

ASSUMPTION
Blessed Virgin Mary
PARISH

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Dear Parishioners,

“Behold, I make all things new... I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.” (Rev. 21:5-6)

This last year and this coming year you will hear the phrase **“All Things New”** many times as it is the title of our archdiocesan strategic planning process for our parishes, schools, and ministries. Intentional Stewardship is one of the goals of this initiative at the diocesan level that we also must be open to at the parish and personal level if this effort is to succeed and if we are to grow and become who God created and intended us to be.

I hope this directory will help to inspire and guide you to hear how you are being called to be stewards of God's gifts this year. Consider these three key elements of living a God-centered life as you view this directory:

- We are rooted in prayer. Everything we have in life is a blessing from God. Consider beginning every day with a prayer of gratitude, to make us more open to recognize the gifts God has given us.
- We are committed to participation. As prayer allows us to discern the gifts the Holy Spirit has given to us – we can also consider how they match the needs and opportunities in our parish - and then use them in strengthening our community.
- We are called to generosity. As stewards we realize that all that we have comes from God. Consider how we are called to share all types of our gifts, our time, talent and treasures.

We as a parish, as an archdiocese, and as a Church can never be fully who God intended us to be, without each of us answering His call in how we use our gifts. Today we strive to build up His kingdom on earth, eventually to be joined with God and one another in heaven.

Peace,

Fr. Nick Kastenholz
Pastor

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Office Hours..... Weekdays 8:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday 8:00AM - 3:00PM

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Submit to Parish Office in writing by Tuesday 9:00AM
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Celebration of Mass

Weekend Masses

Saturday 9:00AM & Vigil Mass at 5:00PM

Sunday 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM & 5:30PM

Holy Day Masses

Vigil 5:30PM

Feast Day 6:30AM

& 8:00AM and 7:00PM

(Unless otherwise announced)

Daily Mass

Weekdays..... 6:30AM & 8:00AM

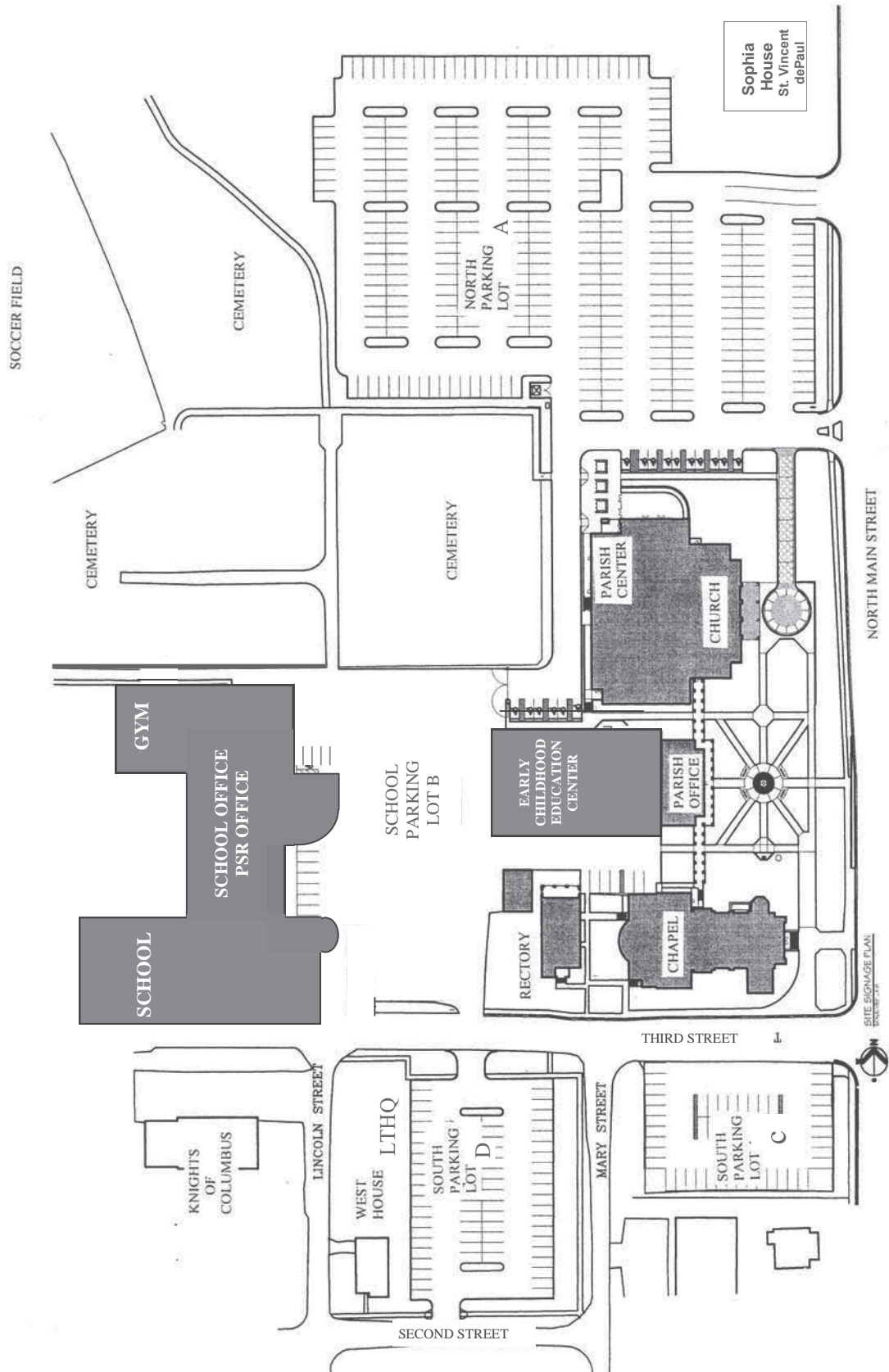
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon.- Fri. 7:30am-7:50am & Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Welcome!



