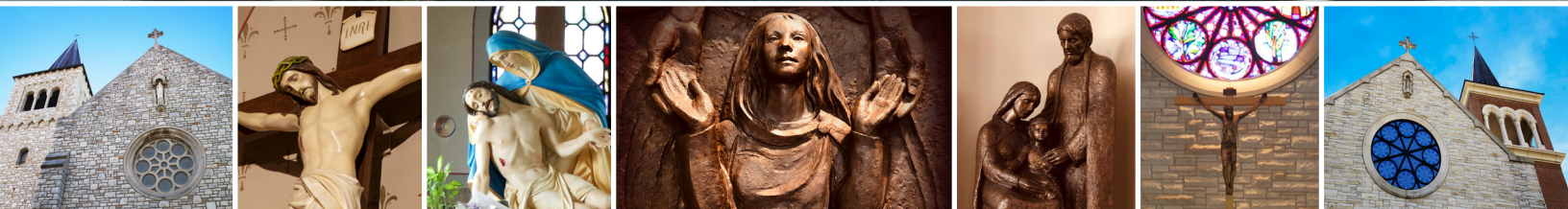
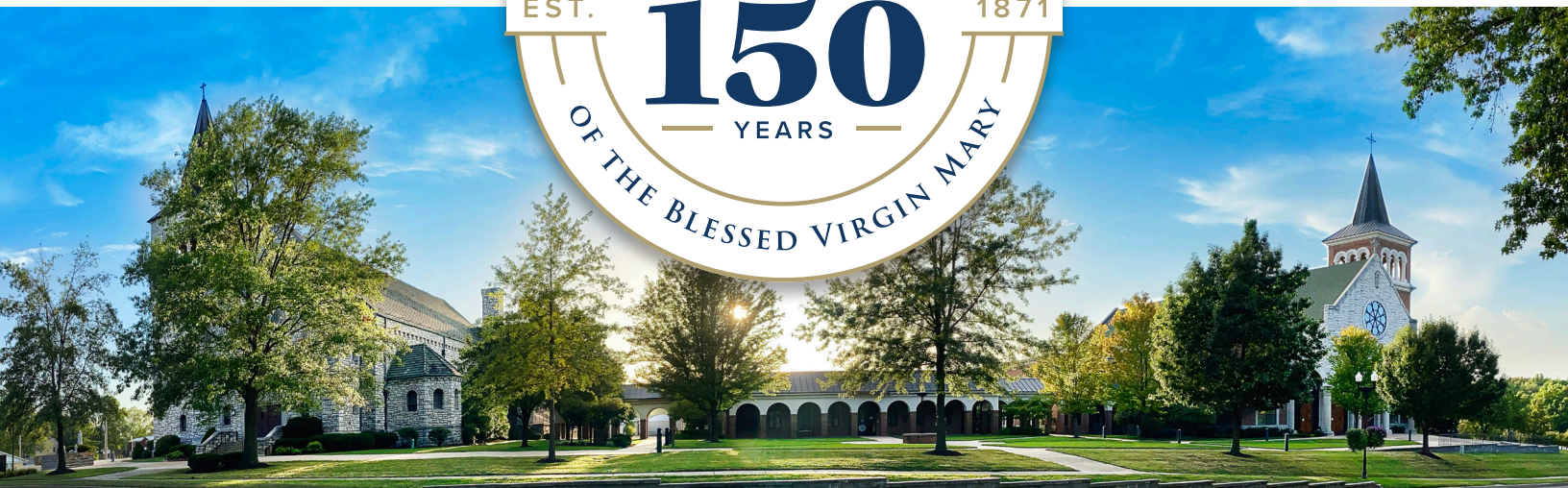
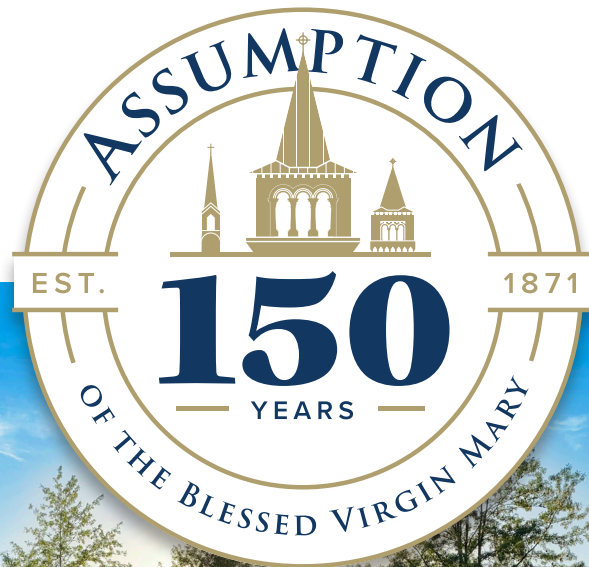


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Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate our 150th Anniversary as a parish, we also continue to come out of restrictions from the pandemic. As some of our personal practices have changed in our lives, so have they in our parish. As a parish we are in the midst of pastoral planning to consider how we can best go forward as a parish in the future, likewise we need to consider that as individuals and consider how we are called to be stewards of all God has given us and how to be an active part of our parish community. Hopefully this will be a time when these two facts can come together and reinvigorate our parish after the pandemic.

This directory is to help you be more a part of our parish community, both in how you may serve others, and how we may serve you. Knowing our abilities and limitations change, some permanently and others due to external factors, we might not be able to do something we had in the past but a new means of helping one another might present itself. Some of our ministries were limited during the pandemic and as we look at how we might restructure some of them as a parish, it could be a good time to see as individual's new ways that we might participate and use our gifts being active in our parish. You also might have different needs then that you have in the past, and this directory can help you find the ways our parish may serve you where you are today.

