

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

JANUARY 28, 2024

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



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His fame spread everywhere
throughout the whole
region of Galilee.
- Mk 1:28

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

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

403 N. Main St.
O'Fallon, MO 63366
assumptionbvm.org

Assumption Staff
636-240-3721 Ext:

Pastor
242 Rev. Nick Kastenholz
nicholaskastenholz@archstl.org

Senior Associate Pastor
226 Msgr. Dennis Stehly
dennisstehly@archstl.org

In Residence
Rev. Patrick Russell

Deacons
Deacon Fred Volansky
Deacon Richard Tadlock
deaconrichard@charter.net
Deacon Bob Hennekes

Parish Manager
225 Mark Vogt
business@abvmtech.org

Parish Secretary
221 Debbie Orf
debbieorf@abvmtech.org

Bulletin Announcements:
bulletin.assumption@gmail.com
(by Tuesdays at 9am)

Bookkeeper
234 Mary Knapp
accounting@abvmtech.org

Director of Religious Education and PSR Director
328 Holly Woytus; 636.240.1020
hwoytus@abvmtech.org

Baptism/Wedding Coordinator; Records and Scheduling
235 Angie Gloriod
agloriod@abvmtech.org

Director of Youth Ministry
243 Becky Whitaker
beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org

Middle School Youth Minister
333 Alejandro DeHerrera
alejandrodereherra@abvmtech.org

Director of Music Ministry
326 Parker Bishop
music@abvmtech.org

Director of Communication
239 Nancy Gomer
ngomer@abvmtech.org

Parish Day School/Preschool Principal: Dr. Patricia Hensley
636-240-4474

Child Safety Coordinator
Lynn Crews 314-578-0741
lynncrews@abvmtech.org

Sunday Preschool
Denise Hoehne 314-954-3192

Parish Council
Abvparishcouncil3721@gmail.com

School Board
abvmschoolboard@gmail.com

Hello,

We have a couple of things coming up in the next few weeks I wanted to talk about today:

- ♦ The Search (video series)
- ♦ Anointing of the Sick at Sunday Mass



The Search (video series)

I have been mentioning the video series of “the Search” a few times over the last month and I just wanted to mention it once more before we start it in a week. This video series can be watched on your own, as a family, with a small group, or up here at the parish with some others. Ideally it isn’t just watching the video, but watching with others allows us to talk about the questions raised, giving some of our answers, and sharing more questions. It would be great if we could invite people who have no faith to come and watch it, but for the rest of us, it can help with realizing the questions some have, and taking the time to consider how we can answer them. Also, after we have talked together, send a link to someone to watch the video, to plant a seed to open the conversation.

We will have a variety of times you could view it here at the parish in the Meyer Rm off of the Parish Hall in the seven weeks starting February 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. If someone has a time they would like to meet, to contact the office to reserve a room and invite others to come.

Anointing of the Sick at Sunday Mass, February 11

On February 11, we will be celebrating the Anointing of the Sick at each of our Sunday Masses. We chose this Sunday as it is the World Day for the Sick and also the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. At each of the Masses, after the homily, the sacrament will be celebrated with those needing to receive the sacrament asked to come forward or to let the ushers know so we can come to them in their seats.

A good question to ask is, who should receive the sacrament? The General Introduction of the Pastoral Care of the Sick (PCS) sets forth the norm that the anointing of the sick is intended for “those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age.” (PCS 8). A person who is facing surgery may be anointed if the reason for the surgery is a serious illness (PCS 10). In addition, the elderly may be anointed “if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present.” (PCS 11)

So how do we interpret “seriously?” The instructions note that the word “seriously” was specifically used instead of the words “gravely,” “dangerously” or “perilously.” But it is also noted prudent or reasonably sure judgment is what is needed to decide the seriousness of an illness. Again, only those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age should receive the sacrament. At times others consider receiving the sacrament out of solidarity with the sick, but this only weakens the meaning of the sacrament. We show our solidarity in celebrating the sacrament within the Mass where the Eucharist unites us with Christ and one another.

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



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.

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Karl Schalk,
daughter of Rita Schalk

Adam Skotniski,
grandson of Ed and Pat Whitehead

Joyce Ohlms,
of our parish family

Raymond Waligurski,
husband of Diane Waligurski



50+ NEWS AND EVENTS

We hope you can join us at our February events!



Thursday, February 1 | 7:15pm

We will get tickets for the production of "The Play That Goes Wrong," performed in the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre. Suggested donation is \$5.