Assumption Parish Campus



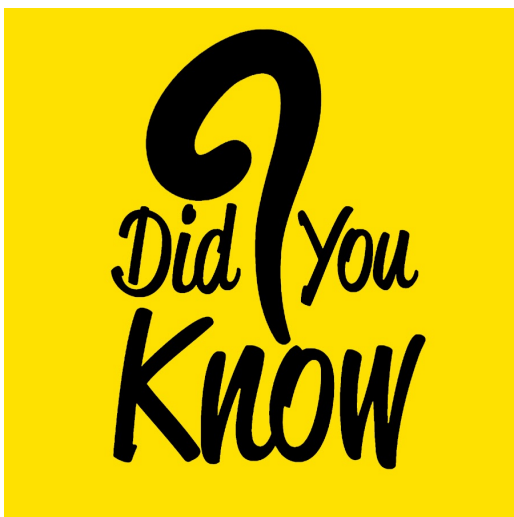
Did You Know This About Assumption Parish...

Be sure to check out our parish website for up-to-date information!

**Please visit us at:
www.assumptionbvm.org**

F.Y.I.

- Restrooms located on each side of the Narthex
- Men's South end
- Women's North end
- Our Guadalupe room-located next to the women's restroom-supplies a rocker for nursing mothers
- Golf Cart assistance available from the chapel parking lot to the church front doors 30 minutes before and after weekend Masses
- Online Giving: to give your weekly donation on-line, click the "Online Giving" icon on our website
- LIVE STREAM 10AM Mass each Sunday at: www.assumptionbvm.org/
- Memorial cards are available in Narthex for prayer intentions/donations.
- Mass Intentions are available to purchase at the parish office. Each intention is \$10.
- When using the Parish Center, keys can be checked out through the parish office Mon.-Fri., from 8am-4pm. (Please know that lock up and clean up is your responsibility.)
- Audio is on in the Narthex during all Masses for those who need to step out to calm a child.
- Prayer Team Ministry: The first weekend of each month after each Mass there are prayer teams at the front of church to pray with you (Prayer Teams are available at the 10am Mass every weekend.)



Devotions and Prayers - Held in the Church/Chapel:

- Chapel accessible 24 hours a day for prayer, north side wheelchair accessible door, code 3721
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our Chapel,
 - Tues. from 8:30am-6:00pm
- Benediction is offered on Tuesdays at 6:00PM
- Perpetual Help Devotions - Tuesdays 6:15PM
- Rosary - 1/2 hour before every Sunday Mass Church, and Thursdays after 8:00AM Mass
- Prayer Intention Candles by Pieta Statue and week long vigil candles located in front of Chapel. \$3. offering requested
- Spiritual Offering Cards available in the prayer chapel
- Stations of the Cross - Tuesdays (on your own) & Fridays during Lent (communally)

Special Accommodation/Handicap Services:

- Several handicap parking spots
 - Assisted hearing devices, inquire from Usher/Greeter
 - Communion can be brought to you anywhere in church - just ask an usher
 - Handicap door on south side of church and parish center
 - Elevator located on north side of Narthex (by St. Vincent DePaul drop box)
 - Wheelchair lift to sanctuary
 - 99.9% gluten-free hosts are distributed from the Statue of the Holy Family at all Sunday Masses
- For additional needs, questions, or comments call: 636-240-3721

For Our Youth:

- Sunday Pre-School beginning in the Fall thru Spring - held in school building
- Assumption Parish School of Religion (PSR) - beginning in the Fall thru Spring for grades 1st - 8th
- High School Life Teen - weekly activities on Tuesday nights for grades 9th - 12th & Sunday's after 5:30pm Mass
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) - one week each Summer
- Pre-Kindergarten available in the Fall, *Contact:* School Office, 240-4474
- Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) In the Fall thru Spring, *Contact* Ann Marie Quan 240-4474 Ext 328
- **Sunday Children's Mass Bags** include a coloring page based on the Sunday readings, crayons; a board religious book; and Bible Story lacing cards.