You will also find advertisements throughout this Membership and Ministry Directory that allow us to provide this to you free of charge. Please support them when possible as a part of our community.

I hope this directory will help us to live and grow as a community, as a parish, as a place where people can find Christ.

God's blessings upon you and your family

Fr. Nick Kastenholz,
Pastor

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Submit to Parish Office in writing by Tuesday 9:00AM
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Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

Jeannette Hamann..... 240-3721 x 247
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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

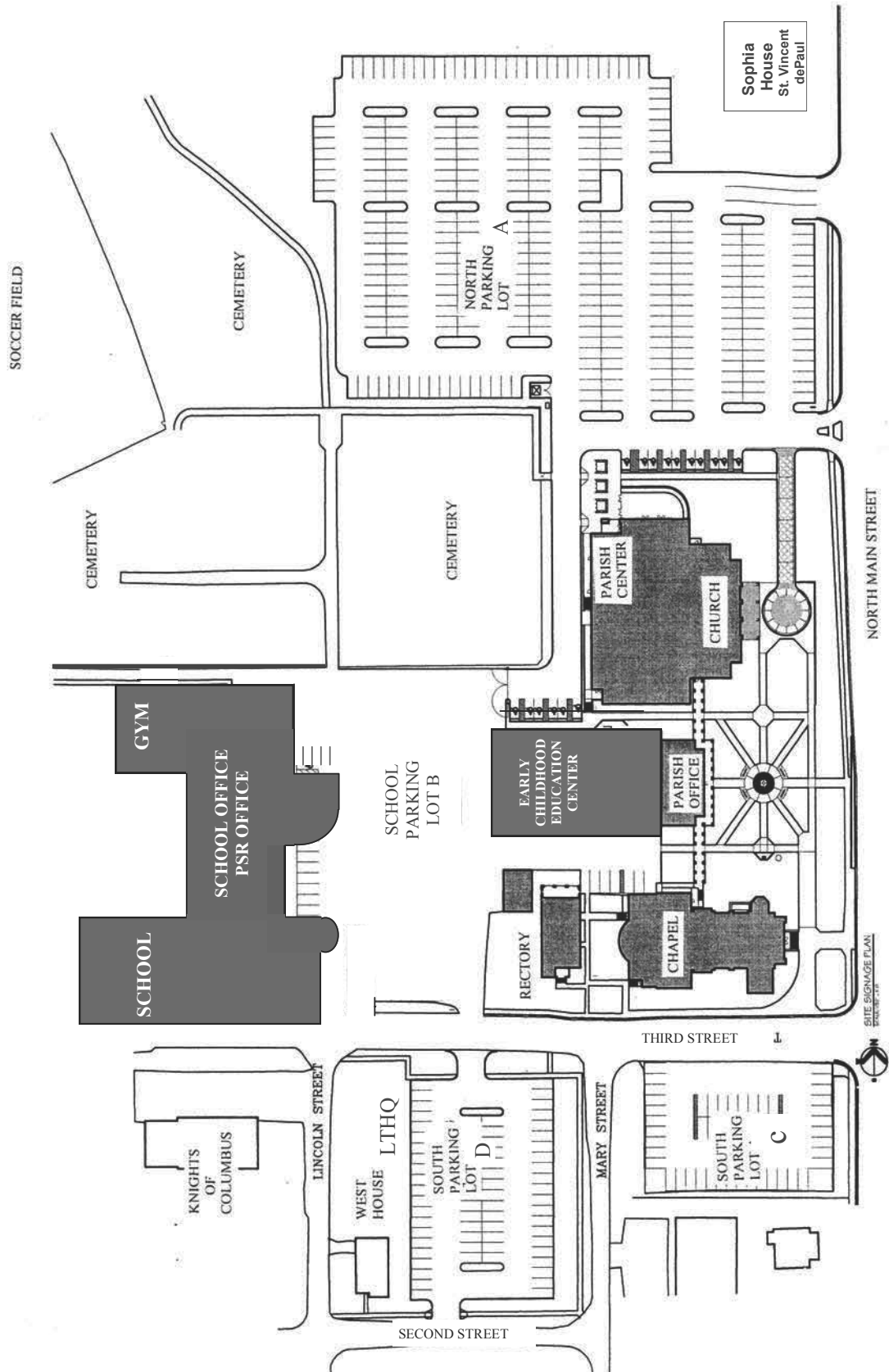
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Welcome!



Assumption Parish Campus



Helpful things to know about Assumption Parish...

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

Please visit us at:

www.assumptionbvm.org

You can also find us on YouTube; Facebook; Twitter; Instagram

- 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 Week at: www.assumptionbvm.org/
- Motherhouse (St. Joseph's Chapel) (Located across street next to City Hall) celebrates weekday Mass at 6:30AM
- Memorial cards are available in Narthex for prayer intentions/donations.
- 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 or 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.)

CHECK THIS OUT!

Devotions and Prayers - Held in the Church/Chapel:

- Chapel accessible 24 hours a day for prayer, north side wheelchair accessible door, code 3721
- Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in our Chapel
- Benediction is offered on Tuesdays at 6:30PM
- Perpetual Help Devotions - Tuesdays 6:30PM
- 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. So, the little ones can get a little catechesis with their entertainment!