Tickets will be available after the 8am, 10am and 12pm Mass this Sunday, January 28 and prior to performance (we will be there at 6:45 for 7:15 show). See Bob or Liz Allmeyer after mass or prior to performance.

Thursday, February 8 | dinner provided at 5:30pm with show at 7pm.

We have been invited to Fort Zumwalt North's production of "Fools," a Neil Simon comedy play. We have reserved several tables. All members are welcome. No tickets needed.

If a ride is needed to these events, we will coordinate with members who are willing to drive. Contact Bob or Liz Allmeyer, 636-240-8638 with any questions.

DONUT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4



Join us in the Assumption Parish Center for donuts, milk, juice, coffee, bagels, and a huge dose of fellowship, Sunday, February 4! And if you are new to the parish, don't forget to visit our hospitality table and [register at Assumption](#) or pick up an Assumption Welcome Packet. We are so excited you are here!

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.

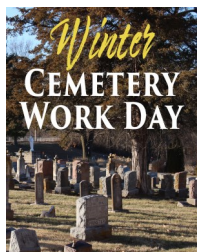


Our first session will begin at 7pm on **Thursday, February 1** in the Meyer Room. Together we will share a Journey of Hope after the loss of a loved one. Remember that Grief Shared is Grief Diminished.

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 this **Tuesday, January 30.**

CEMETERY WORK DAY FEBRUARY 2 | 9 AM

Weather permitting, the Assumption Cemetery Committee is hopeful to have a regularly scheduled Cemetery Work Day on Saturday, February 2 at 9am. Please don't forget to remove Christmas and weathered items prior to this date. Valentine's Day or any new items on gravesites will be left untouched. If the weather is too cold or the ground is frozen, the Cemetery Committee will reschedule and keep you posted on the new date.



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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 FISH FRY FEBRUARY 2 | 5-7PM

The Knights of Columbus will be holding our next fish fry on February 2 at the Knights of Columbus Hall (202 W. Third St.) We will then hold our fish fry **every Friday during Lent**. Dine in and carry out available.

Menu: Fried cod and catfish, fried chicken fingers plus various sides and desserts. Tea, coffee free; Full cash bar available: beer, wine, and mixed drinks.

ASSUMPTION MEN'S GROUP BAGS TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 3 | 11AM-4PM

Calling all bags throwers ages 12 and up! Join the Assumption Men's Group for a double elimination tournament with each team playing a minimum of two games inside the Parish Hall. The fun begins at 11am and cash prizes awarded to top three teams! All proceeds benefit the [Assumption Athletic Association](#).



The cost to compete is \$60 per team with each team having at least one player over the age of 18. Space is limited to 40, two-person teams. Burgers and hotdogs are included in the price of admission. Beer, water and soda will be available for purchase.

Interested participants should register online at bit.ly/AssumptionBagsTourney24 before Jan. 29.

ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH

Our spring "That Man is YOU!" (TMIY) series starts on Saturday morning, February 3 in the lower level of the Knights of Columbus Hall (202 W. Third St) **We are starting a little earlier, so that we can show "The Search" videos after TMIY.**

New start times: Breakfast: 7am; Video Start: 7:15am; Discussion: 7:45am; TMIY over: 8:15am

"The Search" video starts at 8:15am and ALL of the Parish are welcome to attend.



Mass Times and Intentions

Reconciliation

SUNDAY 1.28.24

8:00am Marlene Pieper
10:00am Ron Hanebrink
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm Priests Intention

By Appointment

MONDAY 1.29.24

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

7:30-7:50am Church
or by appointment

TUESDAY 1.30.24

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

7:30-7:50am Church
or by appointment

WEDNESDAY 1.31.24

6:30am Priests Intention
8:00am Norbert and John Rothermich

7:30-7:50am Church
or by appointment

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 MOUSE RACES FEBRUARY 17 | 7PM

Join us for our third annual mouse races at the Knights of Columbus Hall (202 W. Third St.) Doors open at 6pm, races start at 7pm. Individual tickets are \$25, Table of eight is \$180. Admission includes unlimited Draft Bud Light, soda, and water.



Visit kofc-home-association.square.site to purchase your tickets or purchase at the weekly Queen of Hearts on Tuesdays.

RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Why are the RCIA participants dismissed in the middle of the Mass? Adults preparing to be baptized and those preparing for initiation through Confirmation are dismissed at the end of the Liturgy of the Word simply to continue with not only discussing what they have just experienced in the readings but to offer them information on the formal teachings of the Catholic Church. This weekend we attend the entire Mass in order to understand the Liturgy of the Eucharist and what we believe as a presentation of the Apostles Creed is given. The past few weeks we have studied our seven sacraments. Since the RCIA sessions happen at the 8am Mass it's difficult for the parishioners' of other Masses to experience the happenings in this awesome ministry within our Church. The sending forth blessings they receive reminds us of Jesus sending out his disciples. We invite you to attend at least one of the 8am Masses in order to experience what is happening. Other opportunities will be made available to all in the coming weeks as we enter Lent. Please continue to pray for our sponsors and team members as we help those seeking entrance into our Catholic community at Easter.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

SAVE THE DATE ASSUMPTION 11th ANNUAL GALA SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Mark the calendar! Our parish is celebrating the Assumption Black and Gold Gala, Saturday, April 20, in the Parish Hall. This extraordinary evening serves as a vital fundraiser for Assumption. It is a night to celebrate our parish and come together for dinner, live/silent auctions, raffles and dancing.

We know from experience that a successful gala is not possible without the remarkable support and backing from YOU! We are asking families to consider supporting the largest fundraiser of the year in at least one of following ways:



1. Volunteer to be part of the Gala Planning Committee.
2. Donate an item or service (Donation deadline is Friday, March 31, 2024).
3. Become a sponsor.
4. Provide financial support through a monetary donation.
5. Purchase an ad in our Gala program (Ad deadline is March 31, 2024).
6. Join us for this year's Gala on Saturday, April 20, 2024. (Tickets available in March)
7. Purchase a golf cart raffle ticket! (\$25 each or 5 tickets for \$100)



For more information about donations, advertising, sponsorship opportunities and the golf cart raffle, click the QR Code or contact Gala Chairs, Amy Rinearson at 314-412-5364, auction@abvmtech.org, or Mindy Saxbury, 314-591-8329. Thank you!

THURSDAY 2.1.24

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

7:30-7:50am Church
or by appointment

FRIDAY 2.2.24

6:30am Mary Elizabeth Butterhorn
8:00am Vocation to the Priesthood
and Religious Life

7:30-7:50am Church
or by appointment

SATURDAY 2.3.24

8:00am Priests Intention
5:00pm Bill Grumich

4:00-4:45pm Church
or by appointment

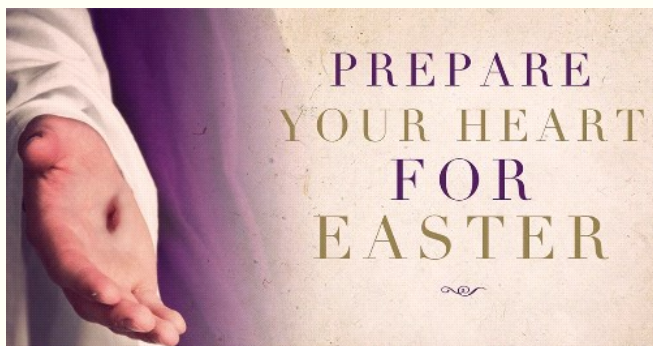
SUNDAY 2.4.24

8:00am Priests Intention
10:00am Floyd Cotton
12:00pm Ed Echelmeyer
5:30pm People of the Parish

By Appointment

PREPARING FOR EASTER

FEBRUARY 14 – MARCH 31



Grow closer to Christ this Lenten Season! Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 (Valentine's Day), and leads us to the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, to culminate in our Easter celebration. During the 40-day preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection on **Easter Sunday, March 31**, Catholics around the globe will seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture, serve by giving alms and practice self-control through fasting for the eternal good God offers us.

Join Assumption for 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lenten Season.

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 14

Mass in the Church at 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m., and 7 p.m.

Prayer Service with Assumption students in the Church at 12:05 p.m.

Friday Afternoon Stations of the Cross:

Feb. 23, and March 8 & 15 at 2:40 p.m. in the Church

Assumption students guide the congregation through the 14 stations through the eyes of a different person each time.

All Stations occur in the Church except for the "Stations of the Shadows" on March 15 in the Chapel.

Friday Evening Stations of the Cross:

Feb. 16 & 23, March 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel

Also known as the Way of the Cross, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections.

Friday Fish Fry:

Feb. 16 – March 29 from 5-7 p.m.

