

Stewardship is

Not a program

Not a fundraising campaign

Not an empty buzzword

A Way of Life!

Stewardship is using our Time, Talent, and Treasure to build God's Kingdom. All three elements are equally important.

Stewardship entails a process of continually renewing and recommitting oneself to God. The practice of stewardship is: returning a portion of one's time, talent and treasure back to God in gratitude for the gifts He has given us, assists us in living out the call of the New Evangelization -- which "invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus and His Church" (USCCB).

Catholics from around the world, inspired by the spiritual rewards of stewardship, are growing in their faith and living it out more fully on a daily basis. Our parish community has adapted *A Stewardship Way of Life*. There are three phases of stewardship which are: Stewardship of Time, Stewardship of Talent, and Stewardship of Treasure.

Living a Stewardship Way of Life, requires us to put Jesus Christ first in our lives and to live every aspect for the glory of Him. It requires us to give of our Time, Talent and Treasure. Only giving one or two aspects makes us incomplete. It is only in giving of our entire self does one come to realize the graciousness and mercy of our Lord.

We walk by faith as we share in Jesus' vision. Stewardship is seeing things and living as Jesus intends. What *you* are is God's gift to *you*... what you become is your gift to God! We are a vibrant parish, where believers are actively living as Disciples of Jesus Christ. So, let us honor Mary, and continue her mission in bringing Christ to the world, by living: *A Stewardship Way of Life*.



Stewardship is...

not a program . . . it is a way of life.

not an activity . . . it is the way we live our life every day.

not the latest fad . . . it is biblically based.

not a way to raise money . . . it is a way to attain holiness.

not just a decision of the head . . . it requires a conversion of the heart.

not an option . . . integral to our Catholic faith.

not another thing to do . . . why and how we do what we do.

not about our generosity . . . about our response to God's generosity.

what you do after you say, "I believe".

A DISCIPLES RESPONSE: A PASTORAL LETTER ON STEWARDSHIP

If you say you are a follower of Jesus, then you must be a steward of God's creation. That is the challenge presented in this pastoral letter from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. You can download a copy at:

<http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/stewardship-resources/documents/parish-stewardship-formation-resources-1/6827-usccb-stewardship-a-disciples-response-a-pastoral-letter-on-stewardship/file>

Stewardship of TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

Time



Spending Time with God in Prayer: We, as a community of faith, must remember that we cannot give what we do not have. In order for us to welcome others into the life of the Church, we first need to make sure that our spiritual lives are properly in order. To become a more prayerful person, take inventory of how you spend the 168 hours in the week. Are you taking time to talk to God in prayer, to speak with Him as you would a friend? Are you seeking His truth through reading the scriptures? Will you make Him first on your priority list so that you are able to give to others from the graces He has given you?

- **COMMUNITY PRAYER**

The Mass is the highest prayer of the Church, and should also be the high point of our week. Consider making it your top priority to never miss a Sunday liturgy.

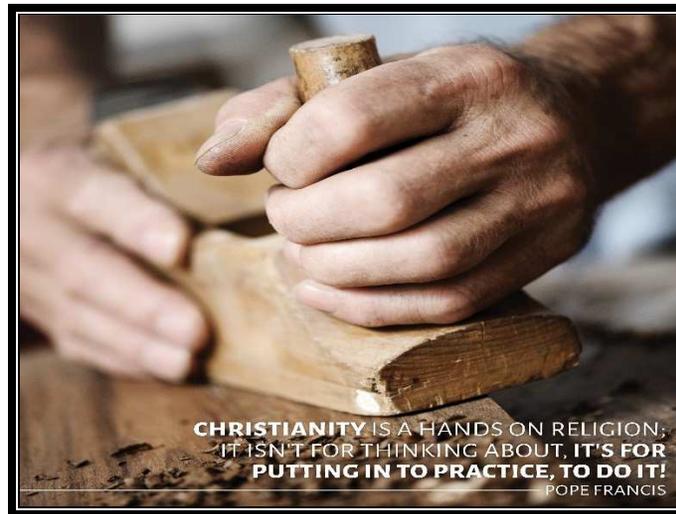
- **PERSONAL PRAYER**

Each person needs to spend time with God one-on-one. A daily heart-to-heart conversation with Christ is the key to personal spiritual growth. Pope Francis encourages Catholics to spend 10 minutes each day reflecting on the gospel for each day, which can be found at uscbb.org/bible/readings or on Catholic phone and tablet apps, such as iBreviary, Magnificat or Divine Office.

- **FAMILY PRAYER**

"The family that prays together stays together." Choose times each day to pray with your spouse and children: bedtime prayers, a scripture verse at mealtimes, or a decade of the Rosary on the way to school, sporting events, or work.

Talent



Serving in Ministry: Following the example Christ set for us, we strive to offer ourselves in service to others. Every day, we have the choice to serve or to sit back; to get involved or be self-involved. This year, is God calling you to do more for others through service? As the pages of this book attest, there are dozens of opportunities throughout the year to serve others, educate our children, reach out to the needy, and much more. Your participation is welcome. Let's work together to build a welcoming community as we serve God and one another.

- ***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION***

Our children learn about God and prepare for the sacraments, thanks to the hard work of our Religious Education Catechists. Will you use your gifts to help our young people grow in their relationship with Christ?

- ***PARISH LIFE***

Our parish has a lot of ministries and means by which you can serve others, from ushering to cooking to community outreach. What means of service are you most attracted to? Where is your conscience stirring, inviting you to get involved in our parish ministries to serve God and His people?

Treasure



Generous Financial Support: Christian discipleship requires that we put Christ first in every aspect of our lives, including our finances. Are you grateful to God that you are employed? Do you recognize the blessings the Lord has bestowed on you financially? How will you commit to giving back to the Lord a portion of your income? As you discern the amount of your gift, remember that God calls us to give from our “first fruits,” not from our leftovers. Ask for the grace to put God first in your finances.

At Assumption, we give to God according to the scriptural “tithe”, which literally means 10% of one’s harvest or income. Each family is encouraged to break up the tithe as follows: 5% to Assumption Parish and 5% to a charity of your choice.

If you’re unable to give the full biblical tithe right now, assess what percentage you can give, and then move up by 1% or 2% increments each year until you can reach the full biblical tithe of 10%.

- ***CHALLENGE YOURSELF***

If you know you should increase your level of giving, but find it difficult to do so, challenge yourself: *“How much do I spend every month on entertainment and eating out? Does my spending reflect the priority of God in my life?”*

- ***GIVING PERCENTAGE***

Why should we determine the amount of our gift based on a percentage of income?

We give the tithe (which means 10% of one’s harvest or income) because it is a Scriptural benchmark that has been honored since the early Church (*see Malachi 3:10*).

Automated Giving

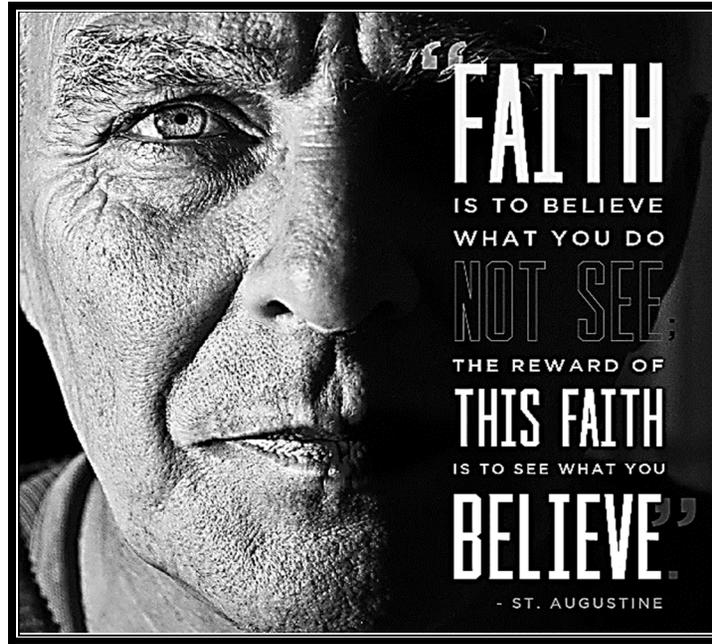
Many of our parishioners choose to automatically direct their financial gift to the church. You may use your bank or credit union’s bill pay service to automate your gifts. Simply set up Assumption Parish as you would any other payee to pay according to the schedule you establish. Often times this flexible service is free of charge to you and is always free of charge to the parish.