About Assumption Parish When In Need Resources and Support

Please refer to the Ministries Section for detailed descriptions of the following:

Special Needs

- Annulment Advocates *
- Communion to the Homebound
- Divorced or Widowed *
- Grief Support *
- Home Repairs
- Hospital Visitation
- Meals in Need
- Ministry of Consolation
- Nursing Home Visitation
- Parish School of Religion - Special Needs
- Prayer Tree
- Prayers *
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- School Tuition Assistance
- Golf Cart Transportation to and from parking lot to the doors of Church
- Bible Study
- Catholics Returning Home
- CRHP Retreats
- Financial Hardship
- Pregnancy
- Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)
- Sacraments and Devotions
- Small Church Communities
- Spiritual Growth

Special Assistance:

- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- School Tuition Assistance

* **Annulment Advocates:** If you have attained a civil divorce and are Catholic or engaged to a person who was previously married, even if he/she is not Catholic, please contact Eric Brunner, 636-443-3109; abvmadvocate@hotmail.com

* **Divorced or Widowed:** Singles Again - call Lee Schellert, 636-946-7782

* **St. Louis Counseling:** 311 S. Main Street, 636-281-1990

* **Grief Support Group:** There are 2 complete grief support sessions per year; one held in September and one in March. For more info contact Lynn Crews, 636-294-0821, lynn.assumption@gmail.com

* **Prayer Ministry:** Would you like prayers for yourself or someone you love? The first Sunday of each month after each Mass there are prayer teams in place at the front of church to pray for you. "An Evening of Prayers for Healing and Hope" offered 2 times a year. For more information, please call Kelly Gessert 636-728-8840 kelly.gessert@gmail.com

Some of the Events Scheduled at Assumption Parish

Some of the many events scheduled at Assumption are listed below. Please note that any changes to these dates will be published in the weekly bulletin.

2022

October

Discipleship Workshop.....October 1, 2022
Craft Fair.....October 2, 2022
Eucharistic Revival.....October 8, 2022
Fall Festival.....October 15-16, 2022

November

Men's CRHP Retreat.....November 12-13, 2022
Eucharistic Revival.....November 12, 2022
Advent By Candlelight.....November 27, 2022

December

Eucharistic Revival.....December 10, 2022
Breakfast with Santa..... December 17, 2022

2023

January

Catholic Schools Week.....January 29-Feb 4, 2023

February

Bible Study (7 Weeks).....TBA
Grief Support Series.....Feb. 10-March 30, 2023

March

Men's CRHP Retreat.....March 2023
Luke 18 Team OvernightTBD 2023
Luke 18 RetreatTBD 2023

April

Dinner AuctionApril 22, 2023

May

Women's CRHP Retreat.....May 2023

June

Vacation Bible SchoolJune 12-16, 2023

If you would like more information or assist with any of the events listed below, please see contacts listed:

Golf Tournament:

Contact: Mike Biglar, 314- 915-5968 michael.bigler@bjc.org

Dinner Auction: Contact: Amy Rinearson amygrave@gmail.com and Mindy Saxbury mlsaxbury@gmail.com

Liturgical Calendar and Mass Times

Some special Masses at Assumption and their times are listed below. Please note that any changes to these times will be published in the weekly parish bulletin.

2022

November

All Saints.....November 1, 2022
 Vigil Mass October 31, at 5:30pm
 Nov. 1: Masses: 6:30am; 8:00am; & 7:00pm
 All Souls DayNovember 2, 2022
 6:30AM; 8:00AM and 7:00PM (Book of Remembrance)
 Thanksgiving, 9:00AM Mass.....November 24, 2022

December

Immaculate Conception.....December 8, 2022
 Vigil Mass December 7, at 5:30pm
 Dec. 8: Masses: 6:30am; 8:00am; & 7:00pm
 Christmas Eve.....December 24, 2022
 4:00PM, 4:30PM (Chapel), 6:00PM & 10:00PM
 Christmas Day.....December 25, 2022
 8:00AM, 10:00, & Noon

2023

Lenten Opportunities

February

Ash WednesdayFebruary 22, 2023
 8:00AM Mass, 12:05PM Prayer Service & 7:00PM Mass
 Tuesday Evening Mass during Lent - 6:30PM Chapel
7:00PM Stations of the Cross
 All Fridays during Lent in the Church/Chapel
 on Good Friday in Church 3:00PM
 (Please check the bulletin for details)

March

Lenten Series.....Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
 Palm Sunday.....April 2, 2023

April

Holy Thursday - 7:00PM.....April 6, 2023
 Good Friday - 7:00PM.....April 7, 2023
 Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00PM.....April 8, 2023
 Easter - 8:00AM, 10:00AM, Noon.....April 9, 2023
 8:15AM & 10:15AM in Chapel
 First Communion.....April 15 & 16, 2023

May

Confirmation - 1:30PM in Cathedral.....April 29, 2023

August

Feast of the AssumptionAugust 15, 2023

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

The Way of Life...

