

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

APRIL 26, 2026

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

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday-Friday: 6:30am, 8am

Saturday: 8am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm

Confessions

Monday-Friday: 7:30-7:50am
(Church)

Saturday: 4-4:50pm (Church)
or by appointment

Sunday: by appointment

Holy Days

Vigil for Feast Day: 5:30pm

Feast Day: 6:30am, 8am, 7pm

Parish Information

403 N. Main Street

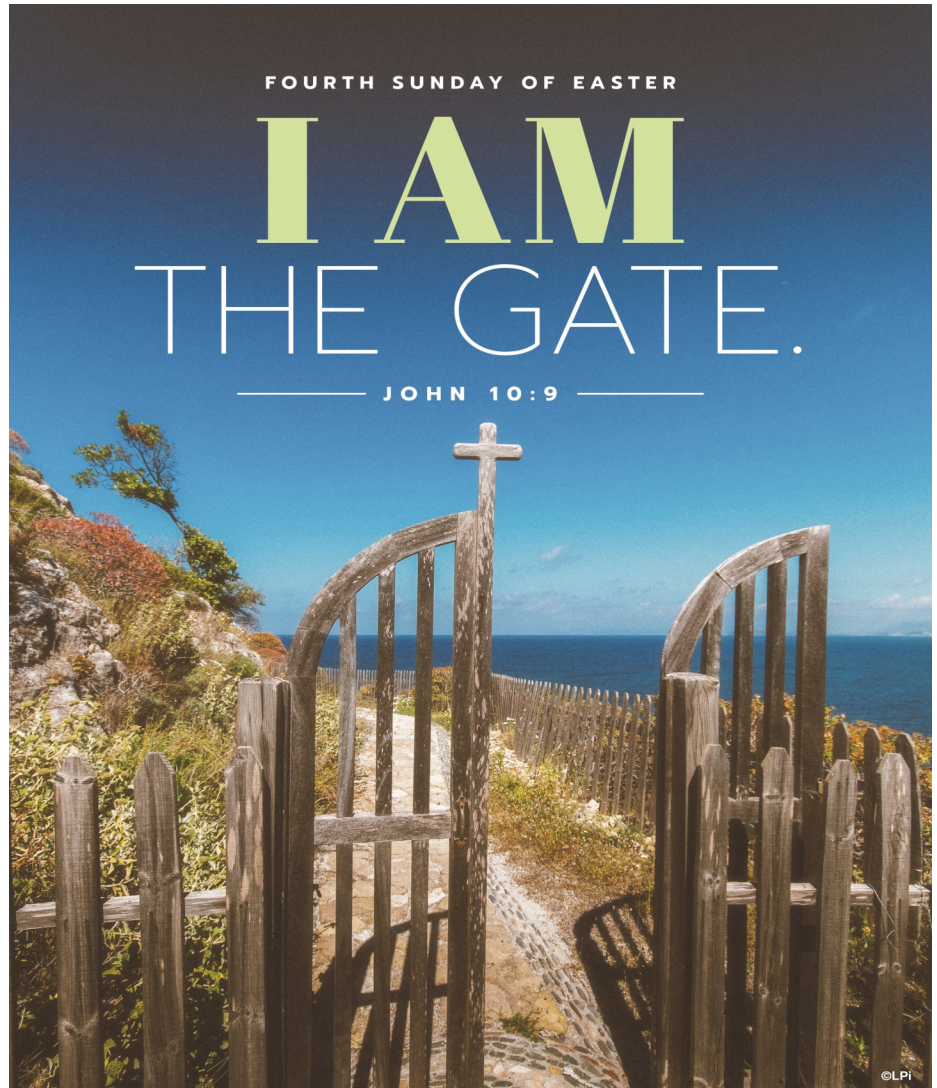
O'Fallon, MO 63366

Parish Office: 636-240-3721

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8am-4pm

Friday: 8am-3pm; Summer 8am-2pm



SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

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Please call the Parish Office, 636-240-3721. Select Option #2.

