Evening falls on our assembly. It is the hour at which one willingly returns home to meet at the same table, in the depth of affection, of the good that has been done and received, of the encounters which warm the heart and make it grow, good wine which anticipates the unending feast in the days of man. It is also the weightiest hour for one who finds himself face to face with his own loneliness, in the bitter twilight of shattered dreams and broken plans; how many people trudge through the day in the blind alley of resignation, of abandonment, even resentment: in how many homes the wine of joy has been less plentiful, and therefore, also the zest-the very wisdom-for life... Let us make our prayer heard for one another this evening, a prayer for all."

In paragraph 45, the bishops seek a way to truly accompany **ALL** families as they grow in holiness, even though their circumstances vary from country to country, from city to city, from neighborhood to neighborhood, from house to house. "All families should, above all, be treated with respect and love and accompanied on their journey as Christ accompanied the disciples on the road to Emmaus. In a particular way, the words of Pope Francis apply in these situations: 'The Church will have to initiate everyone-priests, religious, laity-into this 'art of accompaniment', which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other (Ex. 3:5). The pace of this accompaniment must be steady and reassuring, reflecting a closeness and compassion which, at the same time, heals, liberates and encourages growth in the Christian life.'"

Please prayerfully consider completing the survey and having your voice included in the work of the Synod on the Family this October.

### Synod on the Family – XIV Ordinary General Assembly

In October, the Church's next Ordinary Synod of Bishops, "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World," will resume the work begun at last year's Extraordinary Synod. The bishops have created a preparatory document containing 46 questions on family life from the faithful. If you would like to view the document and answer the questions to be submitted to the Vatican, please visit [www.archstl.org/family-synod-2015](http://www.archstl.org/family-synod-2015). If you do not have internet access, but would like to submit answers, contact the parish office and we will provide you with a document and instructions for submission. All answers must be submitted before March 1.



Reading, Rice Bowls, and Activity Materials are available in the Narthex

Everyone is invited to *one minute of silence* at Noon (and/or 6pm)

Attend Daily Mass at 6:30am in Motherhouse Chapel or 8am in Church

Participate in the Stations of the Cross: 2:30pm (except the first Friday of the month) and/or 7pm on Fridays in Chapel; Good Friday 3pm in Church

All are invited to attend the *Day of Reflection* Saturday, March 7, 8am-4pm Parish Center

Tuesday Night Mass in Church: 7:00pm - 7:30pm

### Presentations:

\*Feb 24 (Tue) – Amanda “*Lent: What’s the Point*” after 7pm Mass in Hall C

\*Mar 3 (Tue) – Fr. Andy “*Jesus the Messiah: The Promise Fulfilled*” after 7pm Mass in Hall C

\*Mar 10 (Tue) – Br Dan Korn, C.Ss.R “*Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Reading the Icon*” after Mass in Hall C

\*Mar 17 (Tue) – Fr. Mitch “*Mary at the Foot of the Cross*” after 7pm Mass in Hall C

\*Mar 23 (Mon) – Fr. Mark “*Personal Prayer*” in Church, 7-8pm

Call or email Amanda to join or start a Small Church Community [abvmamanda@yahoo.com](mailto:abvmamanda@yahoo.com) or 240.3721.

Just come as you are! No registration required. Attend all or some of Fr. Mark’s *Lenten Journey with Scripture* Thursday, February, 26; March 5, and 26; 7-8:30 Hall C. Materials provided.

Attend *Prayers for Healing and Hope*: Thursday, March 12, 7pm in Church

Attend our *Lenten Penance Service*: Thursday, March 19, 7pm in the Motherhouse Chapel.

Attend Eucharistic Adoration/ Devotions on Tuesdays 8:30am-6:30pm in Chapel

Visit our 24 hour Prayer Chapel (Northwest door code to enter: 3721)

Participate in praying the rosary on Thursdays after 8am Mass and Sundays before each Mass in Chapel

Attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45pm or, during Lent only, 6:15-7pm

Watch an on-line presentation from our website: <http://www.assumptionbvm.org/Resources/TalksandOtherVideos.aspx>

2014 Fr Joe Kempf: What I Heard in the Confessional - Talk on Forgiveness (Audio only)

2013 Dr. Tom Wagner: A Spirituality of Resilience

2013 Fr. Joe Kempf: What Do Catholics Believe and Why? (A Brief Overview)

2013 Fr. Gary Braun: Everyday Leadership

## 1 Minute Meditation

Each day during Lent – at 12:00 Noon and/or 6:00pm - we invite you to join us for a “one minute meditation”. This sixty seconds of silence is an invitation to simply sit in the presence of God without words (out loud – or in our heads). Whatever your posture, it may be helpful to take a few deep breaths as you begin. The key is to try to be aware of the fact that you are not alone. There is no “one right way” to do this. Even our trying to do this is itself prayer.