Stewardship is a complete lifestyle, a life of total accountability and responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and Owner of all. Stewardship is responsible management of our God-given resources of time, talent, and treasure. It enhances our relationships with God and one another. Stewardship is living out a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered and involves a conversion of the heart. Stewardship is a lifelong journey with each person at a different place on the path. Stewardship is not just a program, a fund-raising scheme, or about money and donations. But stewardship can have some programmatic elements. For example, every year our parish teaches the stewardship way of life and we have an annual renewal or pledge. This opportunity allows us – parishioners – to prayerfully discern and reflect on how much of our time, talents, and treasure we can commit to our parish and/or community over the next year.

Scripture:

Matthew 6:31-33: So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil.

Luke 12:33-34: Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

1 Peter 4:9-11: Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:19-20: My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

God invites us to a life of gratitude while the world fosters discontent. **God** proposes trust; the world arouses fear. **God** promotes giving; the world promotes getting. **God** invites us to cooperate with his Providence while the world rallies behind self-determinism. **God** appoints us in stewardship while the world touts ownership. The world encourages entitlement when in reality everything is a gift from God. **God** invites us to look out for our neighbor; the world tells us to look out for ourselves. **God** operates from abundance; the world operates from a place of scarcity. **God** created us out of generosity to live generous lives; the world encourages us to live a small, selfish life.'

~Matthew Kelly





It is up to each one of us to live a life of discipleship that proclaims the greatness of the Lord through what we do. You are invited to open your heart, and make room for all the great things that God has planned for you and for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Community. You'll find so many opportunities to grow, learn, make friends and have fun by being an active part of our community. A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle – let your light shine!

Walk in Love, Act in Mercy

Please complete your Stewardship Commitment card and leave it in the offertory basket at church on the weekend of **September 24/25** or drop at the church parish office during regular business hours.

Thank you for your Support.

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 of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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.



Time... the Foundation of Stewardship

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances, give thanks..." ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- In prayer, we listen for God's response, this is best done in silence.
- We open our hearts in gratitude so that they overflow with generosity.
- We ask God how He wants us to use our gifts daily.
- **An intentional steward is rooted in prayer.**
 - *We must recognize the gifts given to us each day, and thank God daily for even the smallest blessings.*



Talent... Responding to God's Call

"The harvest is plenty but the laborers are few"

~Matthew 9:37

- Each person has been given unique gifts.
- We are called to nurture and develop our gifts and not keep them hidden or buried.
- We work together in a complementary way as one Body of Christ in our parish.
- We accept and embrace our role in God's plan.
- **An intentional steward is committed to joyful participation.**
 - *You have charisms, a spiritual gift, given to you by the Holy Spirit. Sharing your gift with our parish is an important way to live your faith.*



Treasure... Return Our Gifts with Increase

"No one can serve two masters. He will hate the one and love the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)" ~Matthew. 6:24

- For many of us, God and money run neck and neck as the top priority in our lives.
- As Catholics, we consider ourselves generous, but is our giving.
- in proportion to what we have been given?
- Here is a guide to help you decide how God is calling you to share your treasure.
- **An intentional steward is called to be generous.**
 - *Christian Discipleship requires that we put Christ first in every aspect of our lives, including our finances. God calls us to give from our "first fruits", not from our leftovers.*



Automated Giving

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- **Using Your Bank or Credit Union**
- **Online Giving:**

Thank you for your dedicated support of our Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish 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, you can now complete and submit your **Commitment Card** online at: www.assumptionbvm.org)

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>

As each one has received a special gift,
employ it in serving one another as
good stewards of the
manifold grace
of God.



1 Peter 4:10

A Piece of History about the Saints in our Church Building...

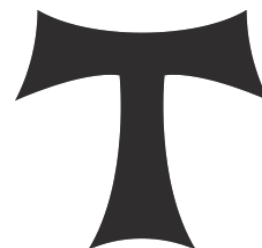


St. Francis: You are invited to follow in Saint Francis' footsteps; he has been represented as one of the four statues in our church and our reliquary holds a relic of Francis. He was chosen because of his simple living, gospel values and his care of the earth and all of creation.

You may have heard the stories about Saint Francis preaching to the birds in the forest, taming the wild wolf of Gubbio, or cautioning the rabbits and fish to be more careful but Saint Francis was much more than a lover of creation. He innately understood our communion (common-union) with all of creation, as well as the need to show mercy to all. God's mercy changes everything. Francis' life shows us that once you find God's mercy you will want to live it out each and every day.

He went from a rich young man to someone who had left his father's house, left his group of friends, and renounced every material possession he had to become a beggar for Christ. His chief characteristic was this complete trust in God, which was manifested in his embrace of "Lady Poverty" (Mary). Francis began moving in this "way of poverty" when following God's will was more important to him than material possessions. His way of living -- surrendering his entire life over to God—has been emulated by Franciscans all over the world, which currently is the largest religious order in the Roman Catholic Church.

