

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

JANUARY 14, 2024

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



BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

ANointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office, 636-240-3721. You can leave a message after hours.

BAPTISM

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

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 at the Parish Office, ext 235.

CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30–7:50am; Saturdays 4–4:45pm; or by appointment.

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.

FUNERALS

Please call Debbie Orf at the Parish Office at 636-240-3721, ext 221.

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For more information, call Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983.

Welcome

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Hello,

Over the last few weeks, I have been referring to a video series that we plan on encouraging people to view and discuss throughout the parish—‘the Search.’ The series is about asking big questions about life and death, science and faith, and hopefully will bring up questions each of us have had at times, but also leads to the answer of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. The seven weeks have the following titles:

- ♦ What do you Seek?
- ♦ Who are You?
- ♦ Why a God?
- ♦ What’s Your Story?
- ♦ Who is Jesus?
- ♦ Am I Saved?
- ♦ Why a Church?

I am hoping that many of us will be able to come together in small groups to view and discuss these videos. Each one is about 25 minutes, and, as you can see, starts with very basic questions. This series can be looked at and is designed for ‘Nones’ to watch (Nones is a term used for the growing amount of people who, when asked on a survey what their religion is, answer ‘none.’) I think it would be valuable for them and I would encourage you to invite anyone you know who might be in this category to join us, but I think it is also valuable for all of us.

The questions raised are ones that hopefully all of us have had at some time and probably many of which we still do. The answers aren’t quite as quantifiable as ‘how many sacraments do we have?’—‘seven,’ so the opportunity to hear different ways people ask about it, and different ways people respond is helpful not only in our own minds, but also in being able to discuss these questions with others who may not share our faith, our beliefs, or may not have any.

This series is ideally viewed with a small group where you will be able to discuss and hear other’s experiences and opinions. We will have a variety of times you could view it here at the parish in the Meyer Room off of the Parish Hall in the seven weeks starting Feb 4 through March 23. **Monday mornings, 9-10am; Tuesday evenings, 7-8pm; or Wednesday evenings, 6:15-7:15pm.** “That Man Is You” will be using the materials on Saturday mornings and I’m sure will bring out some uniquely male perspectives and discussions. And I encourage any other groups that meet in our parish to use the materials, or if someone has a time they would like to meet to contact the office to reserve a room and invite others to come.

Whether you watch this by yourself, with your family, a small group of friends, or with a group here at the parish I hope it will be something to spark your thoughts and your faith. Most of us are not too shy to share a movie or tv series we like with someone else, maybe we can share this too. Go to ‘**Formed.org**’ and watch ‘the Search.’

Peace,

Fr. Nick



THE SEARCH

As Fr. Nick mentioned in his letter, please check out 'the Search' video series and consider some of the big questions in life.

**What Do You Seek? | Who Are You?
Why a God? | What's Our Story? | Who is Jesus?
Am I Saved? | Why a Church?**

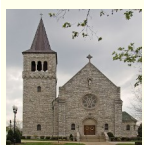
In a few weeks Assumption will be discussing these questions as a parish. Log on to view, read, and listen to 'the Search' and other material to help grow in your faith. Signing up for FORMED is quick and easy.

Just follow these simple instructions:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Search for your parish by Zip Code (63366)
Click on your parish
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED



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 after the 8am Mass, and available through the Rosary at 6:15pm, followed by our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions.

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, please sign up at assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com

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.)

We gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Ed Echelmeyer,
father of Maria (Deacon Richard) Tadlock

James Giesmann,
husband of Doris Giesmann

Lynne Kane,
wife of Ted Kane

Sam Mercurio,
of our parish family

Rosemary Popp,
wife of Robert Popp

Lucy Yerion,
mother of Mike (Charlene) Yerion

LOST AND FOUND

If you lost a medicine bottle with prescription medicine in it or a piece of jewelry last week, **WE FOUND IT!**

Please contact Debbie Orf at the parish office, 636-240-3721, ext 221 and be prepared to describe the missing item to claim it. Thank you!