- **Using Your Bank or Credit Union**

- **Online Giving:**

Thank you for your dedicated support of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Community.

If you have any questions about automated giving options, please contact: **Mary Knapp, Parish Bookkeeper** at 636.240.3721 Ext. 234



Returning Your Commitment Card

All members of our parish are invited to complete a stewardship Commitment Card, which will be mailed to each parish household. If you're already praying, involved in parish ministries and tithing, we still invite you to participate in our Stewardship Renewal through filling out a Commitment Card. Make the choice today to be faithful to your word and to what God is calling you to this year.

"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For he is a God who always repays and will give back to you sevenfold." — Sirach 35: 12-13

(For your convenience, *soon*, you will be able to complete and submit your **Commitment Card** online at: www.assumptionbvm.org)

Consistent & Generous Giving

Our deepest reason for giving is not because our parish has needs, but because we have a spiritual need to give. We are called to give to God from our first fruits, and to recognize that everything comes from Him. Our gifts to God should be out of faith and gratitude for what God has done for us. Just like the apostles who laid down their nets the moment that Jesus called them, we too should lay down everything, even something as important to us as our finances, to follow Christ. God's promise to us is a promise of life and security when we place all of our trust in Him. "The Lord will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8).

Take a Step Toward 10 Percent

At Assumption we honor the scriptural tithe. We invite parishioners to give 5% of their gross income to God through the offertory and 5% to other charities. Using the chart in the Commitment Card, find your current percentage of giving, then determine what steps you can take toward giving 10% of your household income. Consider increasing your gift by 1% or 2% increments until you reach the scriptural tithe, and then be faithful to your commitment, whatever it may be.

Action Steps to Be Financially Generous

- Pray about the best use of your financial resources and ask God to show you where you need to give Him priority in them.
- Evaluate your regular offertory gift and increase it based on what you think God is calling you to give until you reach the full tithe.
- Make a commitment to give regularly to God through the parish offertory, and be faithful to your tithing commitment, even when you attend Mass elsewhere.

THE FOUR PILLARS OF PARISH STEWARDSHIP



Our stewardship ministries are gathered under these four pillars:

HOSPITALITY: We strive to extend a warm, hospitable and loving welcome to all who join us in worship, service, study, social, or in times of personal need. We assist our parish community in presenting a visible sign of Christ's loving kindness in all we do.

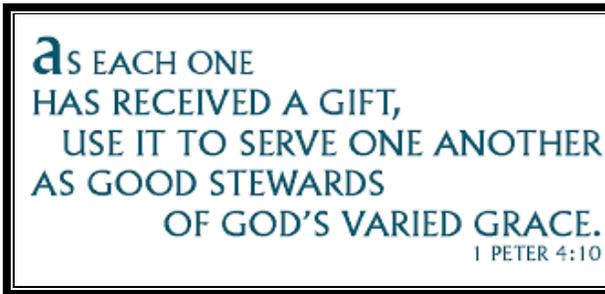
PRAYER: We grow as disciples who are committed to prayer—individual and communal prayer, public and private prayer. Through prayer we are invited to draw closer to Jesus and to imitate Him in our daily lives. While Eucharist is central to our spiritual life, other prayer opportunities are made available.

FORMATION: We strive to educate, form and sustain the stewardship way of life for all ages through faith formation opportunities in the parish and school. We strive to be disciple stewards and give good example as we participate in parish life in ministries and on parish leadership teams. We are open to the continuous conversion to a life of stewardship – to sharing what one has with a loving, generous and grateful heart.

SERVICE: We strive to be servant ministers to the need of our parish members, the wider community and Church. We strive to serve compassionately those who are hurting or in need, lost or alone, or suffering in any way. We give thanks to God for all the gifts we have received and we celebrate the special events in the lives of parishioners.

For more information on **The Four Pillars of Parish Stewardship**, please visit the Catholic Diocese of Wichita.

<http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/office-of-stewardship/documents/the-four-pillars-of-parish-stewardship-1/283-pillars-of-parish-stewardship-1/file>



MINISTRY: Description *and* Categories

Every week, our parish is buzzing with activity. There are groups that pray together, groups that minister to other parishioners, and groups that reach out to the community. Christ Himself taught us that “*whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me*” (Matthew 25:40).

You will notice our ministries are broken into four categories which as mentioned early fall under the Four Pillars of a Parish Stewardship. They also align with the four Saints that are in our Church building. When we lay down our wants and desires to serve each other, God blesses our efforts! Will you consider where God is calling you to serve Him? Being an Active Servant: “*Jesus said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.*” — Mark 1:17-18





St. Monica: Pillar of Hospitality

“Her faithfulness through patience and prayer are an example for each of us to never give up. Her prayers were answered for her husband to experience a conversion and after 17 long years her prayers were answered as her son not only converted, but became a bishop and is one of our greatest saints - St. Augustine.”

Christian Kindness – *“May our Christian communities really be places of hospitality, listening and communion! A place of mercy and hope where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.” (Pope Francis).*

Jesus teaches that whenever we welcome the least of our brothers or sisters, we welcome Christ himself. That is why the first mark of a stewardship parish is hospitality. Simple kindness is one of the first ways we can be Christ-like toward others.

- Athletic Association
- Baptismal Preparation Host Homes
- Fall Festival Committee
- 50+ Club
- Golf Cart Drivers
- Hospitality Sunday Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- Moppets Caregivers
- MOPS
- Parish Office Volunteers
- RCIA Hospitality
- Social Media Team
- Socials Committee
- Stewardship Committee
- Welcoming Committee



St. Francis: Pillar of Prayer

“He soon discovered he was to rebuild God’s Church by showing mercy and justice to all of creation; by spending time with Jesus; (adoration and Mass) and definitely by studying scripture (bible study, readings for the week).”

Lift Up Your Hearts - Prayer prepares us spiritually to do things we didn’t think possible, to reach new heights, to do the will of God. Are you satisfied with your prayer life? Does your family pray together regularly? Is God calling you to spend more time with him? Listen to your heart and challenge yourself, and your family, to live a more Christ-centered existence. *“But what assures our fruitfulness is our being faithful to Jesus, who says insistently: ‘Abide in Me and I in you.’” (Jn 15:4) ~ Pope Francis*

- Altar Servers
- Audio Visual Technicians
 - Pod Caster
 - Sound Techs
- Centering Prayer
- Church and Chapel Cleaners
- Church Decorators
- Church Launderers
- Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Funeral Choir
- Lectors
- Liturgy Committee
- Music Ministries: Mixed Choirs, Cantors, Instrumentalists, Contemporary Liturgical Musical Groups
- Prayer Tree

- Rosary Leaders
- Sacristans
- Servers
- Usher/Greeters
- Wedding Assistants



The Holy Family: Pillar of Formation

“We, at Assumption, are a family living in the household we call the Church. Our common ancestor is God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each of us has a role to play in building up this “Holy Family.”

Continual Conversion - Saint John Paul II always emphasized ongoing conversion. From childhood throughout adulthood, our whole life must be a process of drawing closer to God. He never stops calling us forward to learn more and to examine ourselves more deeply. At Assumption Parish we are very fortunate to have a number of opportunities for life-long formation and spiritual enrichment, which are listed on your Covenant Card.

“To be magnanimous with interior liberty and a spirit of service, spiritual formation is necessary.” ~ Pope Francis

- Advent by Candlelight
- Assumption Women’s Group
- Baptismal Preparation Catechists
- Bible Study
- Catholic’s Returning Home
- Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)
- Life Teen Youth Ministry – Core Team Member
- Life Teen Youth Ministry – Advisory Team

- Marriage Builders
- Marriage Sponsor Couples
- Men's Ministry
- PSR Catechists (Teachers of Faith)
- PSR Volunteers
- RCIA – Catechists/Sponsors
- Small Church Communities
- Sunday Preschool Teacher/Assistants
- Vacation Bible School Volunteers



St. Vincent DePaul: Pillar of Service

“St. Vincent de Paul’s path to becoming the patron saint of charities began when he recognized that the poor were not being evangelized or helped. This led him to first minister to the spiritual lives of his fellow priests, instilling in them a deeper pastoral call to nurture the poor just as Jesus did.”