Learning to just be with God in the present moment is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of all! Certainly, all we ever have is the present moment, and God is always there waiting for us. And this one minute may just be the doorway into deeper and more frequent encounters with The Other.



**Mass Intentions****Sunday, Feb 22**

8:00am Robert T Christman  
 10:00am Georgiana & Ambrose Eggering  
 12:00pm People of the Parish

**Monday, Feb 23**

6:30am Darrell Roegner  
 8:00am Alice Schroeder

**Tuesday, Feb 24**

6:30am Margaret Phillips  
 8:00am Randolph & Donna Eggering  
 7:00pm Mildred & Chan Sobczak

**Wednesday, Feb 25**

6:30am Vocations  
 8:00am Harmony Culbreath

**Thursday, Feb 26**

6:30am Deceased Sisters of the Most Precious Blood  
 8:00am Betty Sommer

**Friday, Feb 27**

6:30am Frank Peirick  
 8:00am Intentions of Henry & Norma Prinster

**Saturday, Feb 28**

9:00am Living & Deceased of the Earl & Dorothy Parker Family  
 5:00pm Dorey Schrick

**Sunday, Feb 29**

8:00am Carmela Bamert  
 10:00am Mae Rose Prie  
 12:00pm People of the Parish



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

**Thomas Baker**  
 Father of Paula Mennemeier

**Pat Scully**  
 Brother of Vince Scully

**Carl Curtis**  
 Uncle of Sharon Scully

**Bruce Chrismer**  
 Husband of Darla Chrismer

**Herbert Simon**  
 Brother of Yvonne Lakes

**Carolyn Cousin**  
 Mother of Cheryl Jenkins

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

**Hospitality Sunday**

Join us Sunday March 1  
 for Hospitality Sunday  
 after all Masses in  
 Hall A/B.

**Parking: Tuesday  
 Evenings During Lent**

**Please Note:** For those attending  
 Tuesday Evening Mass during Lent  
 Parking Lot B will be closed for the  
 safety of our PSR students.

**Readings for the Week****Feb 23 - Mar 1**

**Mon:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10,  
 15; Mt 25:31-46  
**Tue:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19;  
 Mt 6:7-15  
**Wed:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,  
 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
**Thu:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps  
 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
**Fri:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt  
 5:20-26  
**Sat:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5,  
 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
**Sun:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;  
 Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-  
 34; Mk 9:2-10

**Club 50+ News**

Welcome to our Feb 23 meeting,  
 7:00pm, Fr. Joe Kempf Parish Cen-  
 ter, Hall C. Guest speakers will be  
 Howard and Carol Pieper. They were  
 in a prison ministry for several years  
 and will share their experiences. In  
 addition, Bev Raske will show a  
 DVD of the upcoming Spiritual Jour-  
 ney to Portugal, Spain and France  
 Sept 1 - 13, 2015, to include  
 Lourdes and Fatima and much more.  
 Anyone in the Parish is welcome to  
 join us on this trip. For Questions:  
 Call Martha 636.294.3367 or Bev  
 Raske 636.485.7979 (trip info).

**Around Town**

Immaculate Conception (Augusta)  
 Breakfast, Feb 22, 8-12  
 St Paul (St Paul) Trivia Night, Sat,  
 Feb 28, Reservations: call Carol at  
 314.800.5702  
 Holy Rosary (Warrenton) Quilt So-  
 cial/Bingo, Feb 28, 12:30pm  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary (New  
 Melle) sausage Dinner, Mar 1, 11-6  
 St John the Baptist (Villa Ridge)  
 Chicken Dinner, Mar 8, 10:30-6  
 Immaculate Conception (West Al-  
 ton) Quilt Social, Mar 8, 1pm  
 All Saints (St Peters) Quilt Social,  
 Mar 14, noon

**Stewardship  
 Our Gifts to God and Parish**

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

|                 | Jan 17/18 | Jul 1,2014 - Jan 18,2015 |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Envelopes (590) | \$ 24,667 | \$ 890,753               |
| Online Giving   | \$ - - -  | \$ 120,701               |
| Loose           | \$ 1,212  | \$ 38,959                |
| Total           | \$ 25,879 | \$ 1,050,413             |
|                 |           | Budget, 1,026,642        |

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"*



# DAY OF REFLECTION hope

**Join Fr Mitch Doyen, Fr Joe Kempf,  
and fellow Assumption parishioners for a  
Day of Reflection!**

All adults in the parish are invited to attend this awesome one-day retreat, which will include reflections on hope and wonderful fellowship.