Assumption Parish Can Offer When You Are In Need Resources and Support

Is there a special need that you are looking for yourself or for someone you love? Please refer to the many needs that might be of assistance listed below. If you see an "" next the need listed, the contact is listed below, otherwise, please check the ministry section of the book for further details and contact information or call the parish office:*

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 & from parking lot to 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, lynncrews@charter.net

* **Hospital Visitation:** Would like a priest to come for an anointing? Please call the parish office: 240-3721.

* **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) 528-4433 kelly.gessertt@gmail.com

* **St. Vincent dePaul Society:** Is dedicated in assisting our neighbors in need, regardless of faith. We make home visits as necessary to assess your needs to help make decisions regarding your needs. Helpline: 636-272-4758

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 and Assumption's web page and other various media outlets.

2021

November

Overview of the Mass.....November 11&18, 2021
Spiritual Gifts Assessment.....November 13, 2021
Stewardship Ministry Festival.....November 20, 2021
Advent By Candlelight..... November 28, 2021

December

Overview of the Mass.....December 2, 2021
Breakfast with Santa..... December 4, 2021

2022

January

Catholic Schools Week.....January 30-Feb 5, 2022

February

Spring Bible Study (7 - week series).....TBA
Grief Support Series.....TBA

March

Day of Reflection.....TBA
Luke 18 RetreatMarch 4-6, 2022
Lenten Series.....March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, & April 7
Prayers for Healing & Hope.....TBA

May

Dinner AuctionMay 7, 2022

June

Vacation Bible School.....June13-17, 2022
Women's CRHP Retreat.....June 11-12 2022
Men's CRHP Retreat.....June 25-26, 2022

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

Golf Tournament: Contact: Bob Neuner, 314-957-8869 or Kevin Call, 636-578-2324

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.

2021

November

All Souls Day.....November 2, 2021
6:30AM; 8:00AM and 7:00PM (Book of Remembrance)
Thanksgiving, 9:00AM Mass.....November 25, 2021

December

Christmas Eve..... December 24, 2021
4:00PM, 4:30PM (Chapel), 6:00PM & 10:00PM
Christmas Day..... December 25, 2021
8:00AM, 10:00, & Noon

2022

March

Lenten Opportunities

Ash WednesdayMarch 2, 2022
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)

April

Palm Sunday.....April 10, 2022
Holy Thursday - 7:00PM.....April 14, 2022
Good Friday - 7:00PM.....April 15, 2022
Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00PM.....April 16, 2022
Easter - 8:00AM, 10:00AM, Noon.....April 17, 2022
8:15AM & 10:15AM in Chapel
First Communion.....April 23 & 24, 2022
Confirmation - 1:30PM in Cathedral.....April 30, 2022

August

Feast of the AssumptionAugust 15, 2022

"This parish has given us so much," Shelly says. "It has given us amazing priests and phenomenal friendships. I love being a part of Assumption because our priests are so genuinely concerned for the parishioners and give so much of themselves. This parish has given us so much more than we've ever given. 'We like to get involved and give back, because God has blessed us so abundantly in family and faith, in every conceivable way,' she continues. 'It's true - if you just take a step, then God will open a big door.'"

~Parishioner, Shelly Schneider

What IS Stewardship, really...

Time

Talent

Treasure

What comes to mind when you hear the word

"stewardship"? Do you think of it as just another way to talk about money? Do you quickly dismiss it as a notion that has nothing to do with being Catholic? Stewardship is actually a concept that is **Scripturally based**, and is **absolutely vital to our life as Catholics**. God tells us, in the very first book of the Old Testament, "*Be fertile and multiply. Fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and all the living things that move on the earth*" (Gen 1:28). What does that mean to us today? It simply means that God is telling us, "***This is yours, so take care of it.***" One of the first things God tells us to do is to be good stewards of the gifts He has entrusted to us!

The Old Testament is not the only place where we can find references to stewardship. Indeed, of the **36 parables in the New Testament**, more than half of them deal with time, talent, possessions, or money. **Therefore, if Jesus spoke of stewardship that much, it should be a very important part of our lives!**

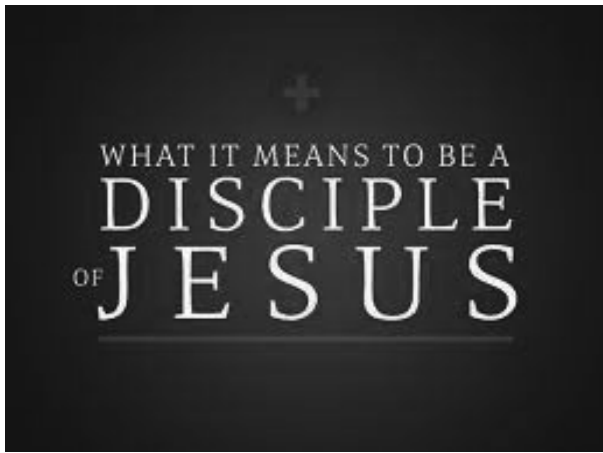
As Catholics, we refer to the three facets of stewardship as "**time, talent and treasure.**" Although these are three concrete ways to express and measure stewardship, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops tells us that stewardship is part of discipleship. Stewardship is a way of responding to God's call in **every** aspect of our lives.

The Scriptures and Church traditions teach us one important point that cannot be overstated — that stewardship is primarily based on our need to give in gratitude, not on the Church's need to receive. Of course, both the Catholic Church and our parish will always need money. However, we are not asked to give simply to defray costs and fund charitable programs. We are instead asked to remember our need to gratefully return a portion of our time, talent and treasure to God, recognizing all that He has given to us.