Love in Action - “As I have done, so you must also do.” These were Christ’s words after he washed his apostles’ feet at the last supper. In this dramatic moment, Jesus called his followers to a life of humility and service. Helping others, especially the poor, is how our parish community follows Christ’s command “to others, especially the poor, is how our parish community follows Christ’s command “to love your neighbor as yourself.”

- Advent Giving Tree
- After Funeral Luncheon Captain and Volunteer
- Annulment Advocate
- Assumption Quilters

- Blood Drive Volunteers
- Cancer Information and Support Group
- Communion to the Homebound
- Ellie's Garden
- Green Team
- Grief Support Group
- Grounds and Garden Committee
- Growing Project
- Home Repairs
- Hospital Visitation
- Meals for the Homeless
- Meals in Need
- Meals for our Priests
- Money Counters
- Nursing Home Visitation
- Parish Council
- Parish Finance Committee
- Respect Life Apostolate
- St. Vincent DePaul Society
- School Board
- School Tuition Committee

A Stewardship Prayer

Jesus teach us to pray. Help us to manage our time so that we can spend it with you. Holy Spirit, fill us with your gifts. May we offer ourselves in sacrifice for our parish and for all in need. Father, give us generous hearts. Help us to manage our finances and to offer our first fruits to you. Our mission is to follow Mary in her mission to bring Christ to the world. Let us strive to make Stewardship a Way of Life, to make Mary's "yes" our own. As your faithful disciples, we ask this, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Ministry Opportunities At Assumption Parish

Advent By Candlelight

(Pillars of Formation-The Holy Family)

Mission Statement: To bring women of the parish together to celebrate and rekindle faith for the holy season of Advent by providing an evening of fellowship, music, and prayer.

Duties:

The ABC Coordinator: oversees whole group, develops a theme with the committee, arranges meetings as needed, works with arranging & approving the speaker/s, the “go to” person for challenges/questions;

The ABC Publicity Coordinator: oversees the publicity flyer, programs & favors;

The ABC Registration Coordinator: oversees the registration of tables, assigns the tables, and is the contact person with the hostesses after registration;

The ABC Decorations Coordinator: oversees the event and stage decorations in accordance to the year’s theme;

The ABC Set up/clean up Coordinator: oversees the set up/take down of tables, coat check, and helps arrange Jr. Hostesses

The ABC Music Coordinator: oversees the music throughout the evening as well as the sound system

Time: Planning should start no later than the beginning of September the year of ABC. Event takes place the first Sunday of Advent.

Special Skills: A love and understanding of Advent, involves ideas, visioning, planning; one time or annual event; activities with youth

**Note:* it is a three year commitment for all members with an extra year of shadowing for the coordinator.

Contact: Tedra Courtis, 636-379-5958

Advent Giving Tree

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: May you find Christ here.....may you bring Christ to the world.

Duties: Help set up Advent Giving Tree and print tags at the beginning of Advent; sort gifts and take down tree mid-December; will need to attend one organizational meeting.

Time: 3 - 5 hours

Special Skills: A desire to help.

Contact: Steve Ratkowski, 636-978-4203

After Funeral Luncheon Volunteer

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: With hearts of compassion, we prepare and serve a complete post-funeral meal for grieving families.

Duties: Men and women to call and organize and/or to volunteer to bring and/or serve food and set up for funeral luncheons for parishioners or former parishioners (with cemetery plots).

Time: Approximately four times a year.

Special Skills: A desire to serve others; an enjoyment of cooking.

Contact: Mary Peters, 636-379--3242; mmpeters3@hotmail.com

Altar Servers

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: We reverently serve at the altar to help create beautiful liturgies, to assist the clergy, and to model the postures of prayer during Mass.

Duties: Assist presider and deacon in the celebration of liturgical services. Arrive 15 minutes early.

Time: Approximately once a month or less.

Special Skills: An ability to be graceful, attentive and reverent at Mass; dependability. Contact: Kathy Hicks, 314-608-8436

Annulment Advocate

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: With God's guidance, we provide compassionate, confidential, prayerful assistance to those seeking annulments.

Advocates are Assumption parishioners, trained by the Archdiocese to assist those who need a marriage annulment. Training only occurs once every three years. If you are in need of an annulment or just have questions, please call.

Contact: Eric Brunner 636-443-3109; abvmadvocate@hotmail.com

Assumption Quilters

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: Quilting: The art of quilting allows you to sew by hand stitching a beautiful and satisfying piece of work for other people or yourself as a gift or for your own keepsake.

Duties and Skills: Accept an assembled quilt top that is marked and has both batting and backing provided. Stitch marked areas to complete a beautiful work of art.

Time: Meet weekly on Thursday

Contact: Alice Forbeck, 636-272-5065, adforbeck@charter.net

Assumption Women's Group

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family)

Mission Statement: Assumption Women's Group exists to create fellowship and spiritual growth for women who are interested in either beginning or continuing their journey in faith. The ministry provides various opportunities for fellowship, fun and faith throughout the year.

Duties: To participate/attend Fellowship/Gatherings; Bible Studies; and Presentations. A core team will lead this ministry. The team will serve for a 3 year period, with the next team being mentored during the 3rd year.

Special Skills: Open to all adult women of the parish, 21 years of age and older. Willing to participate respectfully.

Time: 2-3 hours monthly; regular meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Contact: Haley McHugh, assumptionwomensgroup@yahoo.com

Athletic Association

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Mission Statement: To help a boy or girl, regardless of their skill to become an ideal youth firmly loyal to God, Country and Community; physically fit, mentally alert and morally sound.

Duties: Teach good sportsmanship, coordinate volunteers, maintain schedules, coach, assist with uniforms and concessions. This is done through various sports: soccer, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, baseball and golf.

Time: Varies

Special Skills: Must attend "Protecting God's Children" workshop prior to working with children. Work with concessions and/or uniforms; coaching; webpage experience, marketing, willingness to serve on Athletic board; serve as a sounding board for parents; willingness to help improve facilities.
Contact: Sarah Edwards, 636-262-0397

Baptismal Preparation - Catechists

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family)

Mission Statement: We are partners with parents sharing wisdom and knowledge regarding the particulars of the Sacrament of Baptism so they may pass along their Catholic values to their child and embrace their role as their child's primary faith educator.

Duties: Help prepare parents for the baptism of their child. Share course content while encouraging an adult exchange of questions and ideas to grow faith.

Time: Training = 3 hours; Catechesis = 1 class every other month 7:00 - 9:00PM.

Special Skills: Willingness and ability to share faith with others. In addition to the life of faith you have already experienced, the knowledge for a Catechist is also gained through attending one training session and a live Baptism.

Contact: Misty Koenig, 314-249-6092

Baptismal Preparation - Host Homes

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Duties: Open your home as the setting for a baptismal preparation class. Create an environment where all are welcome, serve light refreshments and provide a comfortable gathering room with TV and VCR or DVD.

Time: Training = One 30 minute home visit by the coordinators; Host Home Time = 7:00 - 9:00PM every other month

Special Skills: A commitment to your own baptismal call and desire to provide hospitality and a warm welcome to class participants.

Contact: Misty Koenig, 314-249-6092

Bible Study

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family)

Mission Statement: We gather to study scriptural texts and to discuss their impact on our lives.

Duties: Our Bible Studies meet twice per year in 7-week cycles. We offer several meeting times to fit anyone's schedule. We study different books of the Bible in the Old and New Testaments. During our sessions there is prayer, reflection, and guided discussion. Anyone with any level of familiarity with the Bible is welcome to join us!

Time: Various times of the year, in 7 week cycles; 1 hour 15 minute meetings; several meeting times are offered.

Special Skills: Willingness to persevere and grow in learning about how the scriptures speak to us.

Contact: Melinda Kruper, 636-240-1020

Blood Drive Volunteers

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: Recognizing that God calls us to lovingly care for our neighbor, we offer our time to encourage the habit of regular blood donations among our parishioners, cheerfully welcome them to the blood drive, and thoughtfully acknowledge their gifts on behalf of those who will be helped by their donation.

Duties: We currently host three blood drives each year in the months of January, June and November. Volunteers assist with set up and clean up the Parish Center before and after the blood drive, welcome and assist parishioners as they come to donate and help serve refreshments when they finish.