ASSUMPTION BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, JANUARY 14



Assumption Parish is hosting another blood drive. You are encouraged to consider making a donation of the **Gift of Life**. ImpactLife will be in the Parish Hall **9am-1:30pm**. We look forward to welcoming you there! If you have not donated blood since November 20, you are eligible to donate at this drive. **Donations must be by appointment only.**

Donors will receive a \$20 gift card and **new** donors will receive a \$50 gift card.

To schedule your appointment, you can scan the QR Code, visit bloodcenter.org/group, using group code 9007, or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401 for assistance in scheduling. Our parish coordinator, Mary Anne Robinson, can also be reached at 636-541-2823 to assist with scheduling.



PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**JANUARY 21 | 7 PM**

Join Christians from many communities in prayer for the greater visible unity of the Body of Christ.

- ♦ Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis, Presiding
- ♦ Bishop Michael Jones, Friendly Temple Baptist Church, Preaching

Reception to follow. Free and open to the public.

St. John Bosco, 12934 Marine Avenue, Creve Coeur 63146

**ASSUMPTION GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP | BEGINS FEBRUARY 1**

It is hard to imagine that there could be any life at the other end of our grief.

Assumption Parish's Grief Support Team cordially invites those of you, 18 years of age and older, who are grieving the death of a loved one, to our upcoming Grief Support Series.

Our first session will begin at 7pm on **Thursday, February 1** in the Meyer Room. Together we will share a Journey of Hope after the loss of a loved one. Remember that Grief Shared is Grief Diminished.

To register or if you need any additional information, contact Lynn Crews at 636-294-0821, 314-578-0741 or lynncrews@abvmtech.org. Please register by Tuesday, January 30.

**50+ NEWS AND EVENTS**

Join us at our next meeting on **January 22** at 6:30pm when we will install our new officers. We will begin this new year with skills and ideas for ourselves and loved ones. Our own Debbie Gentry will discuss how we can **Age in Place**. Wouldn't we (and our parents) like to stay at home as we/they age? Gretchen Watson, a professional organizer, will show us how organization will transform your life. All are welcome!

Our February meeting will be on Thursday, **February 8** at 7:15pm. We are all invited to attend Act 2's production of **The Play That Goes Wrong**, performed in the St. Peters City Hall complex. Suggested donation is \$5. Please sign up at our January meeting. If a ride is needed, we will coordinate with members who are willing to drive. Contact Bob or Liz Allmeyer, 636-240-8638 or lizallmeyer@gmail.com with any questions.

The City of O'Fallon is sponsoring a trip to The Fabulous Fox Theatre to see **Mamma Mia** on February 15, 10am-5pm. Cost of \$175 per person includes bus ride from City Hall to the Fox Theatre and back, dinner and show. Payment must be made by January 24. Contact Dorsey at City Hall at 636-474-2732. Any questions, contact Shirley Dittmaier at 636-272-5383.

MASS INTENTIONS

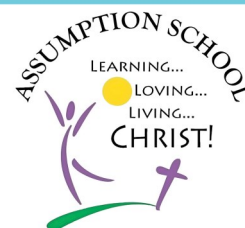
Mass intention is a specific petition for which the Mass is offered. Mass intentions can be requested on behalf of another living person or in remembrance of a loved one. If you would like to have a Mass intention in honor of or in memory of a loved one, contact the Parish Office at 636-240-3721. Mass intentions are \$10 each. We offer Mass Cards you can send to your family or friends to let them know of the intention.

	SUNDAY 1.14.24	MONDAY 1.15.24	TUESDAY 1.16.24	WEDNESDAY 1.17.24
Mass Times and Intentions	8:00am Pat Luetkenhaus 10:00am People of the Parish 12:00pm Michael Fairbanks 5:30pm Zachary S. (special intention)	6:30am Kristi Nickles 8:00am Ken Munzer	6:30am Priests Intention 8:00am Pauline Cox	6:30am Priests Intention 8:00am Priests Intention
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



Grow With Us!