BAPTISM

Baptism is scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call Angie Gloriod, ext 235.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (formally RCIA)

Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith.

Contact Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983.

FUNERALS

Please contact Debbie Collins at the Parish Office, 636-240-3721, ext 221.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office six months in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie Gloriod at the Parish Office, ext 235.

CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for students entering eighth grade. For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for students entering second grade. Contact Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020 for more information.

Welcome

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School Board
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Hello,

This week, our parish children get to celebrate a variety of sacraments. Last weekend, April 18 and 19, our 2nd graders celebrated their First Communion. And yesterday, April 25, our 8th graders celebrated their Confirmation at the Cathedral Basilica. Hopefully as we think about them receiving their sacraments and we see them over the next few weeks, we can also be encouraged in our reception of them.



Let's consider the 2nd graders first, as I think their age gets a bit more excited about receiving the sacrament, and about anything (most 8th graders have a slightly different attitude towards life than 2nd graders, and that is probably a good thing). They are receiving their First Communion at this age because they have achieved the age of reason. This means that they can start to appreciate the difference between what it means—that this is the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and not just some other food. They realize that they are being entrusted with something special that they didn't have before, something very important and precious. They also probably each have a slightly different understanding of this, as most of us do from each other. In some ways, I think we can easily be inspired by their understanding, as at their age it can be a bit more simple and thus also pure, not confused with all the other things our minds and experiences can bring in, but rather more trusting in the meaning that this is the Body and Blood of Christ. The more philosophy, theology, history, and science we get can be helpful, but can also distract at times from our knowing through faith.

The 8th graders are a bit different. They are receiving their Confirmation, the completion of their Sacraments of Initiation. Receiving and strengthening their gifts of the Holy Spirit that were first imparted on them in Baptism. For various reasons, this can be received at different ages, anything from when one is baptized as an infant (for Eastern Rite Catholics), to 2nd grade, 8th grade, or early high school. At this later age, the confirmandi (the baptized who are to be confirmed) are able to understand more things as we prepare them for the sacrament, and they also are starting to face more decisions and choices that they need to be making themselves. Hopefully, they are now ready to participate in the sacrament more, to receive and exercise these gifts that are being strengthened.

As with all of God's graces, he offers them to us, but we need to be willing to accept. Hopefully, witnessing the children of our parish receive their sacraments will help us to be more open to all the graces God offers us in our lives.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

ASSUMPTION PRAYER CHAPEL



Adoration is available 24/7 in the Chapel (the old church) by using the code at the north transit entrance. You can call or come to the Church Office to receive the code.

EXPOSITION is on Tuesdays, 9am-10pm. At 6:15pm, the Rosary is prayed, followed by our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions. Exposition continues until 10pm.

During Eucharistic Exposition, when the Eucharist is in the monstrance and exposed, an adorer must be present. If you are interested in being an adorer for an hour, visit assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com to sign up and choose a time. Thank you!

PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

Please join us in Church 30-minutes before each weekend Mass for the Rosary (except 5:30 pm Mass on Sundays.)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Donald Tracy
father of Leah (Justin) Evans

William Turnbeaugh
husband of Pat Turnbeaugh

Michael VandeVen
husband of Nancy VandeVen
father of Michelle (Doug) Meyer

Cemetery Committee Workday
9 a.m., Sat., May 2, 2026
weather permitting

The Assumption Cemetery Committee is having a regularly scheduled Spring Cemetery Workday at 9AM, Saturday, May 2. Please do not forget to remove any weathered items prior to this date. Any new items on gravesites will be left untouched.

Contact Angie Bauman at 636-578-2185 (text/call) with any questions or if you are interested in helping at any cemetery workday.