Time: 7:30AM - 3:00PM Sunday—volunteers may work in shifts.

Special Skills: A desire to help facilitate the blood drive; a welcoming spirit.

Contact: Mary Anne Robinson, 636-474-2677

Cancer Information/Support Group

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: We provide information and support for families and caregivers of cancer sufferers.

Duties: Respond to requests for information/support; meet with individuals/families when needed.

Time: Minimal time commitment.

Special Skills: Training by American Cancer Society; a desire to help and a willing heart.

Contact: Scott Perhacs 314-323-4416

Catholics Returning Home

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family)

Mission Statement: In the spirit of welcome and reconciliation, we meet with people one-on-one or in small groups to support their journey back to the regular practice of the Catholic faith.

Duties: Provide a warm welcoming environment that nurtures inactive Catholics in their return to an active Catholic life as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Time: Depends on the need for those who are interested.

Special Skills: The desire to share your faith journey with others in a welcoming and loving manner.

Contact: Steve & Dee King; Steve, 636-699-9961 or Dee, 636-734-3437; sdking357@gmail.com

Centering Prayer

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: Our mission is to provide a space where the loving presence of Jesus is nurtured with friends in prayer.

Duties: Pray in silence with Assumption's Centering Prayer Group which meets at the Motherhouse Library twice monthly. ALL are welcome!

Time: 2 hrs per month meeting times 9:00 - 10:00AM on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month.

Special Skills: desire to spend time with God in silence (God's first language).

Contact: Jan Peirick, 636-240-4267 or Carol Woerheide, 636-240-2691

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family)

Mission Statement: A Christ Renews His Parish Retreat weekend is designed to help the faith community and individuals grow spiritually and deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

Duties: Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is an exciting weekend of faith building, fellowship, reflection, song, and prayer for parishioners. The Women's CRHP and Men's CRHP retreats are held twice a year (summer and winter retreats), and given by fellow parishioners, who have previously participated on a retreat.

Time: One weekend, Saturday morning thru Sunday afternoon held in our parish center.

Special Skills: An interest in refreshing your relationship with Christ and your parish.

Contact: Dave McCool 314-707-1194 dpmcco@gmail.com and Mickie McCool, 314-610-5651, mymccool@gmail.com

Church & Chapel Cleaners

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: With gratitude for our beautiful worship spaces, our teams regularly clean the church and chapel.

Duties: Help to clean the church and chapel; change candles on side altars and in sanctuary lamp; launder altar cloths and change them for special events.

Time: Cleaning requires 1/2 to 2 hours, one day a week; laundering varies; altar candles are inserted once a week.

Special Skills: A caring eye for detail; knowledge concerning cleaning and laundering.

Contact: Ruth Rothermich, 636-294-3921

Church Decorators

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: We decorate the church to show the liturgical seasons so we can better enter into the celebration of the Mass and season.

Duties: Help with Christmas, Easter, and liturgical season decorations; change and/or make banners.

Time: At Christmas and Easter 3 - 4 hours a week; as needed the rest of the year.

Special Skills: A green thumb and love of plants; or the ability to sew and/or design banners; some ability to climb ladders.

Contact: Rosemary Pieper, 636-240-8262

Church Launderers

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: Knowing the sacredness of all articles used in church, we offer our time and washing machines to reverently clean the cloths used during Mass.

Duties: At home or in a laundry facility, these individuals launder purificators, corporals, and towels; iron and fold. (On occasion may be asked to help wash and mend clergy or servers' albs as needed.)

Time: Launderers are on a weekly rotation and are typically responsible for 4-5 weeks out of a year. Most weeks, laundry = 1-2 loads of white wash + time needed to fold, iron if needed and return items to church.

Special Skills: Enjoys washing, ironing and some mending when needed. Willing to donate time, washer/dryer, and soap products to the mission.

Able to provide for the timely pick-up and return of church laundry. A brief training will be provided for technique. *Contact:*

Carol Woerheide, 636-240-2691 or Email: cmwoerheide@gmail.com

Communion to the Homebound

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: Through friendly visits and Holy Communion, we extend the love of the Gospel to those homebound because of illness, age, or disability.

Duties: Visit parishioners in their home and pray with them if they desire. Also make them aware of other ministries/outreach programs they may want or need to use; this may also include giving Holy Communion if parishioner desires.

Time: varies; as needed

Special Skills: Must be able to drive; have a desire to help those who are homebound and may be elderly or ill; if willing to give Communion, must be a Eucharistic minister.

Contact: Margo Krecyk, 636-272-6052

Ellie's Garden:

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: Ellie's Garden will be a gathering place, a learning center, a source of nourishment for our souls and for the poor; a place where relationships form as naturally as the vegetables grow; a garden where all walk freely in the image and likeness of our Triune God.

Special Skills: A desire to come pray with us by using your hands and offering your labor to help make Ellie's Garden a beautiful and productive sanctuary for all.

Contact: Mickie McCool, 636-240-3721, mymccool@gmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: We believe in the grace of the real presence of the Eucharist. During adoration, we pray in contemplative silence for our own needs, the needs of the community, and the needs of our world.

Duties: To sign up for this ministry, you must be able to commit to one hour every Tuesday in front of the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration times which is between 8:30AM - 6:30PM. However, all are welcome to come and pray anytime.

Time: Commitment of one hour per week on Tuesdays.

Special Skills: A willingness to be able to commit to a specific hour of prayer each week. Substitutes are available to fill your hour of commitment if the need should arise. Contact: Rita Phillips, 636-240-5785

Eucharistic Ministers

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: As Assumption Ministers of the Holy Eucharist at the Table of Life, we reverently distribute the Body of Christ to all the faithful that we may become one as the Body of Christ for the entire World.

Duties: Help in the distribution of the Eucharist.

Time: Volunteer as needed at weekend Masses.

Special Skills: Parishioners, 18 or older; love and reverence for the Eucharist; ease in public settings; Catholic in good standing who has received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

Contact: Terry Briggs, 314-496-4588 Email Address: terry.l.briggs@charter.net

50 + Club

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Mission Statement: We provide an exciting venue for parishioners to share their faith and have fun with others who are over the age of 50.

Duties: Adults over 50 meet to share faith, fun, and fellowship.

Time: Monthly meeting on 4th Monday of the month in the Parish Center, Hall C, at 7:00PM.

Special Skills: Willingness to share in service projects and fun activities.

Contact: Martha Kaufhold, 636-294-3367

Fall Festival Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. of Monica)

Duties: Oversee the Fall Festival to bring parishioners together for fellowship and for working side by side to subsidize parish ministries. This is our largest parish function. Everyone's help is needed to make it a success, but we do have a core team for those who want to be more involved.

Time: Please keep the 3rd Sunday in October open every year for this event. There are organizational meetings every other month throughout the year, more often closer to the event date.

Special Skills: We can use a wide range of gifts! Enthusiasm and hospitality!

Contact: Amiee and Joe Huff, (Amiee-314-761-4871, Joe-314-265-8137)

Fair Trade Market:

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: We work to promote peace and justice in the kingdoms of this world so that they might more and more reflect the vision of Life, Peace and Justice in the Kingdom of God.

Duties: The Fair Trade Market helping artisans and farmers from other countries make a fair wage so they can support their families. They also sell fair trade coffee each month during Hospitality Sundays. Some of the fulfilling volunteer opportunities include picking up products from Plowsharing Crafts in University City, setting up the products, being a greeter, helping buyers with the products, being a cashier, cleaning up and returning unsold products to Plowsharing Crafts.

Time: 2-3 hours a month

Contact: Chris Bimslager, 636-294-3837 or cbimscbims@gmail.com and Beth Handshy, (636)379-6599 or bhandshy@gmail.com

Funeral Choir

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: To show our love and concern for our brothers and sisters who are grieving a loved one by our very presence at the liturgy. To support them in prayer and singing of songs they have chosen and to provide comfort, not only during the funeral liturgy but in all the future times of reflection as they recall this important celebration of the life of their loved one.

Duties: To help lead the assembly in prayer and song during the funeral Mass.

Time: Weekday availability for some (not necessarily all) funerals, Monday through Saturday.

Special Skills: A desire to give support and comfort to grieving families. To possess an average singing voice that can carry a tune and a willingness to learn new songs.