PRE-K - 8TH GRADE



Open House/Tours

Sunday, January 28

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SENDING YOUR CHILD TO ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS NOT OUT OF REACH!

Now more than ever, families with children in K–8th grade have the opportunity to afford a faith-based, private school education with the assistance of parish financial assistance and scholarships from the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



Scan me

Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) Scholarships

The application process opens at 8 a.m., January 22 on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis.

Don't delay! Many families will qualify!

Scan the QR Code and go to "Apply for Scholarships" on the webpage.

We encourage ALL FAMILIES to apply.



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MOScholars Scholarships

The application process begins at 8 a.m., February 1. All interested families should apply!

Scan the QR Code and then take the prequalification survey. Last year, we had 10 recipients and this year we expect many more in 2024!

Providing your child with a Catholic learning environment not only allows them to become closer to God, it provides them with a private education at an affordable price. Classroom sizes are limited, so don't miss out on growing your child's academic success!

Early registration for current school families begins Friday, January 19. During this time, only returning families may start the registration process online. This will ensure Assumption students retain their seat in the classroom before **open enrollment begins on Sunday, January 28**, from 11am-12:30pm during the annual Open House. Along with current families attending Assumption Open House, potential students in Pre-K–8th grade and their families are invited to tour our school and meet our certified teachers, professional staff, and outstanding administration. Can't wait? Consider taking a private tour or arrange for your child to shadow a student for the day. Contact Principal, Dr. Patricia Hensley at 636-240-4474, if interested.

For more information about tuition assistance, contact the school at 636-240-4474 or Mark Vogt, Assumption Business Manager at 636-240-3721 ext 225.

For more information about **Why Choose Assumption School**, visit us online at assumptionbvmschool.org/Discover-Assumption.

THURSDAY 1.18.24

6:30am Priests Intention
8:00am Priests Intention

7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment

FRIDAY 1.19.24

6:30am Priests Intention
8:00am Priests Intention

7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment

SATURDAY 1.20.24

8:00am Priests Intention
5:00pm People of the Parish

4:00–4:45pm Church
or by appointment

SUNDAY 1.21.24

8:00am Arthur Simpson
10:00am Joshua Boyd
12:00pm Guy Penn Sr.
5:30pm Priests Intention

By Appointment

MEN'S CRHP RETREAT

MARCH 2 AND MARCH 3, 2024



Want to experience one of the most spiritual journeys of your life? Attend an upcoming Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreat. This two-day walk with Christ allows you and other fellow parishioners to energize your faith by strengthening your connection with Him.

The CRHP Weekend is a "must do Parish experience" with inspiring music, faith sharing, Mass, small group discussions, exciting activities guaranteed to renew your spiritual awareness and so much more. Discover what is missing in your life and register for our free CRHP Retreat today!

Contact Steven Horstmann, 636-578-2040, theresa_and_steve@yahoo.com for the Men's Retreat.

ASSUMPTION MEN'S GROUP BAGS TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 3 | 11AM-4PM

Ready for some indoor winter fun? Join us for the Assumption Men's Group bags tournament! We'll provide boards and bags, along with hamburgers and hot dogs. Beer and soda will be available for purchase throughout the event.

The tournament will be held in Assumption's Parish Center. **The cost is \$60 per team. First, second, and third place prizes will be paid out: 1st Place: \$200, 2nd Place: \$120, 3rd Place: \$60.** Kids 12 and up are welcome to play as long as one child is paired with an adult 18 or older.

To register, please visit abvmmsgroup.org. You can register and pay online. Space is limited! Only 40 teams can be a part of this exciting event, so sign up today! All proceeds go to Assumption Athletic Association.



MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN WENTZVILLE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

Come out for a fun night of music trivia. Doors will open at 6pm, Trivia begins at 6:30pm. Cost is \$15/person with a team max of \$10/person. There will be a 50/50 raffle and games between rounds. You may bring your own drinks and snacks.