ASSUMPTION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ATHLETE'S MASS MAY 3, 10AM



Join us Sunday, May 3 at the 10am Mass to bless and celebrate our young athletes. Be sure to wear your favorite Assumption jersey!

We will also bless the new banners from the 2025-2026 seasons that will be hung in the gym.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



With grateful hearts, we recently launched the Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish. **The Appeal is one of the most impactful ways to serve others throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis and support the mission of the Church, sharing Christ's love with those who need it most.**

Serving as the main fundraiser for the mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the Appeal supports ministries, parishes, and schools throughout the archdiocese, including ours! These ministries serve countless people with a wide variety of needs throughout the entire region.

Please consider supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal this year. Pledge Cards will be available in the Narthex for one more weekend for parishioners who have not made a donation. Online gifts are accepted through August at aca.archstl.org. For more information, contact Mike McCleish at 717-919-7558.

Thank you for coming together as a family in Christ to share the Good News and reach out to the suffering, the doubting, and the weary throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis. May **Christ's boundless mercy compels us to act with grateful hearts.**

Grateful Hearts Serving Others

Please consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Share the saving hope and love of Jesus Christ with those in need by supporting this year's Appeal.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
BUILD MY CHURCH



Join Us May 3
HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
 IN THE PARISH CENTER
 FOLLOWING 8 AM, 10 AM & NOON MASSES



**50 PLUS CLUB
 UPCOMING EVENT**

We will be going on a trip to **Maine, leaving on September 19 and return on September 27.** We will be taking tours of Portland, Kennebunkport, Lighthouse, Victorian Mansion, and Boothbay Railway. We will also take a trolley ride through the countryside, visit the Franciscan Monastery Gardens, and the Civil War Museum. We will have an authentic lobster dinner (or something other than lobster), and much more.

Cost is \$1410 per person based on a double occupancy, a single cost is an additional \$459. Contact Linda Lambing at 314-599-8429 if interested.



**O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF
 COLUMBUS #2269**

Queen of Hearts raffle | Every Tuesday

Join us every Tuesday for our weekly raffle. Doors open at 5pm with drawing at 7pm. **This weeks jackpot is \$20,740 with just 13 cards remaining!** Food and beverages available for purchase.

**PARISHIONERS CELEBRATE BICENTENNIAL JUBILEE
 WITH PARISH PILGRIMAGE**

We give heartfelt thanks to all who joined us for the Bicentennial Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne last weekend. Nearly 30 Assumption parishioners attended the hour-long tour, and most went to Hendrick's on Main Street afterwards for lunch. The pilgrimage was filled with moments of prayer, reflection, and joyful fellowship. There was even a lot of chatter of some coming back to attend Mass sometime at the shrine.

Looking ahead, our Parish Council is planning another pilgrimage sometime this fall to a shire in St. Genevieve, MO. Watch for more information in the bulletin and Assumption Friday E-newsletter.



	SUNDAY 4.26.26	MONDAY 4.27.26	TUESDAY 4.28.26	WEDNESDAY 4.29.26
Mass Times and Intentions	8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am Sr. Lucy Vehige SSND 12:00pm Gert Mengwasser 5:30pm Roberta Reid	6:30am Stan Bytnar 8:00am Edward Schoenherr	6:30am James and Betty Bruegenhemke 8:00am Thomas Steitz (special intention)	6:30am Jack Hanke 8:00am Kevin Schneider
Reconciliation	By Appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment



ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP

St. Vincent de Paul is gearing up for the summer months ahead. As school comes to an end, so do the lunches provided to the children of many of our neighbors in need. We are currently low or anticipate increased call activity, and are asking for help in stocking up on the following items:

Please check expiration dates before donating:

- applesauce (large and in multipacks)
- cake mix
- Vienna sausage
- canned pears
- baked beans
- SPAM
- canned fruit cocktail
- Sloppy Joe's
- Hormel Compleats meals
- jelly
- taco seasoning
- microwavable Mac 'n Cheese
- granola bars
- canned white potatoes
- Chicken Helper
- brownie mix
- tomato soup

We also welcome Aldi or Walmart gift cards (no more than \$25 each), to allow our neighbors in need to purchase fresh milk, eggs, and fresh fruit. These can be placed in the collection basket or in the metal box mounted on the wall in the elevator alcove.