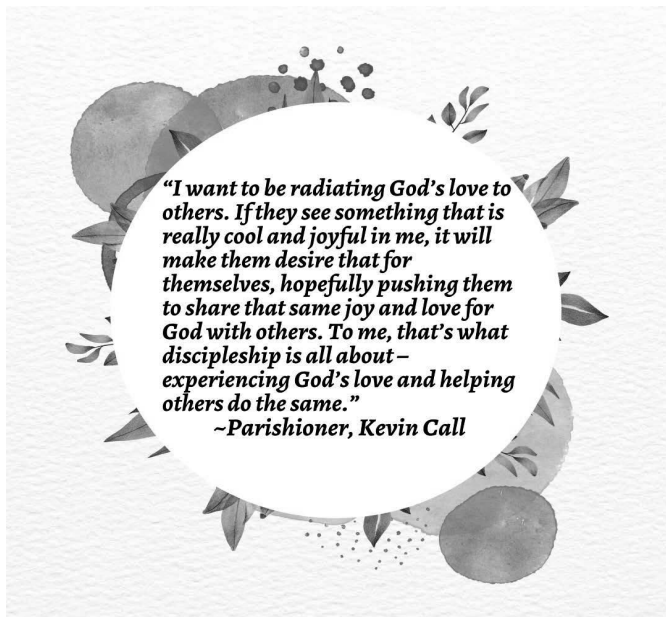
"Being a steward, a disciple of Jesus, requires us to think about how we are using all we have been given, to grow in gratitude for these abundant blessings, and to challenge ourselves to stretch beyond what is comfortable, to truly sacrifice," says Jeannette Hamann, Director of Stewardship & Liturgy at Assumption. She continues, **"The Gospels tell us that that IS the way Jesus lived. When we share our presence, our prayers, our gifts, and our service, to continue the mission of Christ, WE ARE transforming the world, even if it's just right here in O'Fallon, MO. WE are responsible for our parish – a steward's focus is not only on money, but it truly invites us to go and grow deeper in our faith. We should take ownership of our parish, as we embrace and live a Stewardship way of life."**

"We have found a number of sincere couples at the parish who are truly committed to one another and to what they believe. They inspire us and are such great influences in our lives and in the lives of our children. We love and appreciate them, and enjoy the camaraderie we have with them. They continually remind us to live as followers of Jesus Christ."

– Parishioner, Trey Willis



It is important to remember that stewardship is a way of life, and not a program. True Catholic stewardship involves an ongoing call to live as followers of Christ. It takes time to find and define personal goals. You can begin by examining your personal commitments to the parish. How do you live your faith in your daily life with your family and friends? How much time do you spend in daily prayer, going to Mass or being involved in parish ministries and activities? What percentage of your income should you give back to God every week? What talents do you have that could be used to strengthen our parish family? This year you will see us increasing and intensifying our education and communication on stewardship. We will be developing a better understanding of how stewardship is a way of responding to God's call to discipleship. And with God's help, changes will occur in each of our hearts as we devote ourselves to a stewardship renewal within our parish. Examine how you are currently responding to God's call to stewardship. God longs for a closer relationship with you; He wants to say to you, *"well done, my good and faithful servant."*



Time The Foundation of Stewardship

When we talk about stewardship of time, we are referring to prayer time. Prayer is of the utmost importance in a disciple's life, and it serves as the fertile ground from which the gifts of talent and treasure blossom. Only by spending time in prayer each day and receiving the sacraments are we able to consistently and generously donate our talent and treasure to the Church. When looking for examples of how to live our lives as disciples of Christ and as stewards of God's gifts, we can always turn to the great saints of our Church to guide us. And when it comes to the Stewardship of Time, the life of St. Damien is just one example of how prayer, or "Time," is the foundation for our lives of stewardship. St. Damien found his strength in the Mass, the greatest prayer of the Church. Prayer was the impetus behind the generosity of this faithful servant of God, and is the fuel that ignites every heart to flame in love. Without prayer, without the grace that flows from the sacraments, we are incapable of leading lives of service and responding to God's call!

How much time do you dedicate to prayer each day? One hour? Fifteen minutes? None at all? Before you consider joining a parish ministry or volunteering your talents in service, and before you discern your gifts of treasure to the parish, be sure that prayer is your foundation. Identify a prayer schedule that is manageable. This may entail arising 20 minutes early each day to offer your work to the Lord, or attending daily Mass once a week. Every prayer commitment is unique and personal. Yet, no matter what, this time offering, this dedication to prayer, is the key to serving the Lord with faithfulness, generosity and joy.

For more opportunities on how to spend TIME with our Lord, please refer to your Stewardship Commitment Card which offers several ways in which you can do that.

"We always find time for the things that bring us joy and are important to us," Rita says. "For me, I really love watching college basketball and during March Madness, I was amazed by all the time I found to watch basketball. I made that time because it is something that I enjoy. Visiting Christ in the Eucharist is the same way. Through going, you receive a joy that sustains and stays with you all week, far beyond the hour you spend there."

~Parishioner, Rita Phillips



Talent

Got Talent? Bring It to the Spotlight!

The word “talent” often conjures up images of stage performers in the spotlight, captivating awestruck audiences with their impeccable musical or acting skills. While these talented performers are certainly deserving of applause, the majority of the population sits hidden in the shadows, staring on in amazement while feeling overlooked — and perhaps wishing to possess such talents themselves. But even when we feel overlooked and untalented, God knows better. As Christians, we are all called to dig deep and trust that we are specially blessed with valuable talents and abilities, even if our talents aren’t so obvious or don’t garner applause and accolades.