Contact: Amanda Suchara, 636-240-3721 or Email amanda.assumptionbvm@gmail.com

Golf Cart Drivers

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Mission Statement: As an extension of our parish's welcoming spirit, and wanting to ensure no one is intimidated by the size of our campus, we provide transportation between our parking lots and church.

Duties: Drive the Assumption golf cart to/from the parking lot to the doors of church and help those needing assistance on and off the cart. To be a warm and welcoming spirit to all who come here.

Time: One half hour before Mass begins and ten to fifteen minutes after Mass ends.

Special Skills: Have driven a golf cart prior to volunteering and are willing to undergo a brief training. Have an awareness of safety and the ability to physically assist others.

Contact: Jim O'Loughlin, 314-638-2978 or Email joloughlin@geospan.com

Green Team

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: To promote awareness, provide support and put into practice the 3 Rs of managing waste (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) to all parishioners of Assumption Parish. Institute a set-up plan of managing waste for committees within Assumption Parish and recruit parishioners to assist in this mission.

Provide information as to how parishioners can lead a more sustainable lifestyle at home and in the community.

Skills: Learn how Assumption recycles and have a heart for caring for the environment.

Duties: Help the parish take steps to lead a more sustainable lifestyle by conserving our natural resources, saving our energy resources and cutting down on air pollution by putting into practice the 3Rs of the waste management process (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle).

Help to educate parishioners on proper waste management.

Help with ordering of biodegradable and compostable materials

Recruit members to be on the Green Team by being available during Hospitality Sundays with information and importance of mission. Also on this Sunday, have information available on how to lead a more sustainable lifestyle at home and in the community.

Attend or meet with committee members where a lot of waste is involved such as funeral luncheons, fall festival, dinner auction, appreciation dinner dance, etc. any committee where potluck dinners and food is involved, to give them a list of things that can be recycled and the procedure that is involved with disposal of the recyclables and other waste.

Recruit parishioners from committees to oversee the waste management process for their committee.

Time: 1-6 hours per month

Contact: Wendy Prakop, 636-281-4497,

wprakop@charter.net; or Bruce Prinster, 636-272-6389, bprins01@yahoo.com.

Grief Support Group

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: With Our Lord, we listen, we comfort, we reminisce, and we share the journey of healing and hope.

Duties: (One on One Contact): Make contact through a phone call or home visit, to those in the parish who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Time: 3 home visits/phone calls and possibly meeting once before the funeral and the day of the funeral depending upon need of the individual grieving.

Special Skills: A caring and loving heart and the willingness to receive training in grief ministry.

Contact: Lynn Crews, 636-294-0821 *(for grief support & information about Grief Support Series which consists of 8 weekly sessions, held twice a year)*

For One-on-One Ministry of Consolation:

Contact: Kris Bohn, 636-295-2611

Grounds and Garden Committee

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: To plant and nurture the grounds of Assumption for all to see and enjoy, because with every flower that blooms we witness a miracle of God in all its beauty.

Duties: Help take care of the grounds, plants and flowers.

Time: Four hours every couple of months during the growing season.

Special Skills: A desire to come pray with us by using your hands and offering your sweat to help make Assumption Parish grounds more beautiful, a green thumb does help but is not necessary.

Contact: Paula and Mark Mennemeier, 636-978-9995

Growing Project:

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: We are Christian advocates for the relief of chronic global hunger and poverty through building relationships and helping to improve quality of life.

Duties: We assist and implement a Growing Project in partnership with Catholic Relief Services, Foods Resource Bank and a farming community.

(Through this partnership, Assumption's proceeds are typically quadrupled when crops are sold.) In these poverty stricken communities, funds are used to educate and assist them in accomplishing independent food security. 100% of Assumption's donations go directly to the project!

Time: Periodic meetings throughout the year.

Special Skills: A love and a concern for all of humanity, and a desire to promote these values at Assumption and in your own personal life.

Contact: Nancy Sullivan, 636-240-3393.

Home Repairs

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: We will praise God by using the talents and abilities He has given us to build, rebuild, repair, or maintain the homes of the people who need our help.

Duties: Provide labor for minor home repairs, home maintenance, appliance repairs and/or installation, painting, or furniture repair for those in special need.

Time: One to four hours, once or twice a year.

Special Skills: Willing to work; basic skills in any chosen field (plumbing, carpentry, electrical, painting, cleaning gutters, etc.)

Contact: Jim Hutchinson, 314-374-3196;

hutchinson.irrigation@gmail.com

Hospital Visitation

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: We carry the healing comfort of the Gospel to hospitalized parishioners and their families, praying with and for them, and offering hope through conversation and quiet presence.

Duties: Visit parishioners in hospitals and pray with them if they desire. Also make them aware of other outreach programs they may want or need to use. May include giving Holy Communion if patient desires.

Time: Varies.

Special Skills: Must be able to drive, be good with people; if willing to give Communion must be a Eucharistic minister.

Contact: Joan Thessen, 636-978-3018

Hospitality Sunday Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Mission Statement: We welcome all parishioners and guests to visit in friendship and fellowship encouraging them to find Christ here and to bring Christ to the world.

Duties: Greet those as they arrive after Mass. Work with others to setup and cleanup refreshments and tables/chairs. Serve beverages.
Time: First Sunday of the month in mass time-related shifts. We serve from 7:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Special Skills: Friendliness and a heart for welcoming people.
Contact: Candice Mehmetli 636-698-3047

Knights of Columbus

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Mission Statement: The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization based on 4 principals: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, with the number one principle being Charity.

Duties: A Catholic men's organization which provides fraternal, charitable, service, and social opportunities for men from our parish and other parishes.
Time: Monthly meeting (3rd Thursday) and many service & social events. (K.C. Hall located at 202 W. Third)
Special Skills: A Catholic male interested in a Christian atmosphere. There is also a ladies' auxiliary.
Contact: Mike Catalfano, Grand Knight, 636-561-3591 or Tracy Hakenewerth, 636-272-4818

Lectors

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: Led by the Holy Spirit, lectors use their voices to joyfully proclaim God's living Word to the community, helping to feed the assembly during the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Duties: To proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass with reverence and understanding.
Time: One Mass each month or two; personal time every day spent in study and reflection of the upcoming Sunday readings.
Special Skills: A love for God's Word and desire to study it more deeply; dependability, a clear speaking voice, an ease speaking in front of people.
Contact: Barb Stettner, 636-978-5930;
creativebarb@charter.net

Life Teen Youth Ministry – Core Team Member (Age 18 and up)

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family)

Adult team members will support the Youth Minister in leading our high school and middle school parishioners in growing in their relationship with Jesus, deepening their understanding of the Roman Catholic faith, availing themselves to the Church's Sacraments, particularly the Holy Eucharist, fostering wholesome friendships and developing a personal prayer life in a setting that is joyful, active, safe, encouraging and empowering.

Core Team Individual should:

- 1) *Be a faithful, practicing and committed Roman Catholic*
- 2) *Adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church*
- 3) *Assist the Youth Minister in coordinating and implementing weekly youth gatherings*
- 4) *Chaperone annual service trips, youth conference, March for Life, etc.*
- 5) *Assist in fundraising activities*
- 6) *Promote the Youth Ministry Program*
- 7) *Lead small groups, facilitate activities, & share their faith and life experiences*

Time commitment:

- 1) *One Tuesday per month for planning*
- 2) *Wednesday night gatherings with teens (at some point this may move to Sunday evenings)*
- 3) *Participate in forthcoming Sunday night Life Teen Mass*
- 4) *Attend 1-2 retreats per year*
- 5) *Assist with annual fundraising events (car washes, etc.) and chaperone trips*

Must complete application process and attend "Protecting God's Children" workshop.

Contact: Phil and Cindy in Youth Ministry, abvmyouth@gmail.com, 636-240-3721

Liturgy Committee

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: Our mission is to enhance the worship of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit by promoting fruitful participation in liturgy at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. While remembering to honor our parish traditions, we support the liturgical prayer life of the community in planning of all aspects of the parish liturgical celebrations so that they will be meaningful, uplifting, and prayerful as well as audibly and visually appealing. We nurture spiritual growth of ministers through our ongoing support and reflection on the blessings of ministries.

Duties: Attend monthly meetings to discuss Assumption's liturgical needs, including: decisions involving the functions of weekend Masses, holiday Masses, and Holy Day celebrations, periodic pre-holiday set up, and periodic review of liturgical materials.