For those who prefer the convenience of online shopping, we have an easy to use QR Code that links to the Assumption Parish St. Vincent de Paul Amazon Shopping List. Simply hover your smart phone over the QR Code, or visit <https://qrco.de/beSJHT> to be taken to the shopping site. Please select Catherine Hackman's gift registry for shipping. We will update items as our needs and Amazon stock varies.



Thank you for your generous and continued support!
Your St. Vincent de Paul Team

FALL FESTIVAL CO-CAPTAINS NEEDED



Our Fall Festival will be coming up in less than six months and we always are looking for more people to help out with this amazing event.

We are looking for co-captains to help in all areas. There are a few planning meetings and a lot of on-site time the weekend of the event.

If you are interested or have questions about what this may involve, contact captain Scott Wilcox at 636-614-8321, rscttwilcox3@gmail.com.





2026
ASSUMPTION
FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, Oct. 3 | **Sunday, Oct. 4**
2PM-11PM | 11AM-5PM

Seeking Gold and Event Sponsors!
Contact Nancy Gomer, ngomer@abvmtech.org or call 636-240-3721 ext. 239
assumptionbvm.org

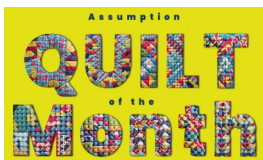
THURSDAY 4.30.26
6:30am Jack Hanke
8:00am John Groark
7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment

FRIDAY 5.1.26
6:30am Janice Amptmann
8:00am Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment

SATURDAY 5.2.26
8:00am Alice Forbeck
5:00pm Terry Potts
4-4:50pm Church or by appointment

SUNDAY 5.3.26
8:00am Loi Pham
10:00am People of the Parish
12:00pm Kathy Duncan-Kinhead
5:30pm Dominic Marcellino
By Appointment

QUILT-OF-THE-MONTH RAFFLE BENEFITING CHAPEL RESTORATION STILL GOING STRONG



Congratulations to **Ann Schulte from St. Paul Parish in St. Paul, MO** for winning the March quilt! **There are 4 more quilts to win, so you still have time to send in your tickets.** All proceeds for the Quilt-of-the-Month raffle benefit restoring areas of the Assumption Prayer Chapel, so be sure to support our worthy cause. Take a chance and spread the news about the raffle! Drawings will be held during the last week of each month. The winner wins the quilt assigned to that month. These quilts are valued at \$500-\$800 each.



**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Quilt-of-the-Month
August 2025 through July 2026**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Phone: _____

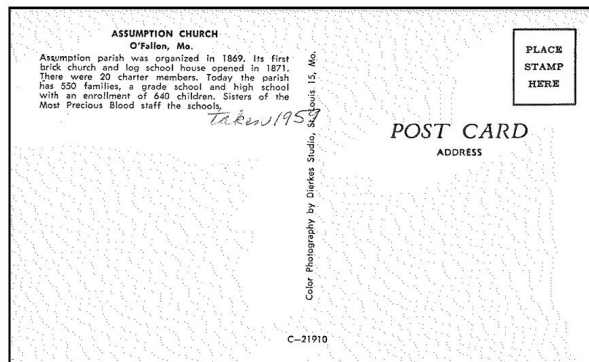
Donation: \$10 each or 3 for \$25

- Tickets are **\$10 for one ticket or \$25 for three tickets.** Non-winning tickets remain in the raffle through July 2026.
- Checks can be made out to Assumption Church
- You can fill out the tickets, drop it in Sunday’s collection basket with your payment, turn it in at the Parish Office or via mail: Assumption Church, 403 N. Main St., O’Fallon, MO 63366. Photos of all quilts can be viewed at assumptionbvm.org.