Fr. Mitch will share a personal reflection, and Fr. Joe returns to participate in this very special day!

When: 8:00am - 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 7  
Where: Fr. Joe Kempf Parish Center

Lunch is provided, along with an ample helping of the Holy Spirit! Feed yourself spiritually this Lenten season with a Day of Hope – given by parishioners for parishioners.

Seating is limited. Reserve your place with us by emailing Mary Ann Schaller at [maschaller1@gmail.com](mailto:maschaller1@gmail.com)

## The RCIA Journey

### The Rite of Sending

Last weekend the RCIA team met with each individual to explore the direction in which their faith journey is leading them. Starting with Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey and the period of Purification and Enlightenment. In the RCIA process, there are four distinct periods: Pre-Catechumenate, Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment, and Mystagogy. During the period of Purification and Enlightenment, the focus becomes a stronger emphasis on the spiritual and mystical life, through reflection and meditation, in preparation for the Sacraments.

This weekend at all the Masses, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending with the men and women in the RCIA process. We will ask them if they are ready to begin their final period of preparation for Sacraments; we'll ask their sponsors if their candidates and catechumens are ready for Sacraments, and finally, we will ask you, the congregation, if you are willing to support them through your prayers and example.

Today, prayer cards will be passed out with the name and picture of each of our candidates and catechumens on them. We are asking each one of you - every man, woman and child - to take a prayer card and pray for that person throughout all of Lent. Then we'd like to ask you to write a note of support on each card and turn them in by **March 22**, and we will give them to our candidates and catechumens that weekend during their Retreat Day. There will be a basket in the back of church for you to put



## ALL Are Invited... to invite a friend to Mass

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.

## Belize Mission Trip

**Are you feeling called to participate in a mission trip "someday"?**

If you answered "yes", please consider joining the All Saints Mission Team when we travel to Belize June 13-22, 2015! We are partnering with Solea Water to bring clean water to Belize. Volunteers will have an opportunity to be part of this new ministry, providing water systems and educating families about how to use them. In addition to visiting schools in the villages of Santa Cruz and Pueblo Viejo, our mission team has been asked to build a playground in the village of San Marcos. With a full team of twenty, we will also be able to share our expressive arts curriculum with students attending San Marcos R.C. School.

For more information contact Ann Lacker at [annlacker@gmail.com](mailto:annlacker@gmail.com), 636.734.7005.



## Assumption Parish Religious Education 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vino Van Gogh

### FUNraiser

Save The Date  
March 28, 2015  
7-10 PM

Registration begins mid-February

### Swing Into Spring with Fr Gary Vollmer

How are you going to celebrate spring this year? Join Golden Frontier March 6 -13 for 8 fun days. Reserved seating at 3 Spring games with the St. Louis Cardinals in Florida, Basilica Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe in Orlando, and Universal Studios plus hotels in Georgia, and five nights in Kissimmee (Orlando area), all breakfasts and dinners, most lunches are all included. Space is limited; call Golden Frontier : 618.234.1445 or visit [www.goldenfrontier.org](http://www.goldenfrontier.org) for a brochure or more info."

### St. Dominic High School

#### March Madness Alumni Basketball Tournament

Fri Mar 13 - Sun Mar 15, and Fri Mar 20 – Sun Mar 22.  
Men's and Women's teams forming. Participants must be 21. The Class of 2011 and older are eligible to play. Classes may combine and team up but all players must be alumni.

Net proceeds benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Contact: Erik Wilson at [ewilson5@kw.com](mailto:ewilson5@kw.com) or Beth Runge at [brunge@stdominichs.org](mailto:brunge@stdominichs.org) or 636.240.8303 ext 119 to enter a team.

### Athletic Association Golf Sign Up

Sign-ups for the 2015 Golf season are now open until Feb 25. Cost \$130. Golf open to children in 2nd - 8th grade.

Grades 2 - 4 includes six training sessions and two rounds at Golf Headquarters (O Fallon). Grades 5 - 8 four training sessions and six rounds with playoffs for top players and teams.

Clubs are not provided. Proper attire (no shorts and shirts with collars) is required while on the courses. Sign up online [www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org). Due to league dates no late sign-ups will be accepted.

#### 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

#### BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office  
by Tuesday 9:00am

#### WEBSITE

[www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org)



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