This event is sponsored by St. Joseph Parents Club and the proceeds will benefit St. Joseph School.

To register or for more information, contact Sarah at 314-960-0177.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



We've had a very successful relaunch of Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOTW) at 10am Sunday Mass. We are averaging 24 children attending every week. I trust you have enjoyed seeing them process out of church as they are eager to hear

the Word of the Lord. I hope that they come back to their pew energized and excited to share Jesus with you and others.

In efforts to continue to offer CLOTW, we need more volunteers. We are looking for adult volunteers to serve as Catechists, timekeepers, and general classroom support to help keep the children focused on the Word. You do not have to be related to the children, have children attending or even have children, in order to help. This is also a perfect opportunity for young adults to help and earn service hours towards their confirmation goals. Based on our current attendance rate our goal is to always have three volunteers in the room. If we get enough volunteers, you may only have to help once a month.

If you are already "Protecting God's Children" certified, you can start helping immediately. If you are not, that can easily be taken care of through training at your convenience.

Please give prayerful discernment in supporting this important children's ministry. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Maria Tadlock, Shmilyrt@charter.net or 636-734-2817.

IN CASED YOU MISSED IT!

The Epiphany skit featuring Assumption youth that was offered before Mass last weekend can be viewed on our Parish website! Go to assumptionbvm.org and click on Live Stream, and then Epiphany of the Lord.

A special thanks to the youth who directed and performed the short 15 minute skit, which featured a narrator, angels, Joseph, Mary, and the three Wise Men.



HAND-STITCHED QUILTS FOR SALE | 10% OFF VARIOUS SIZES THROUGH JANUARY

If you're looking for the perfect gift, look no further! The Assumption Quilters are selling beautiful handmade quilts! These one-of-a-kind coverlets are perfect for any occasion. Each quilt is hand-stitched with care by our very own Assumption Quilters. There are several styles and sizes to choose from, which include **10 Baby Quilts**, **5 Queen-size Quilts**, **1 Full Size Quilt**, **2 Bed Runners**.

All quilts, excluding baby quilts, are 10 percent off during the month of **January**. To view the quilts available and see the details about each quilt, visit assumptionbvm.org.

If you are interested in purchasing a quilt, please call Mary Pieper at 636-272-8292 and leave a message. Quilts can be purchased for cash or check only.



Bed Runner 34" x 84"



Queen-Size Quilt



Baby Quilt 38" x 48"



Queen-Size Quilt



Full-Size Quilt 79" x 82"

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Catholic Schools Week 2024

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week (January 28–February 3, 2024.) The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2024 is “**Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.**”

Assumption will again observe the celebration week on January 28 at 10am Mass, followed by an Open House until 12:30pm. Throughout the week, there will be other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Through these events, Assumption focuses on the value that Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. I offer the following 12 reasons to choose Catholic education.

Thanks for reading about Assumption.
Dr. Pat Hensley

a dozen reasons to choose Catholic Schools



2023-2024
Assumption
Theme



RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Happy New Year! Last weekend we returned from Christmas break and through the readings of Epiphany Sunday, we ponder where our star leads us.



In celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation that Jesus was born as the Son of God. Last week's gospel illustrates this revelation through the story of the three wise men who traveled to visit Jesus following his birth.

They embarked on a journey of faith, following the star of Bethlehem until they reached the manger where Jesus laid. They brought gifts that symbolized their revelation of his divinity: Gold, which associated Jesus as a king. Frankincense, which was often used in worship and symbolized the holiness of Jesus, and Myrrh, a perfume used for embalming, which symbolized that Christ would one day die for our sins. Mercy Home.