It has been said while Francis was gazing upon the San Damiano cross, Jesus loved him and said, "Francis, rebuild my church." "How" Francis asked. (At first he thought it was to rebuild the church stone by stone.) He soon discovered he was to rebuild God's Church by showing mercy and justice to all of creation; by spending time with Jesus and "Lady Poverty" (adoration and Mass) and definitely by studying scripture (bible study, readings for the week). After all, how else will you be able to bring the Gospel to life and life to the Gospel?





St Vincent DePaul: In August of 1617, as Fr Vincent de Paul was preparing for Sunday Mass, a parishioner brought news of the illness and destitution of an entire family in the parish. He preached on their need, and that afternoon the people responded in overwhelming numbers by carrying the family food and supplies. Vincent then called a meeting of interested women, and urged them to put order into their generosity by taking turns. With rules drawn up by Vincent, the women established a group which became the first Confraternity of Charity. (svdp-richboro.org) 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.



The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the model of what family life is called to be. A family is a group consisting of parents and children living in a household, who have a common ancestor. Joseph, as husband and father provided and protected his family, teaching Jesus the ways of life. Mary as wife and mother, nurtured and helped shape who her Son was to become. Jesus, an obedient son, responded to the love his parents gave him and grew in wisdom and strength. 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." May we be inspired through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to make our Assumption Family more vibrant and faith-filled through participation in the following organizations and ministries: Fr. Mitch's Weekly Reflection, Parish Events (Fall Festival, Crusader Run, etc.), Youth Ministry, Calendar, Sacraments, School/PSR, Server Schedule, Small Church Community.



St. Monica: As we journey through life each of us has and will experience times of joy and at other times we will face great struggles. It is said that the difficult times we will experience will make us "bitter or better." With all of the difficulties St. Monica faced she could have easily become a complaining wife, a miserable daughter-in-law and a despairing parent. But her perseverance as she prayed for her wayward son and difficult marriage/family are a witness to each of us. Her faithfulness through patience and prayer are an example for each of us to never give up. Her prayers were answered for her husband and mother-in-law 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.

Through the intercession of St. Monica we pray that the ministries of CRHP, RCIA, Evangelization and Ecumenical Ministries, and the events at our neighboring parishes will thrive as through Mary, we lead others closer to Christ.

**"Following Christ
is not a casual or occasional practice but a
continuous commitment
and way of life that applies at
all times and in all places."**

- Elder Dallin H. Oaks

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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 earlier, 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/Service

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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.

- Advent Giving Tree
- After Funeral Luncheon Volunteer
- Annulment Advocate
- Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

- Assumption Quilters
- Blood Drive Volunteer
- Cemetery Committee
- Fall Festival Committee
- 50's Plus Club
- Golf Cart Drivers
- Grief Support Group
- Grounds Committee
- Home Repairs
- Hospitality Sunday Volunteer
- Knights of Columbus (KofC)
- Ladies Auxillary (KofC)
- Legion of Mary
- Meals for the Homeless
- Meals In Need
- Money Counters
- Parish Office Volunteer
- Respect Life Apostolate
- Saint Vincent DePaul Society
- Socials Committee
- Welcoming Committee



St. Francis: Pillar of Prayer/Worship

“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

- Choir/Cantor/Musicians
- Church and Chapel Cleaners
- Church Decorators
- Church Launderers
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Lector
- Lector (Teen)
- Live Streamers
- Prayer Tree
- Rosary Leaders before Mass
- Sacristans
- Sound Technicians
- 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
- Bible Study
- Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)
- Marriage Sponsor Couples
- Men's Ministry
- MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
- MOPPETS Caregiver
- RCIA - Sponsor
- RCIA - Catechist
- Small Church Communities
- Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Teachers:

- Parish School of Religion Catechist (PSR)
- Parish School of Religion Volunteer (PSR)
- Sunday Preschool Teacher
- Sunday Preschool Teacher Assistant
- Liturgy of the Word

Youth Programs:

- Athletic Association
- Life Teen Core Team Member



St. Vincent DePaul: Pillar of Administration

"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."

- Fiance Committee
- Parish Council
- School Board
- School Tuition Assistance
- Stewardship Committee



Ministry Opportunities At Assumption Parish

Advent By Candlelight

(Pillars of Formation)

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: Jeannette Hamann, 240-3721 Ext 247
Email: abvmjeannette@yahoo.com

Advent Giving Tree

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

MissionStatement: 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 or steven.j.ratkowski@boeing.com

After Funeral Luncheon Volunteer

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

MissionStatement: 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: Peggy Brewer 636-240-3721 Ext 221 or peggy.assumption@yahoo.com

Annulment Advocate

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

MissionStatement: 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 Hospitality/Service)