Time: Attend one monthly meeting (approximately 2 hours) and pre-holiday preparation (approximately 2 hours before Lent and 2 hours before Advent).

Skills: Open mind and heart and a love for Assumption Parish.

Contact: Jeannette Hamann 636-240-3721 ext. 247 or abvmjeannette@yahoo.com

Marriage Sponsor Couples

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family)

Mission Statement: The marriage ministry of Assumption parish is devoted to the growth and love of every engaged couple. We are committed to their future not only as husband and wife but also in guiding their growth relationship to one which is built in and with Christ.

Duties: Couples are assigned to work with engaged couples to help deepen their vision of Sacrament of Matrimony, and help them establish a firm foundation to their married life.

Time: A sponsor couple can work either at home with one engaged couple at a time or at the parish center with a small group of engaged couples (4-8 couples). The total time spent on the program with couples is 10 hours. Training includes attending a group session to observe; then help from a sponsor couple, as needed, to get started.

Special Skills: Couples willing to share marriage issues and problems; good communication abilities; willingness to share the love of their marriage with engaged couples. Prefer couples married at least 5 years.

Contact: Russ & Mary Ann Schaller, 314-223-4144.

Meals for the Homeless:

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Duties: Volunteer to help feed the homeless in our community by volunteering to prepare a dish, supply a drink, paper goods, forks and knives and learn how to help with other charities in the St. Charles County area.

Time: 2-3 hours a month

Contact: LaVina Eickoff, 314-323-3501; leickoff@yahoo.com

Meals In Need

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: We show the love and support of our parish family, to those experiencing personal difficulties by providing meals in times of need.

Duties: Prepare a simple dish of food or a full meal whichever you choose and deliver it to a family in need of loving support. A driver is available to deliver the meal if necessary.

Time: Occasionally as needed (possibly once every 3 - 4 months).

Special Skills: Enjoy cooking!

Contact: Veronica Wills, 636-240-1214

Meals for Our Priests

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: We share our love of cooking and the pleasure of sharing it with others, by providing meals to nourish both the bodies and spirits of the priests who serve our Assumption Parish community.

Duties: To provide a simple, healthy meal for our parish priests on weekends throughout the year.

Time: This varies according to each person's availability. Most of our volunteers choose to work a weekend, one meal, every other month.

Special Skills: Volunteers are asked to share their love of cooking in the preparation of a nutritious, well balanced meal that our resident priests can enjoy when their weekday cook is off-duty. The meal is delivered to the kitchen in the rectory basement by 11:00AM Saturday mornings.

Contact: Phyllis Rahe, 636-240-5285, phyllisrahe@hotmail.com

Men's Ministry – 24/7 Amen

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family)

Mission Statement: As men of Assumption Parish, who fully believe in the Holy Bible and Catholic teachings, we aspire to create a community that supports and promotes the man's role within the Body of Christ.

Duties: Men coming together in solidarity - for service and camaraderie - to help facilitate an environment of well-being in all our events and activities as well as extend the love of Jesus through positive presence, deed, prayer, and study.

Time: Once a month

Special Skills: A desire to gather with other men to share faith by word and action, and serve others where ever there is a need in the community.

Contact: Tim McHugh, 314-581-8323 and Kevin Call, 636-578-2324

Money Counters

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: Acknowledging the importance of the gifts of the parish community and grateful for their support of the mission and ministries of our parish and beyond, we carefully process the collection each week so that parish records accurately reflect the sacrificial gifts received.

Duties: Volunteer team members, approved by the pastor, count the Sunday, Holy Day and special collections.

Time: Sunday counters—3 hours per Sunday morning. Teams rotate with each serving 3 months of the year. Monday counters—approx. 1 - 2 hours on Monday morning. Teams serve either every Monday of a month, 3 months a year, OR one Monday every month. Substitute counters - fill in on an as needed basis.

Special Skills: Must be detail oriented, responsible, with good math skills.

Contact: Mary Anne Robinson, 636-474-2677 and Judy Stelzer, 636-734-1228

MOPPETS Caregivers

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Duties: Provide loving care for children while their mothers are attending a MOPS meeting. Curriculum and crafts are provided.

Time: the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 8:45 - 11:15AM from September through May.

Special Skills: Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children; have a loving heart and a desire to share God's love with infants to 5-year-olds.

Contact: Theresa Miller, 636-399-5113, themillers2@charter.net

Mothers Of Preschoolers (MOPS)

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Mission Statement: to encourage, equip, and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother, and leader in the name of Jesus Christ.

Duties: A program for mothers with children in kindergarten and younger. MOPS offers fellowship and spiritual nurturing with an emphasis on current issues in child rearing, womanhood, the home, and marriage. Children have age-appropriate biblical lessons, crafts, and playtime, all provided by the generous support of volunteers. MOPS provides support to mothers so they can receive care and nurturing for this demanding stage in their lives.

Time: Meetings are 9:15 - 11:00AM on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. To join, you must call the contact below.

Special Skills: None

Contact: Jacqueline Kretschmer, 314-313-8813, jackieklump@msn.com

Music Ministries

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: A deep love of God and a commitment to exceptional liturgy impels us to express prayer through music and inspire others to join as one voice in sung worship.

Duties: To lead or assist in leading sung prayer or accompany sung prayer with instrumental music and participate in necessary rehearsals.

Time: Approximately one weekend Mass per week and one rehearsal per week; an occasional holy day Mass. Time varies between different roles and ensembles.

Special Skills: Ability to sing or play an instrument and read music.

For more information about:

How to become involved in Assumption's Music Ministry

Varying roles played by those in Assumption's Music Ministry

The different ensembles that lead worship at Assumption

Details about time requirements and duties

Contact Bryan Beams, Music Ministry Coordinator, 636-240-3721 ext 240

Nursing Home Visitation

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: Through visits, prayer and Holy Communion, we broaden the embrace of our church to include our parishioners in nursing homes.

Duties: Help with taped Mass and distribute Holy Communion to patients on Sunday mornings. We meet at 10:00AM on every Monday to say the rosary (except the 2nd Monday, a priest comes and celebrates Mass.) and distributes Holy Communion. Visit with residents.

Time: Two hours per week.

Special Skills: Have a loving and listening heart, know how to lead the rosary and read Scripture. Must be a Eucharistic Minister to distribute Holy Communion.

Contact: JoAnn Schoenherr, 636-978-3347; since_1960@charter.net

Parish Council

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul) (by Nomination Only)

Mission Statement: We prayerfully listen to the Holy Spirit as we discern how people might best “Find Christ here...and bring Christ to the world.” The Parish Council prayerfully discerns parish direction and priorities.

Description: Members are nominated, discerned and then are drawn randomly. The parish council is composed of wise people, who are joyful, insightful thinkers, and open to listening to the Holy Spirit. Members serve for a three year term. The work of the council includes such things as: serve as a sounding board for pastor; discern the direction of the parish; review/approve new events for the whole parish; assist the pastor in establishing policy for the parish; review/approve functions that also involve people from outside the parish; review finances/marketing/fundraising; approve large expenses.

Contact: Our Parish Council Current Chair:

Lynette Hazel, 636-332-0418; abvmparishcouncil@gmail.com

Parish Finance Committee

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul) (when needed)

Mission Statement: In solidarity with our parish mission, “May you find Christ here and bring Christ to the world” it is our hope others will also choose to follow our vision statement: We each give financially as God asks of us: for the physical and spiritual needs of all who would ever come here; for the needs of those who suffer, and for our own spiritual well-being and growth.

Parish Finance Committee members are appointed by the Pastor from a group of individuals that have expressed interest in serving in such a capacity. These individuals are interviewed by various parish and committee members and then recommended to the Pastor. There are not a set number of years to serve, but a minimum of 3 is preferred. The work of the committee consists of preparing and sharing with the Parish Council the annual budgets for the parish; helps oversee compliance with the annual parish budget; advises the pastor and Parish Council on expenditures outside of approved budgets; ensures compliance with archdiocesan financial regulations and recommends policies/procedures needed to be in compliance. We also monitor the financial records of parish committees and organizations. Liaise with other committees as needed.

Contact: Mark A. Martin, 636-281-3547; mmartin3547@charter.net

Parish Office Volunteers

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Mission Statement: Through the love of Christ, we direct those seeking the Parish Connection with kind, caring and friendly assistance.