We are reminded of how our group also follows a star of new beginnings and where will their light shine. As we start a new calendar year, it is a time of rejuvenation for many of us. It's a chance for a new beginning; a chance to discover new things and make our own revelations. As the wise men did, you too can continue to follow your star throughout this year. The wise men had a revelation that the Son of God was coming, and they were not afraid to follow their hearts. **Do not be afraid to follow your heart when you hear God's call.**

FRIENDS OF BIRTHRIGHT DINK & DROP PICKLEBALL SCRAMBLE

TO BENEFIT BIRTHRIGHT COUNSELING, ST. LOUIS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2024
6:00pm - 9:00pm

MISSOURI PICKLEBALL CLUB
747 Gravois Bluffs, Fenton, MO 63026



Scan to Register or visit
<http://friendsofbirthrightstl.ticketspice.com/dink-drop-pickleball-scramble-2023>

\$50.00/Player
\$20.00/Non-player
\$15.00 Learn to Play Add On
REGISTRATION INCLUDES PICKLEBALL, FOOD & FUN!
SOCIAL REC & INTERMEDIATE LEVELS





ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

Happy New Year from Assumption Youth Ministry! We are looking forward to being fully back in action this week and discovering all that God has for us in 2024! Here's what's going on this week.

Sunday, January 14 | Life Teen Spring Kick-off: Bunco Bonanza

6:30–8:45 p.m. in the Parish Center

All teens are invited to join us for a great night of fun, community and prayer! It's time for our annual Bunco Bonanza game night to begin our Spring Semester. Expect fun, food, prizes and a chance to get to know your LT Community. We can't wait to see you there!

Wednesday, January 17 | EDGE—Fandom

6–7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

Edge will continue its first series of the semester, Iconic, looking at who Jesus is. Middle schoolers, expect fun, community, and powerful prayer.



Save the Dates:

March 8–9: Luke 18 Retreat

May 5: Main Street Live—Life Teen Talent Show

July 12–15: Steubenville Youth Conference

July 29–August 3: Life Teen at Camp Covecrest and (New This Year) EDGE at Camp Hidden Lake!

Connect with us on Social Media:

Instagram:

@assumption_life_teen // @assumption_edge

Facebook:

Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

QUESTIONS? Contact **Becky Whitaker**, Director of Youth Minister
636-240-3721 ext. 243 or beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org

Alejandro DeHerrera, Middle School Youth Minister
636-240-3721 ext. 333 or alejandroderrera@abvmtech.org

ASSUMPTION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CHESS AND BASKETBALL HAVE BEGUN | GOOD LUCK TO ALL THIS SEASON!

Is your child interested in playing any sports? Check out the current registrations at teamsideline.com/sites/cyosaintcharlesmo/current-programs

Golf Registration: 2024 St. Charles District Golf – Spring 2024

Baseball/Softball Registration: 2024 Assumption Baseball/Softball (PreK–Fourth Grade, Fifth Grade and older, need a full team to register)
Open until January 31

Other sports available within CYC (Assumption just doesn't have a team)
Tennis and Track & Field

For more information about the Athletic Association, please check out our website at: <https://sites.google.com/view/assumptioncyc/home> or follow us on Facebook (Assumption Athletic Association.)

If you're interested in joining the board (spots opening up in the spring), or have any questions, please email assumptioncyc@gmail.com.



OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	Dec. 24/25, 2023	YTD 7/1/23 - 12/25/23	<u>Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school</u>
Actual Collections	\$61,470	\$1,077,957	Original Loan \$3,306,127
Budget Target	<u>\$80,000</u>	<u>\$1,028,000</u>	Current balance owed \$719,886
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$(18,530)	\$49,957	Monthly payment \$20,923
			<i>Last expected payment, August 2026</i>



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/Our-Parish/Online-Giving
or scan the QR Code



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Hours: Monday–Thurs 8am–4pm
Friday 8am–3pm

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

636-240-4474

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

636-272-4758 (Helpline)

BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office
Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com
by Tuesday 9am

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: assumptionbvm.org
facebook.com: @assumptionparish
@assumption media

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religious instruction in the Catholic faith.
Call 636-240-1020 for information
or to register.

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.