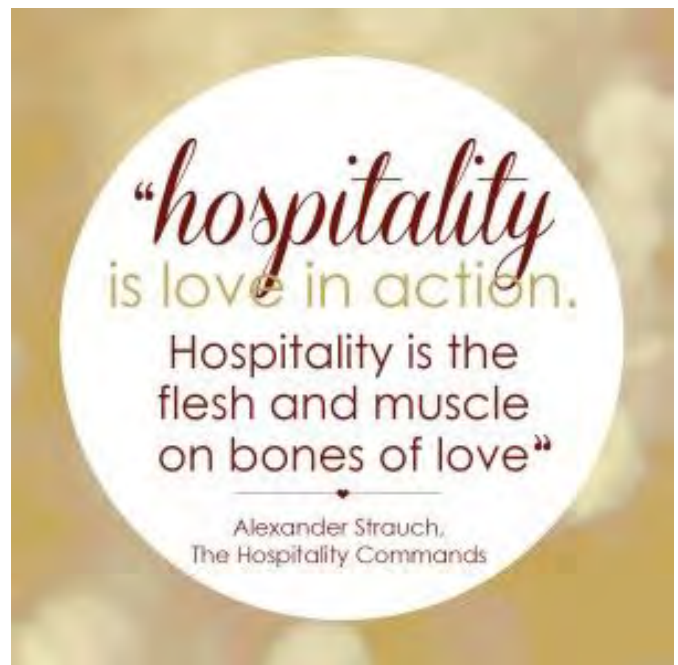
MissionStatement: Quilting: The art of quilting allows you to sew by hand stitching a beautiful and satisfying piece of work for other people or yourself as a gift or for your own keepsake.

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



Athletic Association

(Pillar of Administration)

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: Mike Bardgett, 314-602-9754
mrbardgett@hotmail.com

Bible Study

(Pillar of Formation)

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: Liz Allmeyer, (636) 240-8638
Email: lizallmeyer@gmail.com

Blood Drive Volunteers

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

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, May, August and November. Volunteers assist with set-up and clean-up of 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. Volunteers may work in shifts.

Time: 7:30AM - 3:00PM Sunday Blood Drives (Jan., May, Nov.) 2pm-8pm Weeknight Blood Drives (Aug.)

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

Contact: Mary Anne Robinson, 636-294-6841
marobin70@gmail.com

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

(Pillar of Formation)

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 Retreat and Men's Retreat are held twice a year and given by fellow parishioners who have previously participated on a retreat. *Time:* One weekend, Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon held in our parish center.

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

Contact: Jeannette Hamann, (636)240-3721 Ext 247
Email: abvjeannette@yahoo.com

Church & Chapel Cleaners

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship)

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.

Time: Commitment is for one month every six months and will take 1-1/2 hours, one day a week every week for that month.

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

Contact: Ruth Rothermich, 636-294-3921.

Church Decorators

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship)

Mission Statement: We decorate the church to show the liturgical seasons so we can better enter 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 Email: rosemary@grp farms.com

Church Launderers

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship)

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 the 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 the 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 Prayer/Worship)

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: Pat Smith, 636-281-1969 psmith515chad@gmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration *(Pillar of Prayer/Worship)*

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 the whole world.

Duties: To sign up for this ministry, you must be able to commit to one hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. You can sign up through "We Adore Him" at

www.assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com

Time: Commitment to one hour per week on Tuesday's

Special Skills: A willingness to commit to a specific hour of prayer. Substitute if the need arises.

Contact: Susan Printer at 636-940-0426

Eucharistic Ministers

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship)

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, Eucharist, and Confirmation).

Contact: Mary Keen, (636) 947-3211 Email:

mlkeen155@charter.net

50 + Club

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

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 the 4th Monday of the month in the Parish Center, Hall C, at 7:00pm

Contact: Liz Allmeyer, 636-634-8638 Email:

lizallmeyer@gmail.com

Fall Festival Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

Duties: Oversee the Fall Festival to bring parishioners together for fellowship and for working side by side to subsidize parish ministries. This is the largest parish function. Everyone's help is needed to make it a success. We do have core team members for those who would like to be involved with the planning and implementing.

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

Special Skills: We could a wide range of gifts. Enthusiasm and Hospitality!

Contact: Nancy Gomer 240-3721 Ext 239 Email: nancy.assumption@yahoo.com

Golf Cart Drivers

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

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 allow ho 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 safty and the ability to physically assist other.

Contact: Jim O'Loughlin, 314-606-0048 or Email: jolo272001@yahoo.com



Grief Support Group

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

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, 636-240-3721 x 325 or lynncrews721@gmail.com (for grief support information about Grief Series which consists of 8 weekly sessions, held twice a year)

For One-on-One Ministry of Consolation:

Contact: Kris Bohn, 314-795-2611

Grounds and Garden Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

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: Tim Schwane 314-484-0611 or Email: tschwane@charter.net

Home Repairs

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

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: Parish Office: 636-240-3721

Hospitality Sunday Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

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 7:30AM - 1:30PM

Special Skills: Friendliness and a heart for welcoming people.