The Assumption Quilters thank you very much for supporting Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church.

Did you know?

In 1959, the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary had a post card.



Post card donated by Bruce and Donna Prinster, and features the inside of the Assumption Chapel.



A Legacy of Faith. A Future of Hope



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FAITH HITS A HOME RUN!

The Assumption Men’s Group delivered another outstanding event! Bringing in former Cardinal Scott Spiezio to give his testimony of faith, resilience, and the life-changing impact of God’s love was uplifting and inspirational. Scott’s story reminded us of the hope and strength found in trusting God’s plan.

A special thank you to Aaron Bruns for inviting his friend to Assumption, and the Men’s Group for making this memorable gathering possible.



DIVORCED AND SEPARATED HEALING MINISTRY (DASH)

Divorced and Separated Healing (DASH) program will be available in early May at Immaculate Conception Dardenne Parish. This ministry is available for anyone who is hurting! The Divorced and Separated Healing Ministry provides support for those whose relationship has ended in divorce or are in the midst of separation. Support includes spiritual healing and provides resource material dealing with forgiveness, anger, and letting go.

The Ministry meets regularly to walk with individuals during this challenging time, or we can assist individuals one on one. For more information, contact Bob Lenac at 636-294-4001 or Maureen Zvanut at 314-799-3843.

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Spring & Dinner
CRAFT SHOW

APRIL
SUNDAY | **26** | 11AM - 5PM

HOLY ROSARY ACTIVITY CENTER
724 E. BOONESLICK RD. WARRENTON, MO 63383

<p>FRIED CHICKEN KETTLE BEEF MASHED POTATOES GRAVY GREEN BEANS COLESLAW *APPLESAUCE DESSERT DRINKS</p>	<p>PULL-TAB BINGO QUILT/CASH RAFFLE GIFT BASKET RAFFLE *BEEF BUNDLE RAFFLE ATTENDANCE PRIZE COUNTRY STORE 50/50 DRAWING *KID'S CORNER *PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES</p>
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AGES 13+: \$16
6 - 12: \$8
5 & UNDER: FREE (DINING ROOM ONLY)
CARRY-OUTS/DRIVE THRU: \$16
ACCESSIBLE DINING ROOM

See you there!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
PARISH OFFICE @ 636.456.3698 EXT. 229
*NEW THIS YEAR

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

May 28-31

A retreat for men and women, 18-35, to conclude the month of Mary, located at White House Retreat in St. Louis, MO.

Join us for three days with God, away from daily life, on the banks of the Mississippi River.

Meet other young Catholics in their journey of faith!

Encounter Christ in daily prayer, the celebration of Holy Mass, the sacrament of Reconciliation, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditation and hiking, a Marian procession, and more!

Directed by Fr. Robert Murphy, SJ.

\$200 INCLUDES 3 NIGHTS OF PRIVATE LODGING AND ALL MEALS!

CALL TO REGISTER:
314-416-6400



OR REGISTER ONLINE AT
WHITEHOUSERETREAT.ORG/YOUNGADULT







PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Our 8th graders recently traded traditional desks for easels and canvases! Guided by Mrs. Hogan and Mrs. Fuentes, the students participated in a creative reflection exercise following their Luke 18 retreat. In a room filled with peaceful music and Scripture, they used art to contemplate the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

It was a joy to see these students prepare their hearts for the Sacrament of Confirmation through this thoughtful exercise, which encouraged them to explore their bond with Christ in a refreshing and meaningful way. This Saturday, April 25, our 8th grade received the Sacrament of Confirmation and we look forward to seeing how the Holy Spirit continues to work within them.

Please continue to keep our 8th-grade class in your prayers as they enter this final stretch of the year and prepare for their upcoming graduation.