Along with “time” and “treasure,” “talent” is one of the “three Ts” of stewardship. Exploring our natural inclinations and preferences, especially when guided by the intricacies of our unique personalities, can unearth God-given talents. We never know when, how or what the Holy Spirit is going to stir in us. One thing is certain: there are MANY ways your life can be of service to our community here at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

You are part of an unbroken story of God’s love that has been building the Church since time began. *“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same spirit,”* writes St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians. *“There are different forms of service, but the same Lord.”*

If our gifts of talent are not guided by the discipline of prayer, just like an octopus on roller skates, we will get nowhere fast! Yet, if we keep our eyes on the goal of heaven and serve the Lord with joyfulness, our efforts will produce a bountiful harvest.

The next time you sit quietly in the shadows behind a glaring stage spotlight, rest assured that your talents are no less impressive in the eyes of God, and will always be “applauded” when directed to the service of His people.

For more information on how you can share your TALENT with our parish community, please begin on page __ and read through the many ministry opportunities and pray about where God might be calling you to serve His Church at Assumption Parish. Then, please fill out your Stewardship Commitment Card and turn it in to the parish office, the ministry coordinator will contact you to welcome you and get you connected.



Treasure

Generous Financial Support

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

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

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

• CHALLENGE YOURSELF

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

• GIVING PERCENTAGE

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

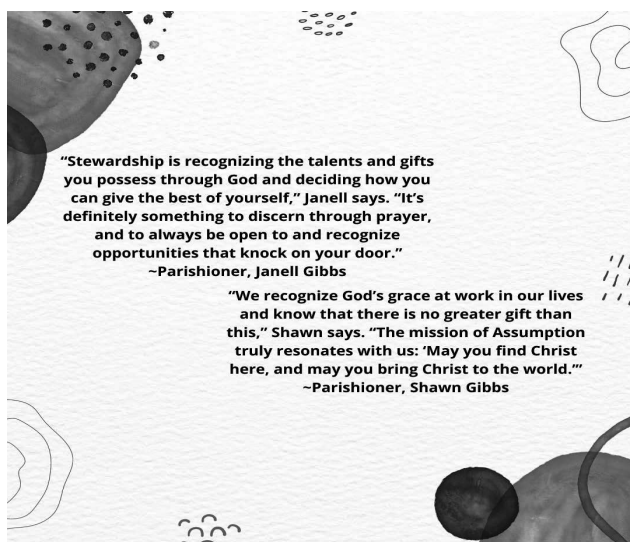
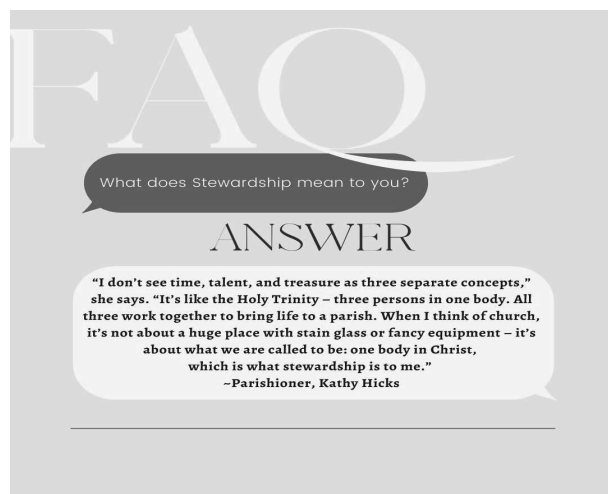
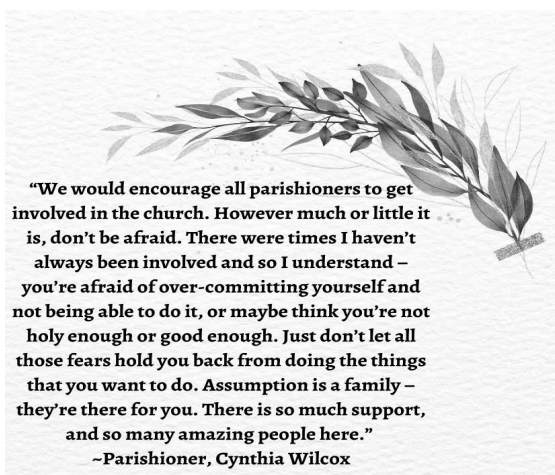
We give the tithe (which means 10% of one’s harvest or income) because it is a Scriptural benchmark that has been honored since the early Church (**see Malachi 3:10**).

Automated Giving

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

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

Thank you for your dedicated support of 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



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.

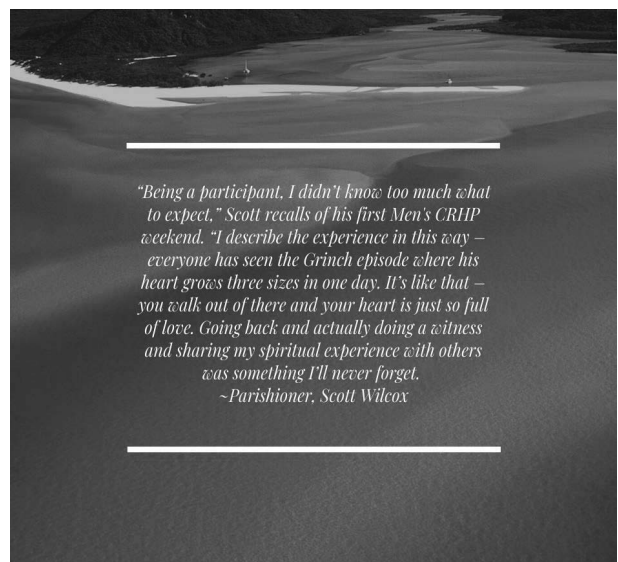


The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the model of what family life is called to be. A family is a group consisting of parents and children living in a household, who have a common ancestor. Joseph, as husband and father provided and protected his family, teaching Jesus the ways of life. Mary as 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.