Duties: Support for the parish office staff, answer phone calls and greet visitors at the door. Light office work; stuffing envelopes, filing and some computer work.

Time: A 4 hr. a week commitment is preferred.

Special Skills: A warm, friendly, cooperative, and caring personality to greet parishioners; phone skills and pleasant phone manner very helpful; minimal office and computer experience.

Contact: Angie Gloriod, 636-240-3721 ext. 235

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Catechists (teachers of faith)

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family)

Mission Statement: Provide a religious education program in which children grow in intimacy and communion with Jesus. We share the Message of Christ, build community through our time together, worship together as people of God and offer service to our neighbors who are less fortunate than ourselves. We will work with families of special needs to provide the best possible experience of faith formation for all children.

Duties: Help children grow in faith through their participation in the parish religious education program; Catechists teaching manual, training and lesson plans provided. Must have a willingness to grow in personal faith formation through Paul VI certification through the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Time: Approximately 1 - 2 hours preparation time per week; class time is 1.5 hours weekly.

Special Skills: Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. A desire to share your love of our faith with children, good communication skills, patience and a commitment to the program are all essential to joining our team.

Contact: Melinda Kruper, 636-240-1020 or Ann Marie Quan, 636-240-1020 Ext 328

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Volunteers

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family)

Duties: Assist the Parish School of Religion faculty and administration by assisting in the classroom, monitoring hallways, traffic control, or office assistance.

Time: As much time can be spent as desired - from once a year to a more regular basis.

Special Skills: Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. Love of your faith and a willingness to be a role model to the children of our parish.

Contact: Melinda Kruper or Ann Marie Quan, 636-240-1020

Podcasters

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: We utilize various video technologies to spread the gospel and homily messages beyond the physical walls our church.

Duties & Skills: A desire to learn to run all video equipment during weekend Masses and, if available, also for funerals, weddings, and other special events. This ministry requires videotaping, broadcasting, running cameras, and recording Masses. Also involves some technical directing and editing. We will train you on all equipment!

Time: Varies 2-4 times a month.

Contact: Amy Myers, 314-517-5192; amymmyers@yahoo.com

Prayer Tree

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: We share in the joys or burdens of fellow parishioners by being available to receive prayer requests via phone call or email, daily in the morning, or late afternoon, and pass them on to the next person on the list, and we take time to pray for the intentions received.

Duties: Be home to receive prayer requests and pass them on to the next person. Pray for intentions expressed.

Time: 10 - 15 minutes a day.

Special Skills: A concerned and prayerful person; be open to miracles.

Contact: Carlene Grivois, cgrivois@live.com or Pat Smith, 636-352-9306

R.C.I.A. - Catechist

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family) (by discernment only)

Mission Statement: Guided by the Holy Spirit, the RCIA Ministry of Assumption Parish seeks to help form disciples for Christ through prayer, a study of God's Word, and exploration of the Sacraments and teachings of the Church, sharing personal stories of faith, and participating in liturgical rites.

Duties: To prepare and instruct sessions. Work very closely with the candidates throughout the process.

Time: Seven or eight sessions per year. Team meetings are once a month. Sessions are every Sunday morning from 8:00 - 10:30AM, September - May.

Special Skills: A heart full of love and an inner desire to share your faith in order to help someone to know Jesus. Must be a practicing Catholic and have been an RCIA sponsor 1 year.

Contact: Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983

R.C.I.A. - Hospitality

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Duties: To bring snacks for those involved in the RCIA program.

Time: Two to three times per year.

Special Skills: A willingness to serve others. Please provide email address if available.

Contact: Renee Pajda, 314-616-2841, bradford93@msn.com

R.C.I.A. – Sponsor

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family)

Duties: To be a friendly Catholic “support team” and example to an individual preparing to enter the church. Accompany the candidate to all sessions.

Time: Sessions are every Sunday morning from

8:00 - 10:30AM, September - May; plus approximately 4 evening sessions.

Special Skills: A heart full of love and an inner desire to share your faith in order to help someone to know Jesus; must be a practicing Catholic.

Contact: Janice Aholt, 636-544-7890

Respect Life Apostolate:

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Duties: Participate in and support various prolife activities throughout the year including school, church, and archdiocesan activities. Attend prayer services and provide education on prolife issues and events. Respect Life Apostolate meets on Saturday mornings on selected months, or attends the Helper of God's Precious Infants Mass at the Cathedral Basilica.

Time: 1-2 hours a month

Contact: Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803

Rosary Leaders

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: In a loving devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to support the devotional life of the parish, we offer our voices to publicly lead the prayers of the Rosary.

Duties: Willingness to come and lead the rosary prayer in the Chapel 1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass. All are invited to come and pray for peace.

Time: Your committed scheduled day of a 1/2 hour. Living Rosary once in May and October

Special Skills: A desire to lead the rosary and a somewhat strong speaking voice.

Contact: Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803

Sacristans

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: We are the host, the server, and the guest for the banquet of the Eucharistic celebration, prepared so that our parish community may experience Christ's love and bring Christ to the world.

Duties: Prepare the church for all services (Daily and Weekend Liturgies, Funerals, Baptisms, Holy Days, Stations of the Cross, Prayer Services, etc.). Preparation includes opening and closing of church, preparing the bread, wine and cruets, and ensuring all ministries are prepared for the service (Eucharistic ministers, servers, lectors, etc.)

Time: Arrive 1 hour prior to Mass to set up and duties are complete when working sacristy, and sanctuary have been prepared for the next service, and church is closed when necessary.

Special Skills: A desire to be a part of serving our parish community with moving liturgies and the most reverent sacraments of the Holy Eucharist, and Baptism; ability to climb stairs with reasonable assistance.

Contact: Vicki Briggs, 314-518-4048, victoria.j.briggs@charter.net

St. Vincent De Paul Society

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to helping our neighbors in need, regardless of faith. In the word of our founder, Frederic Ozanam, the vision of the Society of St. Vincent is "to embrace the world in a network of charity." In doing this work, we enrich our lives and our neighbors lives spiritually.

Caseworker Duties: Check the Help Line for calls requesting assistance. As needed, make a home visit with one of our other members. Assess the needs and make decisions regarding the help we are able to give; work with other agencies to provide additional help when necessary.

Time: Attend 2 meetings each month (1st. and 3rd. Wednesday) at 7:00PM lasting about one hour and check the help line, approximately one day every three weeks.

Special Skills: Willingness to listen and understand the requested need(s) and work to provide assistance, along with a computer and basic computer skills.

Contact: Jim Beaudry, 636-240-8811

St. Vincent De Paul Help Line at 636-272-4758 and leave a message with your contact info and we'll call you back.

School Board

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul) (by Nomination Only)

Mission Statement: To advise the pastor and principal in formulation and evaluation policies for Assumption Catholic School students.

Members are nominated, discerned and then drawn randomly. Parishioners from Assumption and St. Barnabas act in an advisory capacity to the principal and pastor by formulating and evaluating policies for the school. The board provides the parishes with a representative body for determining the educational needs of the school and for establishing its philosophy and policies. Members serve for a three year term; attending one meeting per month.

Contact: Our current chair: Dan Simpson, 636-856-8233

School Tuition Committee

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: Through our faith and fellowship in God, we discretely provide monetary tuition assistance to those families in need so their children may continue their catholic education.

Duties: Parishioners, appointed by the pastor, to monitor the payment of tuition in the interest of fairness to all families using the school. Meet with families with special financial needs.

Time: One quarterly, 2 hour meeting; meet with families throughout the year as needed.

Special Skills: A listening ear and a desire to help.

Contact: Lisa Briz, 636-699-9069

Small Church Communities

(Pillar of Formation- The Holy Family)

Mission Statement: Guided by a belief that in a community as large as ours everyone needs to be known by someone, we gather in small groups to explore our faith, pray together, and share our lives.

Duties: Small groups gather in parishioners' homes to share faith and discuss the Sunday readings. The groups meet on a regular basis.

Time: 1 hour per week

Special Skills: An interest in the Scripture.

Contact: Mickie McCool, 636-240-3721, mymccool@gmail.com

Social Media Team

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Mission Statement: We engage various social media to evangelize the faith and to promote parish activities.