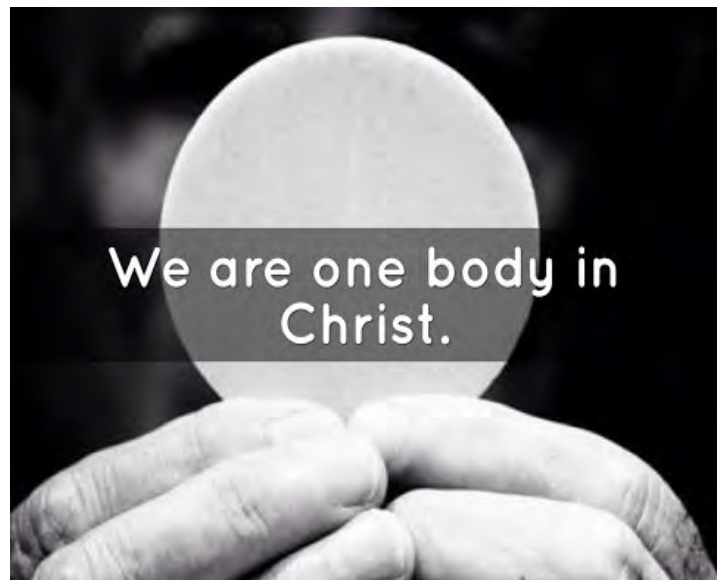
Contact: Jeannette Hamann, 240-3721 x 247

What we have
once enjoyed
we can never
lose. All that
we love deeply
becomes a part
of us.

Helen Keller



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Knights of Columbus & Ladies' Auxillary

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

MissionStatement: 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' auxillary. *Contact:* GK, Del Carr 636-544-2752 E: delmecarr@gmail.com

Lectors - Adult & Teen

(Pillar of Worship/Prayer)

MissionStatement: 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 Email: creativebarb@charter.net

Legion of Mary

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

Mission Statement: By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are formed under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, (Mediatrice of all Graces) and developed by prayer and active co-operation - under ecclesiastical guidance - in Mary's and the Church's work of crushing the serpent and advancing the reign of Christ.

Duties: There are two types of memberships: Active and Auxiliary. Active members attend weekly meetings, recite the rosary and the prayers of the Tesseria daily. Active work, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, is also assigned by the Legion, to be carried out weekly by its members. Auxiliary members associate themselves with the Legion by praying the prayers found in the Tesseria along with their rosary daily.

Time: Active members are required to attend one weekly meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The weekly performance of some active work, prescribed by the Legion, is also carried out.

Contact: Kathy Boyd, C (314) 308-7332 or H(636) 240-6920; Email, mikebsr8518@gmail.com

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

(Pillar of Formation)

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: Becky Whitaker, 240-3721 Ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com



Live Streamers

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship)

MissionStatement: We utilize various video technologies to spread the Gospel and homily messages beyond the physical walls of church.

Duties & Skills: A desire to learn to run all video equipment during weekend Masses and, if available, also funeral, 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 Meyers, 314-517-5192; amymeyers@yahoo.com

Marriage Sponsor Couples

(Pillar of Formation)

MissionStatement: 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: Mike & Diane LiFritz, 314-369-8429

Meals for the Homeless:

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

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 Hospitality/Service)

MissionStatement: 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: Parish Office

Men's Ministry - 24/7 Amen

(Pillar of Formation)

MissionStatement: 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: Kelly Gessert Email: kelly.gessert@gmail.com or Kevin Call, 636-578-2324 or kcall@impacthrserves.com

Money Counters

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

MissionStatement: Acknowledging the importance of the gifts of the parish community and grateful for their support of the Missionand 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 every Sunday of a month, 3 months of the year. Monday counters: approx. 1 - 2 hours on Monday morning. Teams rotate with each serving every Monday of a month, 3 months of the year. Substitute counters: fill in on an as needed basis.

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

Contact: Mary Anne Robinson, 636-294-6841 marobin70@gmail.com

MOPPETS Caregivers

(Pillar of Formation)

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: Kaitlyn Madden, 314.956.1390 or kaitreneemadden@gmail.com

Mothers Of Preschoolers (MOPS)

(Pillar of Formation)

MissionStatement: 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: Kaitlyn Maddennh314.956.1390 , or
kaitreneemadden@gmail.com

Musicians/Choir/Cantors

(Pillar of Worship/Prayer)

MissionStatement: 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: Parker Bishop, Directory Music Ministry,
636-240-3721 Ext 360 parker.assumptionmusic@gmail.com



Parish Council

(Pillar of Administration) (by Nomination Only)

MissionStatement: 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: Lisa Taylor,
abvmparishcouncil@gmail.com

Parish Finance Committee

(Pillar of Administration) (when needed)

MissionStatement: 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/Service)

MissionStatement: 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)

MissionStatement: 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: Ann Marie Quan, 636-240-1020 Ext 328
abvmprsr@yahoo.com