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 and they also align with the four Saints that are in our Church building. When we lay down our wants and desires to serve one another, 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

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

Christian Kindness - *"May our Christian communities really be places of hospitality, service, 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
- Annulment Advocate
- Assumption Quilters
- Blood Drive Volunteers
- Cemetery Committee
- Communion to the Homebound
- Fall Festival Committee
- Fifty's Plus Group
- Grief Support Group
- Grounds Committee
- Home Repairs
- Home Repairs
- Meals for the Homeless
- Meals In Need
- Money Counters
- Nursing Home Visitation
- Respect Life Apostolate
- St. Vincent dePaul Society

St. Francis: Pillar of Worship/Prayer

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

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

- Altar Servers
- Church and Chapel Cleaners
- Church Decorators
- Church Launderers
- Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors
- Legion of Mary
- Live Streamers
- Music Ministries: Adult Choir, Cantors, Instrumentalists
- Prayer Tree
- Rosary Leaders
- 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 Stewardship Commitment Card.

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

- Advent By Candlelight
- Baptismal Preparation Catechists
- Baptismal Host Home
- Bible Study
- Christ Renews His Parish Retreats
- Life Teen Ministry - Core Team
- Marriage Sponsor Couples
- Men's Ministry
- PSR Catechists (Teachers of Faith)
 - Volunteer
- RCIA Catechist
- RCIA Sponsor
- Small Church Communities
- Sunday Preschool Teacher
- Sunday Preschool Assistant
- Vacation Bible School



St. Vincent DePaul: Pillar of Administration

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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."

- Parish Council
- Parish Finance Committee
- School Board
- School Tuition Committee
- Stewardship Committee



Ministry Opportunities At Assumption Parish

Advent By Candlelight

(Pillars of Formation-The Holy Family)

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

Duties:

- *The ABC Coordinator:* oversees whole group, develops a theme with the committee, arranges meetings as needed, works with arranging & approving the speaker/s, the “go to” person for challenges/questions;
- *The ABC Publicity Coordinator:* oversees the publicity flyer, programs & favors;
- *The ABC Registration Coordinator:* oversees the registration of tables, assigns the tables, and is the contact person with the hostesses after registration;
- *The ABC Decorations Coordinator:* oversees the event and stage decorations in accordance to the year’s theme;
- *The ABC Set up/clean up Coordinator:* oversees the set up/take down of tables, coat check, and helps arrange Jr. Hostesses
- *The ABC Music Coordinator:* oversees the music throughout the evening as well as the sound system
- *Time:* Planning should start no later than the beginning of September the year of ABC. Event takes place the first Sunday of Advent.
- *Special Skills:* A love and understanding of Advent, involves ideas, visioning, planning; one time or annual event; activities with youth
- **Note:* it is a three year commitment for all members with an extra year of shadowing for the coordinator. Contact: Tedra Courtis, 636-379-5958 or tedra.courtis@gmail.com

Advent Giving Tree

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

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

Time: 3 - 5 hours

Special Skills: A desire to help.

Contact: Steve Ratkowski, 636-978-4203

After Funeral Luncheon Volunteer

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Vincent DePaul)

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

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

Time: Approximately four times a year.

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

Contact:

Altar Servers

(Pillar of Worship/Prayer - St. Francis)

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

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

Time: Approximately once a month or less.

Special Skills: An ability to be graceful, attentive and reverent at Mass; dependability. Contact: Parish Office 240-3721

Annulment Advocate

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - Monica)

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

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

Contact: Eric Brunner 636-443-3109;

abvmadvocate@hotmail.com

Assumption Quilters

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

Duties and Skills: Accept an assembled quilt top that is marked and has both batting and backing provided.

Stitch marked areas to complete a beautiful work of art.

Time: Meet weekly on Thursday

Contact: Alice Forbeck, 636-272-5065,

adforbeck@charter.net



Athletic Association

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

Mission Statement: The guiding principle of the Assumption Athletic Association is to make sure that every child is treated as we would want our own child treated, with encouragement, kindness and support.

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: President Mike Bardgett: mrbardgett@gmail.com

Vice - President: Matt Schlueter: mrs2108@bjc.org

Baptismal Preparation - Catechists

(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)

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

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

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

Special Skills: Willingness and ability to share faith with others. In addition to the life of faith you have already experienced, the knowledge for a Catechist is also gained through attending one training session and a live Baptism. *Contact:* Misty Koenig, 314-249-6092 or misty.koenig@yahoo.com

Baptismal Preparation - Host Homes

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

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

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

Contact: Misty Koenig, 314-249-6092 or misty.koenig@yahoo.com

Bible Study

(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)

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

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

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

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

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

Blood Drive Volunteers

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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 four 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

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)

(Pillar of Formation - St. Francis)

Mission Statement: 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.

Duties: Teach a group of children ages 3-6 about Jesus' love for them. Teachers use a supplied curriculum that follows the weekly Gospel readings and may add personal touches that support the weekly scripture readings.

Time: CLW runs from September through May. Commitment involves attendance at the 5:00pm Mass on Sat. evenings, 20 minutes of structured CLW leadership during Mass, and lesson planning.

Special Skills: Must complete Protecting God's Children and have a genuine love of children and passion for sharing God's Word.