The O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Council #2269, located across the street from Assumption School, will be cooking up some of the best cod and catfish around. Carryout or dine-in available! \$15 dinner with 3 sides. \$14 dine-in Senior Rate. Kid's meal \$5.

Sunday Lenten Special Rosary Prayed:

Feb. 18 & 25 and March 3, 10, & 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Calling all grandparents, parents and friends! Join us in the Chapel every Sunday during Lent to pray a special Rosary for families who are hurting and in need and our youth. Let us turn to our Blessed Mother to intercede for us with Jesus before the throne of our Father. You are invited to place your prayer intentions at the altar.

Tuesday Eucharistic Exposition:

Feb. 20 & 27 and March 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. in the Chapel

Pray in the Chapel during Eucharistic Exposition when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance that is placed upon the altar. Eucharistic Adoration is available 24/7 in the Chapel by using the Church code to open the door at the north transit entrance.

Tuesday Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions:

Feb. 20 & 27 and March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 5 p.m. in the Chapel

Observe this perpetual novena on Tuesdays during Lent as we gather together in the Chapel to honor our Mother and our Perpetual Help. We recall how she helped others. Her whole life was a lesson in love.

PREPARING FOR EASTER (cont'd)

Tuesday Evening Mass:

Feb. 20 – March 26 at 6 p.m. in the Chapel

Come pray with us every Tuesday during Lent in the Chapel.

Reconciliation Weekend:

Friday, March 15 from 6-9 p.m. in the Church, and

Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Confessors available to celebrate the sacrament as we draw closer to the end of our Lenten journey.

Passion Play:

March 22, Friday, at 11 a.m. in the Church

Assumption seventh-grade students perform the Passion Play according to the Gospel of John in the Church.

Easter Egg Hunt:

March 24, Palm Sunday after all Masses

The Seventh Annual Assumption Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Men's Group is back for another Lenten Season! Children ages 12 and under grab your Easter Basket and head to the soccer fields to help the Easter Bunny search for the hidden eggs on Palm Sunday, March 24! The hunts are free and will start 10-15 minutes after each Mass. Find a golden egg and win a special prize! One per family, please. While you're there, get your family picture taken with the Easter Bunny. There will be donuts available at the 8 a.m. hunt, and grilled hot dogs, soda, and water will be for sale after the 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. hunts. Donations are welcome. All proceeds will help support and fund the annual Assumption Easter Egg Hunt.

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

March 28, Holy Thursday, at 7 p.m. in Church

Come celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Christ's example of humility and charity as we witness the washing of the feet. Eucharistic Adoration in our Chapel follows the service until midnight.

Life Teen Walk the Way Stations of the Cross:

March 29, Good Friday, at 3 p.m. in the Church

Experience the Stations of the Cross from the perspective of Jesus through this experiential prayer service put on by our Life Teen Ministry. Sit in the Church and observe or be blindfolded while going through the motions.

Good Friday Service:

March 29 at 7 p.m. in Church

Remember with us the sacrifice Jesus made as we have the reading of the Passion and the veneration of the cross at this Communion service.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:

March 30 at 8 p.m. in Church

On this holy night, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the resurrection of Christ in the sacraments and awaiting his return in glory. This evening we renew our baptismal promises and celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with those who have been preparing as we witness their Baptisms, entry into the Church, Confirmations and their First Communions.

Sunday Easter Mass:

March 31 at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon in the Church, and 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel

The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Why Choose a Catholic School?

Among some of the reasons why parents choose a Catholic school for their children is “strong moral values.” This statement backs a report by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University.

Although children who go to Catholic schools have a very high success rate, another study by the University of Pennsylvania reveals “success is not always the number-one priority for most parents. We’re much more concerned about our children becoming kind, compassionate, and helpful.” These are just a couple of reasons to choose Catholic schools, but there is more to Catholic education than remarkable character-building.

Catholic schools prepare students to be faithful disciples of Christ. Catholic education addresses the development of the whole person – spirit, mind, and body – through spiritual and academic formation based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Unique to Catholic schools are these principles:

- ♦ Catholic schools operate as communities rather than bureaucracies
- ♦ Catholic schools are committed to academic excellence
- ♦ Catholic schools incorporate spirituality into every aspect of the curriculum
- ♦ Catholic schools teach that service to others is a basic tenet of the Catholic faith
- ♦ Catholic schools are diverse and inclusive
- ♦ Catholic school teachers and leaders say they believe the ministry of Catholic education is their calling

According to the U.S. Department of Education, Catholic school students consistently score higher on advanced assessment tests than public and other private and religious schools. For the past two decades, Catholic school eighth-graders have outscored their public school counterparts in mathematics by 13 points and in reading by a full 20 points. Notably, on a national level, high school graduation rates are 99 percent for Catholic school students compared to 82 percent for public school seniors. Catholic schools work!