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Volunteers

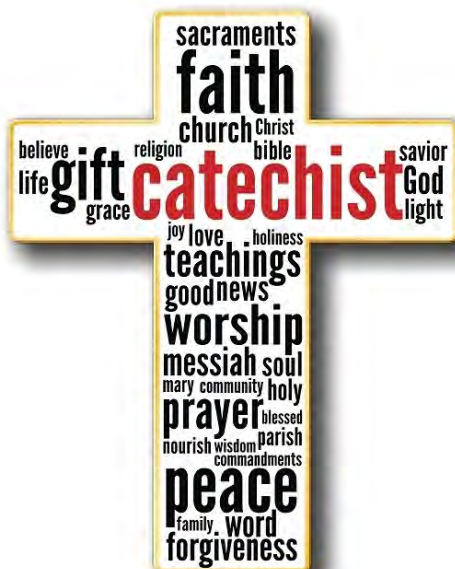
(Pillar of Formation)

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: Ann Marie Quan, 636-240-1020 Ext. 328
abvmprsr@yahoo.com



Prayer Tree

(Pillar of Worship/Prayer)

MissionStatement: 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) (by discernment only)

MissionStatement: 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 mlowrey@charter.net

R.C.I.A. - Sponsor

(Pillar of Formation)

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
sangerflower@msn.com

Respect Life Apostolate:

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

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 Worship/Prayer)

MissionStatement: 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 Worship/Prayer)

MissionStatement: 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: Mary Keen, (636) 947-3211, Email: mlkeen155@charter.net

St. Vincent De Paul Society

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

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: Mike McCleish, 717-919-7558

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 Administration (by Nomination Only))

MissionStatement: 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: Debbie Gentry (314) 306-2697 deb.gentry@gmail.com

School Tuition Committee

(Pillar of Administration)

MissionStatement: 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: Donna Johnson, 417-847-7464 donnaj59@gmail.com

Small Church Communities

(Pillar of Formation)

MissionStatement: 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: Jeannette Hamann, 636-240-3721 Ext 247 or Email: abvmjeannette@yahoo.com

Socials Committee

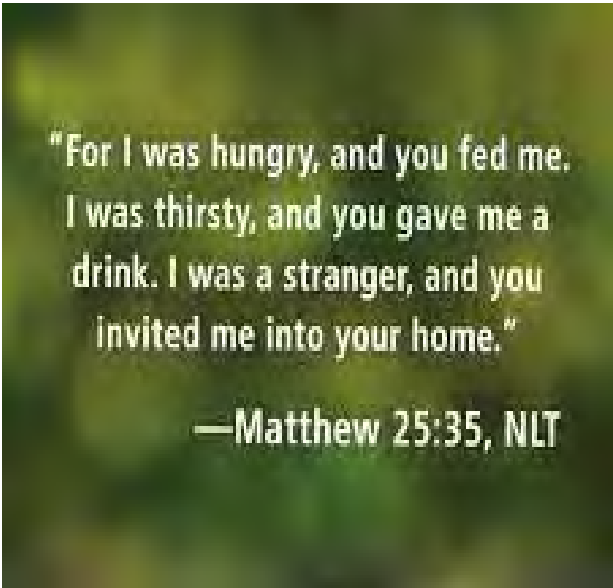
(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

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

Duties: Organize Parish fellowship gatherings. This include setting up the tables and chairs, decorating, setting out and serving the food and beverages and cleanup after. Functions include: Parish Appreciation Dinner; Easter Vigil reception, All Souls reception, and other various events.

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

Contact: Carol Woerheide. 636-240-2691
cmwoerheide@gmail.com



"For I was hungry, and you fed me.
I was thirsty, and you gave me a
drink. I was a stranger, and you
invited me into your home."

—Matthew 25:35, NLT

Sound Technicians

(Pillar of Worship/Prayer)

MissionStatement: 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 Administration)

MissionStatement: 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)

MissionStatement: 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
denise.hoehne@gmail.com

Sunday Pre-school Assistants

(Pillar of Formation)

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 denise.hoehne@gmail.com

Usher/Greeters

(Pillar of Worship/Prayer)

MissionStatement: 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 or gerryprinster@gmail.com



Vacation Bible School Volunteers (VBS)

(Pillar of Formation)

MissionStatement: 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: 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: Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020

Wedding Assistants

(Pillar of Worship/Prayer)

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: Sue Snyder, 314-496-7790 suzannegremaudsnyder@gmail.com

Welcoming Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service)

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



Our Parish Prayer

Lord Jesus, You call us to follow you as disciples. Help us to respond wholeheartedly without counting the cost.

We commit ourselves to being good stewards. Help us to be grateful, accountable, generous, and willing to give back with humble hearts and make stewardship a way of life.

Through the intercession of Your mother Mary, grant us the grace to understand, and the courage to accept the challenges and opportunities we have been given to:

"Find Christ here and...

bring Christ to the world."