Contact: Ann Marie Quan 636-240-1020 or aquan@abvmtech.org

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)

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

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

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

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

Contact: Jeannette Hamann, 636-240-3721 Ext 247

Email: abvmjeannette@yahoo.com

Church & Chapel Cleaners

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship - St. Francis)

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

Duties: Help to clean the church and chapel.

Time: Commitment is for one month every six months and will take 1-1 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 or Mary Engel, 636-542-0877 engel7@centurytel.net

Church Decorators

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship - St. Francis)

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

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

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

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

Contact: Rosemary Pieper, 636-240-8262 rosemary@grp farms.com



Church Launderers

(Pillar of Worship/Prayer - St. Francis)

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

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

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

Special Skills: Enjoys washing, ironing and some mending when needed. Willing to donate time, washer/dryer, and soap products to the Mission. Able to provide for the timely pick-up and return of church laundry. A brief training will be provided for technique.

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

Communion to the Homebound

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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 Ministers

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship - St. Francis)

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

Duties: Help in the distribution of the Eucharist.

Time: Volunteer as needed at weekend Masses.

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

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

50 + Club

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

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

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

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

Contact: Liz Allmeyer, (636) 634-8638
lizallmeyer@gmail.com

Fall Festival Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. of Monica)

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

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

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

Contact: Aaron Bruns 636-620-8830
abruns7949@aol.com

Golf Cart Drivers

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

Duties: Drive the Assumption golf cart to/from the

parking lot to the doors of church and help those needing assistance on and off the cart. To be a warm and welcoming spirit to all who come here.

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

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

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



Grief Support Group

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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 - St. Monica)

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

Duties: Help take care of the grounds, plants and flowers. Time: Four hours every couple of months during the growing season.

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

Contact: Paula and Mark Mennemeier, 636-978-9995 or markpaula1987@charter.net

Home Repairs

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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 - St. Monica)

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

Duties: Greet those as they arrive after Mass. Work with others to setup and cleanup refreshments and tables/chairs. Serve beverages.

Time: First Sunday of the month in Mass time-related shifts. We serve from 7:30AM - 1:30PM

Special Skills: Friendliness and a heart for welcoming people.

Contact: Jeannette Hamann, 240-3721 x 247

Knights of Columbus

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

Duties: A Catholic mens organization which provides fraternal, charitable, service, and social opportunities for men from our parish and other parishes.

Time: Monthly meetings (3rd Thursday) and many service & social events. (K. C. Hall located at 202 W. Third)

Special Skills: A Catholic man interested in a Christian atmosphere. There is also a Ladies Auxiliary.

Contact: GK Del Carr (636)544-2752 or delmercarr@gmail.com

Lectors

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship - St. Francis)

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

Duties: To proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass with reverence and understanding.

Time: One Mass each month or two; personal time every day spent in study and reflection of the upcoming Sunday readings.

Special Skills: A love for God's Word and desire to study it more deeply; dependability, a clear speaking voice, an ease speaking in front of people.

Contact: Barb Stettner, 636-978-5930 creativebarb@charter.net

Legion of Mary

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship - St. Francis)

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 pray the rosary daily and also the prayers in the Legion of Mary's Tessera. Attend a weekly meeting (on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm) and perform some active service assigned by the Legion, COVID permitting.

Auxiliary members pray the rosary daily and the prayers in the Legion of Mary's Tessera. They are vitally important as it is through prayer that strengthen the evangelization of the mission!

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

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

(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)

Core members support the Youth Minister in leading our middle schoolers & high school teens closer to Christ and His Church by walking with the youth as they deepen their understanding of the Roman Catholic faith, by frequenting the Sacraments and fostering holy friendships/mentorships with core members and fellow teens in an environment that is joyful, active, safe, encouraging and empowering.

Both EDGE & Life Teen Core Members are expected to:

- 1) *Be a faithful, practicing and committed Roman Catholic*
- 2) *Complete application process and attend Protecting God's Children Workshop*
- 3) *Adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church*
- 4) *Assist the Youth Minister in implementing weekly youth gatherings through leading small groups, facilitating activities, and sharing life/faith experiences*
- 5) *Participate in retreats and service trips as their schedule allows*
- 6) *Enter into the role of holy mentorships in the lives of the young people they serve*

EDGE Core Member Commitments:

1. Attend EDGE Wednesday evening sessions from 6 -7:30 p.m. on a weekly basis during the school year
2. Attend EDGE Core Formation evenings twice a year.

Life Teen Core Member Commitments:

1. Attend Life Nights Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on a weekly basis during the school year.
2. Attend Life Teen planning nights, two Thursday evenings per month
3. Participate in the Life Teen Sunday Mass

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

Marriage Sponsor Couples

(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)

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

Duties: Couples are assigned to work with engaged

couples to help deepen their vision of Sacrament of Matrimony, and help them establish a firm foundation to their married life.

Time: A sponsor couple can work either at home with one engaged couple at a time or at the parish center with a small group of engaged couples (4-8 couples).

Special Skills: Couples willing to share marriage issues and problems, good communications abilities, willingness to share the love of marriage with engaged couples. Prefers couples married at least five years.

Contact: Mike & Danielle LiFritze, 314-369-8429



Mothers Of Preschoolers (MOPS)

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

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

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

Special Skills: None

Contact: Emily Hentschel, 309-531-2515 or ehentschel0326@gmail.com

Music Ministries

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship - St. Francis)

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

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

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

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

For more information about:

- How to become involved in Assumption's Music Ministry
- Varying roles played by those in Assumption's Music Ministry
- The different ensembles that lead worship at Assumption

Details about time requirements and Duties

Contact: Parker Bishop, Director of Music Ministry, 636-240-3721 Ext 360 parker.assumptionmusic@gmail.com

Nursing Home Visitation

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

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

Time: Two hours per week.