In addition to the measured academic successes of Catholic schools, we know they also help build a better society and communities:

- ♦ Catholic school students are more likely to pray daily, attend church more often, retain a Catholic identity as an adult, and donate more to the Church.
- ♦ Students who attend Catholic high schools are approximately twice as likely as students who attend public high schools to graduate from college.
- ♦ Nearly 62 percent of Catholic high school students earn a bachelor’s degree or higher by the time they are eight years out of high school. By contrast, only 31 percent of public school students go on to earn a bachelor’s degree or higher in the same time frame.
- ♦ The achievement gap between students of different racial or socioeconomic backgrounds is significantly smaller in Catholic schools than in public schools.
- ♦ A child who is African American or Latino is 42 percent more likely to graduate from high school and 2.5 times more likely to graduate from college if he or she attends Catholic school.
- ♦ The more “at-risk” a child is, the higher the relative achievement gains he or she experiences in a Catholic school.
- ♦ Catholic school graduates enjoy higher earning potential than public school graduates.
- ♦ Catholic school graduates are more civically engaged, more likely to vote, more tolerant of diverse views and more committed to service as adults, and less likely to be incarcerated than their public school peers.

Tuition assistance, philanthropic partnerships, private scholarships, and the advancement of school choice give more parents the option to choose Catholic schools today. *(taken from NCEA parent newsletter)*

Thanks for reading about Assumption.
Dr. Pat Hensley





HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

We are so excited to announce that Luke 18 preparations are fully underway! Eighth graders can register on our website and the teens are hard at work, preparing to give testimonies, lead discussions, and pray. Please pray for us as we prepare for this incredible retreat! Here's what's going on this week.

Sunday, January 28 | Life Teen: Identity

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! We will continue our preparations for the Luke 18 Retreat. Expect fun, food, and an opportunity to reflect on how God invites us to relationship with Himself. We can't wait to see you there!

Wednesday, January 31 | EDGE: Humble Beginnings

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.

Friday, February 9 | FREDGE at Climb So Ill

All seventh and eighth graders are invited to join us for FREDGE (Friday Night EDGE), a fun, social outing with your EDGE Community! This semester, we are headed to Climb So Ill, an epic rock climbing gym! It's \$20 per person, which covers two hours of climbing and all equipment, as well as pizza and soda. We can't wait to see you there!



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,
ext. 333 or alejandroherrera@abvmtech.org

12 NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

Is God calling you to serve as a member of the Assumption Parish Council? If so, please consider nominating yourself or someone else by filling out the nomination form below and return it to the Parish Office or the church collection basket, or you can email Father Nick Kastenholtz at nicholaskastenholtz@archstl.org. We need nominations for parishioners to serve on our Parish Council over the next three years. The Parish Council is comprised of 12 people who serve three-year terms each, requiring four new people each year. The Parish Council assists the pastor in fostering pastoral activity; they provide communications with the parish commissions and other committees as well as providing consultative advice at monthly parish council meetings.

Once we have received our nominations, the nominees will be contacted and we will have an evening where the nominees can find out more specifically about what is involved as a Parish Council member to help them discern if this is appropriate for them. New council members will be drawn from those accepting their nomination at Mass. If you have any additional questions, please contact Fr. Nick or any of our current Parish Council members.

(Cut here and return bottom portion)

Parish Council Nominee

I am nominating _____ for Assumption Parish Council.

Their contact information is: Phone: _____

Email: _____

My name is (if not nominating yourself) _____

My contact information is: Phone: _____

Email: _____

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	Jan. 7, 2024	YTD 7/1/23 - 1/7/24	Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school
Actual Collections	\$30,210	\$1,170,304	Original Loan \$3,306,127
Budget Target	<u>\$36,000</u>	<u>\$1,119,000</u>	Current balance owed \$719,886
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$(5,790)	\$51,304	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



SCAN ME

OFFICE INFORMATION

ADDRESS/PHONE/HOURS

403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366
636-240-3721 Parish Office
Hours: Monday–Thurs 8am–4pm
Friday 8am–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.