Duties: This ministry helps to expand Assumption's presence to the internet. We engage the use of Social Media to develop an engaging online experience of faith and fellowship, to keep people better connected to the face-to-face life of the parish, and for spiritual nourishment in small doses. Team members help update our Facebook and Twitter accounts, with relevant and uplifting posts, by moderating comments, and engaging other users.

Time: About 30 minutes per week to post and moderate on the Facebook and/or Twitter account

Special Skills: Must be savvy with social networks and have the maturity necessary to post and comment on behalf of the parish

Contact: Amanda Suchara, 636-240-3721 or send us a tweet or a message on Facebook

Socials Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Mission Statement: We serve Christ by providing a welcoming atmosphere that fosters community in a social setting.

Duties: Organize Parish fellowship gatherings. This would include setting out the tables and chairs, decorating, setting out and serving the food and drinks, and cleaning up afterwards. Functions include: Parish Appreciation Dinner, Easter Vigil reception, All Souls reception.

Time: One to two hours' time required before and after functions for setup and clean up.

Special Skills: A willingness to serve; a welcoming heart and attitude.

Contact: Carol Woerheide. 636-240-2691 and Paula Thomson, 314-477-6488

Sound Technicians

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: God's message of love is meant for all people, so we serve at the soundboard in church to help make sure that message is heard in spoken word, in song, and in silence.

Duties & Skills: A desire to learn the sound mixing board during week-end Masses and, if available, also for funerals, weddings, and other special events. This ministry requires aptitude and willingness to learn how to work the sound, lights, DVD, and PowerPoints used at Mass. Also required is a good ear for music.

Time: Varies 2 - 4 times a month.

Contact: Steve Hartnett, 636-978-0069; assumptionsound@gmail.com

Stewardship Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Mission Statement: We, the Stewardship Committee, believe in Jesus Christ, His teachings and His Catholic Church. Through prayer, we become aware of the many gifts bestowed upon us. We enthusiastically seek to foster A Stewardship Way of Life and furthering Christ's work and service in our community. As discerning Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Duties: Assist with planning of annual Stewardship Drive; help organize communication with ministries for various needs, make phone calls to parishioners and encourage others to share their Time, Talent and Treasure.

Time: 1.) Several planning meetings prior to Stewardship Awareness Weekend. 2.) One hour per week; more if individual wants to give more.

Special Skills: Encourager; organized; and friendly.

Contact: Jeannette Hamann 240-3721 ext. 247 or Email: abvmjeannette@yahoo.com

Sunday Pre-school Teachers

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family)

Mission Statement: The mission of Assumption Sunday Preschool is to inspire a love of Jesus in children, so they may come to know, experience, and follow Jesus, and see God's presence in their lives. We do this through interactive learning opportunities emphasizing the basics of our Catholic faith.

Duties: Teach a class of children ages 3-6 about Jesus' love for us. Lessons are prepared following a teacher manual used in class. Teachers may add additional Sunday school activities that complement the lesson.

Time: From September to May; 1-1/2 hours each Sunday morning from 9:45 - 11:15AM; plus approximately one hour a month for lesson planning and reflection.

Special Skills: Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. Enjoy being with preschool children and want to share God's love with them.

Contact: Denise Hoehne, 314-954-0092

Sunday Pre-school Assistants

(Pillar of Formation – The Holy Family)

Duties: Prepare materials to use in the classrooms. Read stories in classrooms as requested by the classroom catechist.

Time: From Sept. to May; 1.5 hours each Sunday morning from 9:45 - 11:15 AM.

Special Skills: Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. Various skills are useful, from office work to interacting with preschool aged children. *Contact:* Denise Hoehne, 314-954-0092

Transitional Housing Care Team:

(Pillar of Service – St. Vincent DePaul)

Mission Statement: We spend time with the homeless in order to know the homeless. We journey with a family, building skills that will lead to life-long independent living.

Description: Assumption Parish makes available a home on our property to house a homeless family. We partner with Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Services to provide friendship to a family in need and life-skills building opportunities for up to 12 months per family.

Duties: Assist with an initial cleaning of the home as each new family moves in; visit the family during your scheduled week; provide guidance in the areas identified as needing skill-building; pray for the family

Time: 2-3 hours per month or more if desired.

Skills: One or more of the following skills are likely needed: Budgeting, Decision Making, Parenting, Self-Care, Nutrition, Planning, Basic Home Repairs, Transportation, Computer Skills, Child Care, and any other skills one might need for day to day independent living.

Contact: Tammy Arado, 636-978-0703

Usher/Greeters

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: We create a welcoming safe atmosphere for worship and help to make sure liturgies run smoothly.

Duties: Greet and welcome all; to ensure that the environment is conducive to worship; assist the presider in any special request; help families carry gifts at offertory procession; pass baskets at collection time; ensure orderly flow at communion time; pass out bulletins after Mass. This is open to men, women, young adults and teenagers.

Time: Two to three Masses per month; arrive 15 - 30 minutes before Mass time.

Special Skills: To be truly concerned for the well-being of all who attend Mass.

Contact: Gerry Prinster, 636-577-5548

5:00PM Mass: Vincent Pratt, 636-485-9845

8:00AM Mass: Gerry Prinster, 636-978-1849

10:00AM Mass: Bob Mueller, 636-272-1075

12:00 Noon Mass: Bob Mueller, 636-272-1075

Vacation Bible School Volunteers (VBS)

(Pillar of Formation- The Holy Family)

Mission Statement: The mission of Vacation Bible School (VBS) is to bring God's word to children through age-appropriate music, crafts, and activities; to give the children of the parish and surrounding neighborhoods an experience of community and faith; and to witness the faith growing in our youngest members of the parish.

Duties: Help inspire our children during a week of educational faith and fun! Utilizing the provided curriculum and teaching materials, work along with a group of adult volunteers in an assigned category (ex. classroom teachers, crafts, music, and more) and plan activities inspired by God's word- a new theme and related bible verses are selected each year. During the week of VBS 'Counselors in Training' (CITs- our teen helpers) will assist our adult volunteers in guiding the children around campus to different activities.

Time: 9:00AM - 12:15PM Monday through Friday a week in June; certain categories begin planning in Feb with preparations running through May.

Special Skills: Must attend 'Protecting God's Children' workshop prior to working with children. We need many volunteers with skills and talents including: teaching, spiritual sharing, music, games, theater, arts, crafts, and organization. Training is provided to all new or interested volunteers. Creativity and new ideas are always welcome!

Contact: Julia Bross at vbsassumption@gmail.com or Melinda Kruper and Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020

CIT's (Counselor In Training) for VBS

Duties: assist classroom teacher. Must have completed 5th grade up through 12th grade. Mandatory completion of CIT training and completion of Minor Volunteer Application form.

Time: 9:00AM - 12:15PM Monday through Friday a week in June

Special Skills: Must attend CIT training and completion of Minor Volunteer Application form prior to working with the VBS team. We need many skills and talents including: organization, music, teaching, spiritual sharing, games, theater, arts, or crafts.

Contact: Julia Bross at vbsassumption@gmail.com; Melinda Kruper or Ann Marie Quan, 636-240-1020

Wedding Assistants

(Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis)

Mission Statement: Serving couples by thoughtfully and reverently taking care of church detail. Assistants also help 'Keep the Main Thing, the Main Thing'—the bridal couples expression of love and commitment to one another before God and the gathered community.

Duties: To work with engaged couples, guiding them in their marriage preparation and helping answer questions and coordinate wedding. Help prepare church before wedding, run the rehearsals and help with the wedding procession during the ceremony.

Time: As many weddings as desired! Approximately 4-10 hours per wedding; can be done on a substitute basis.

Special Skills: Patience; able to speak in front of a group; enjoy working with people.

Contact: Lynette Hazell, 636-332-0418

Welcoming Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality – St. Monica)

Mission Statement: Guided by the Holy Spirit, we greet, welcome, and educate and inspire the newest members joining our church family to share their gifts, talents, and love.

Duties: Assist at monthly gathering for newcomers to Assumption, or make follow-up phone calls to welcome newly registered parishioners.

Time: Approximately 2 hours per month to help with Newcomer's Registration on the first Sunday of the month after the Noon Mass; or 1 - 2 hours per month for phone calls.

Special Skills: A warm and welcoming spirit; a willingness to reach out to welcome and encourage new parishioners.

Contact: Lynn Crews, 636-294-0821, lynncrews721@gmail.com