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

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

Parish Council

(Pillar of Administration - St. Vincent de Paul) (by Nomination Only)

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

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

Contact: Our Parish Council Current Chair: Lisa Taylor, abvmparishcouncil@gmail.com

Parish Finance Committee

(Pillar of Administration - St. Vincent dePaul) (when needed)

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

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

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

Parish Office Volunteers

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)

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

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

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

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

Contact: Ann Marie Quan, 636-240-1020 abvmpr@yahoo.com

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Volunteers

(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)

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

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

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

Contact: Ann Marie Quan, 636-240-1020 abvmpr@yahoo.com

Live Streamers

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship - St. Francis)

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

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

Time: Varies 2-4 times a month.

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

Prayer Tree

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship - St. Francis)

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

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

Time: 10 - 15 minutes a day.

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

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

R.C.I.A. - Catechist

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

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

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

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

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

Contact: Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983 mlowrey@charter.net

R.C.I.A. - Hospitality

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

Time: Two to three times per year.

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

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

R.C.I.A. - Sponsor

(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)

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

Time: Sessions are every Sunday morning from 8:00 - 10:30AM, September - May; plus approximately 4 evening sessions.

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

Contact: Janice Aholt, 636-544-7890 sangerflower@msn.com

Respect Life Apostolate:

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

Time: 1-2 hours a month

Contact: Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803

Rosary Leaders

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship - St. Francis)

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

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

Time: Your committed scheduled day of a 1/2 hour.

Living Rosary once in May and October

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

Contact: Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803

Sacristans

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship - St. Francis)

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

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

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

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

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

St. Vincent De Paul Society

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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 - St. Vincent DePaul) (by Nomination Only)

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

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

Contact: Our current chair: Debbie Gentry, Email: deb.gentry@gmail.com

School Tuition Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

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

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

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

Contact: Donna Johnson, 417-847-7464

donnaj59@gmail.com

Small Church Communities

(Pillar of Formation- The Holy Family)

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

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

Time: 1 hour per week

Special Skills: An interest in the Scripture.

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

Socials Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

Duties: Organize Parish fellowship gatherings. This 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 and Paula Thomson,
314-477-4688 paulajthomson@gmail.com



Sound Technicians

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship - St. Francis)

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

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

Time: Varies 2 - 4 times a month.

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

Stewardship Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

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

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

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

Special Skills: Encourager; organized; and friendly.

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

Sunday Pre-school Teachers

(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)

Mission Statement: The

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

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

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

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

Contact: Denise Hoehne, 314-954-0092
denise.hoehne@gmail.com

Sunday Pre-school Assistants

(Pillar of Formation - The Holy Family)

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

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

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

Usher/Greeters

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship - St. Francis)

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

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

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

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

Contact: Gerry Prinster, 636-577-5548 or gerryprinster@gmail.com



Vacation Bible School Volunteers (VBS)

(Pillar of Formation- The Holy Family)

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

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

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

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

Contact: Angie Howe at vbsassumption@gmail.com or 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: Angie Howe at vbsassumption@gmail.com; or Ann Marie Quan, 636-240-1020

Wedding Assistants

(Pillar of Prayer/Worship - St. Francis)

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

Duties: To work with engaged couples, guiding them in their marriage preparation and helping answer questions and coordinate wedding. Help prepare church before wedding, assist at 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 jsnyder01@centurytel.net

Welcoming Committee

(Pillar of Hospitality/Service - St. Monica)

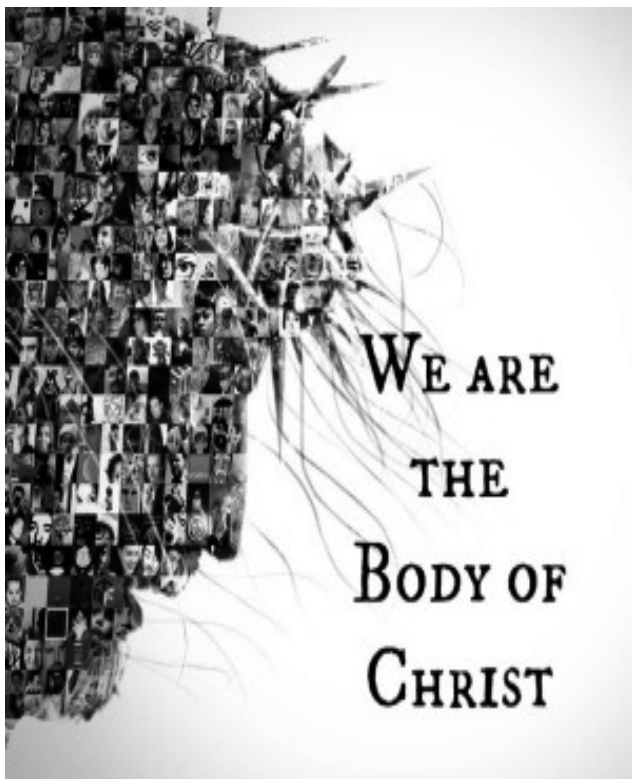
Mission Statement: Guided by the Holy Spirit, we greet, welcome, and educate and inspire the newest members joining our church family to share their gifts, talents, and love.

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

Time: Approximately 2 hours per month to help with Newcomer's Registration 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."