Blessings,
Jamie Burbridge





HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

Happy Confirmation Weekend from Assumption Life Teen! This Saturday, our 8th graders receive their Confirmation at the Cathedral Basilica! Many thanks to all the teachers and core members who have accompanied our young people in their preparation for this Sacrament. Please pray for our youth, that they encounter the Holy Spirit in a new way!

Sunday, April 26

Life Teen: Stargazers—Desire for God

6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Center

All high school teens, including our rising freshmen, are invited to join us for a dynamic night of community, food, and prayer! Bring a friend! We can't wait to see you there!

Wednesday, April 29

EDGE: Confirmation Celebration!

6-7:30pm in the Parish Center

All middle school youth are invited to join us for an EDGE Night celebrating our 8th graders receiving their Confirmation!

Life Teen Bible Study

8-9pm in HQ*

All high school teens are invited to join us as we share pizza and fellowship, while exploring the upcoming Sunday's readings. *Life Teen Headquarters (HQ) is the small yellow house by the Knights of Columbus Hall.



Summer Retreat Registration is OPEN!

All rising freshmen through graduated seniors are invited to come and experience the beauty of their Catholic faith in new ways through our summer retreats: Life Teen Camp Cana and the Steubenville Youth Conference! **Registration this year is fully online. To reserve retreat spots, complete the registration form found on our website at assumptionbvm.org/Youth-Young-Adult-Ministries/Life-Teen and submit a deposit.** No teen is ever turned away from a retreat due to financial need, please reach out if needing a scholarship!



2026 EVENTS:

June 8-13: Life Teen Camp Cana

June 22-26: Life Teen Leadership Conference

July 17-19: Steubenville Conference

Follow us on Social Media:

Instagram:

@assumption_life_teen and @assumption_edge

Facebook:


Assumption Life Teen and Assumption EDGE

QUESTIONS? Contact **Becky Whitaker**,

Director of Youth Ministry; Life Teen Youth Minister
636-240-3721 ext. 243 or beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org

Nick Bone, EDGE Youth Minister (Middle School)

636-240-3721 ext. 333 or nickbone@abvmtech.org




Christ's Light Among Us

Photo Contest


Share a photo that reflects how Christ's light shines in your life. We invite parishioners to submit images that capture moments of faith, beauty, and grace in our everyday world.

Submissions may be entered into one of two themed categories:

Christ's Light in the Everyday: A person who radiates Christ's light	Sacred Spaces: Unexpected beauty in ordinary places		
Entries will be submitted within two groups:			
Youth: Ages 18 and under	General: All ages welcome	Photos Will Be Accepted Through May 10.	 ArchSTL200.org/photocontest

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	April 5, 2026	YTD 7/1/25-4/5/26	<u>Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school</u>
Actual Collections	\$44,970	\$1,636,260	Original Loan \$3,306,127
Budget Target	<u>\$70,000</u>	<u>\$1,885,000</u>	Current balance owed \$46,438
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$(25,030)	\$(248,740)	Monthly payment \$20,923
			<i>Last expected payment will be in June 2026.</i>




STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)
 We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)
 God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)
TITHING

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

If you would like to give online, please go to:
assumptionbvm.org/About-Us/Online-Giving
 or scan the QR Code and create an account.



OFFICE INFORMATION

ADDRESS/PHONE/HOURS 403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366 636-240-3721 Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thurs 8am-4pm Friday 8am-2pm (summer hours)	BULLETIN NOTICES Submit to Parish Office Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com by 9am on the Tuesday before Sunday's edition (five days prior)	PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call 636-240-1020 for information or to register.
ASSUMPTION SCHOOL 636-240-4474	SOCIAL MEDIA Website: assumptionbvm.org Instagram: @abvmofallon Facebook.com: @assumptionparish Youtube: @assumptionmedia1	MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION For one-on-one grief support, or information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741.
ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY 636-272-4758 (Helpline)		