

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME
TO ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE
PROPHETS; I HAVE NOT COME TO
ABOLISH THEM BUT TO FULFILL
THEM.

Matthew 5:17



**February 12
2023**

Sacraments and Parish Information



BAPTISM

Scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

(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.



CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 8th grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020 for more information.



CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should 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, xt 235.



RITE of CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30 - 7:50am Church
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45pm Church
Or by appointment



FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2nd grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721

Welcome

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Hello,

The Archdiocesan *All Things New* (ATN) initiative has just released a second draft model of parish groupings, or pastorates, for the entire archdiocese. For Assumption Parish the model is the same that it had in the previous models, St. Barnabas and Assumption Parishes would become one pastorate. It also has a new Hispanic personal parish located at St. Barnabas facilities. When looking at all of the models it needs to be realized that just because parishes are grouped together does not mean that they will all merge into one parish, but rather that they will become one pastorate.

So what is a pastorate? A pastorate is a community that is under the pastoral care of one pastor and pastoral team. In some cases, an individual parish may remain as its own pastorate. In other cases, it may be that two or more parishes remain financially independent of each other but will become a new pastorate sharing one pastor and pastoral team. Finally, in some cases it may be that parishes merge their resources together and become a pastorate as a single parish under one pastor and pastoral team. Only after it has been discerned which communities ought to come together as a new pastorate (what the draft shows) can the case-by-case examination begin of which structure is most prudent for each existing parish. No matter the chosen structure, some worship sites may no longer be used in the future.

We are asking you to provide any feedback you may have on the second draft models to me or one of our ATN Key Parish Leaders (Matt Fischer, Mike Lennon, Danielle Lifritz, Lisa Prize and Tom Reichert,) by Wednesday, February 15.

Peace,

Fr. Nick



ALL THINGS NEW

STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

All Things New Update – Second Draft Models

From the very beginning of *All Things New* we have been asking the question “Which communities does it make most sense to have come together in light of demographic shifts, evangelization and social outreach efforts, resources, and priest availability?” You shared your feedback on what our parishes, ministries, and institutions need to look like to effectively share the faith in a way that is suitable and sustainable for our children, grandchildren, and generations to come.

Using the parish feedback summaries, parish workbooks and financial data of every parish in the Archdiocese, the *All Things New* planning committee has refined the first draft models to a second set of draft models, which offer one draft model per planning area.

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“...living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and joined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love.”

→ **CONTINUED**

- The second draft models for all 15 planning areas are now available for review on allthingsnew.archstl.org.
- Because of your feedback, of the 42 first draft models initially presented to priests, deacons, religious, parish life coordinators, key archdiocesan advisory bodies, and the lay faithful for consideration, none were adopted in the second draft models.
- The models show the Archdiocese being reshaped from 178 individual parish pastorates into 88 pastorates in order to best serve the lay faithful. A pastorate is a community that is under the pastoral care of one pastor and pastoral team.
- Please provide any feedback you have about the second draft models to your pastor or key parish leaders by Wednesday, February 15.
- This will be the last set of draft models and the final portion of feedback gathered in order to enable Archbishop Rozanski to make a well-informed, discerned decision for the spiritual well-being of the Archdiocese, looking at the feedback of the people and the needs of the Archdiocese. This decision will be announced on May 28, 2023 by Archbishop Rozanski.

For additional information and to see the second draft models please go to the *All Things New* website (allthingsnew.archstl.org) or scan the QR code.



WE NEED YOU!

THE ASSUMPTION DECORATING COMMITTEE IS LOOKING for a couple of people who would like to learn more about what we do and maybe, in a year or two, WITH our guidance and help.... would be able to continue making our celebrations beautiful. If interested, please call Rosemary Pieper at 636-240-8262.



March 11/12

ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH!

Make the new year count and experience one of the most spiritual journeys of your life at the upcoming Christ Renews His Parish (CHRP) Retreat, Saturday and Sunday, March 11 – 12.

This two-day walk with Christ allows you and other fellow parishioners to energize your faith by strengthening your connection with Him. The CHRP 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 CHRP Retreat today! Contact Mike Vohsen at 314-951-4733 or email mike.vohsen@gmail.com for more information.



“For thus says the Lord: When you call Me, and come and pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me...”

Jeremiah 29:10-13



Assumption Adoration Chapel

Adoration at Assumption is available 24/7 in the old church by using the code at the North transit entrance. (please call the parish office for the code, 636-240-3721)

EXPOSITION is on Tuesday and begins after the 8:00am Mass. We are always in need of Adorers. Sign up at: assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com

Desert Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood

Desert Day: “I really need a day of prayer and quiet!” Desert Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are just that. The desert has always been a symbol for a meeting place with God. Come to the quiet and beauty of **St. Joseph Chapel at 204 North Main, O’Fallon, on February 16th from 9:15am - 3:15pm** and let God speak to your heart. The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. The opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is also available. Lunch is provided and we ask a free will offering. For more information or to register contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636-293-8013 or by email at mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org.

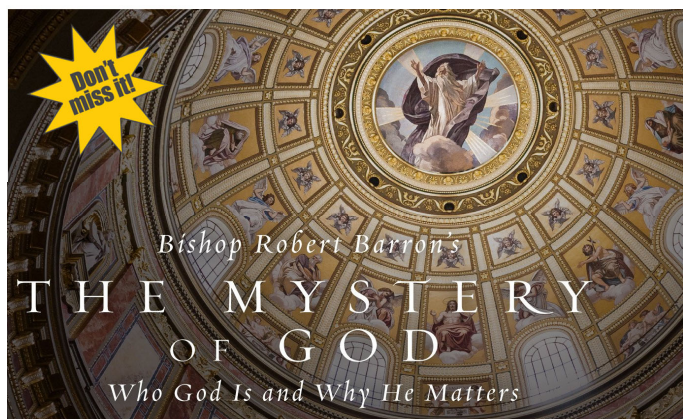


Jim and Carolyn teach the RCIA session about the Trinity.



We are in the final weeks of the Period of the Catechumenate. This period is marked by rites such as the dismissal rite, blessings, and anointing of catechumens. This is a time of formation, education, and learning based on Sacred Scripture. Catechumens learn about Catholic teachings and values, what it means to be a member of the Catholic community, prayer and worship. This is also a time for the catechumen or candidate to learn how to live as a Catholic Christian through their faith journey and the support of their parish community. Each individual learns what it means to be a Catholic and what changes they may need to make in their lives. This weekend, our topic is Catholic Social Teaching. How do we treat others? What does the Church believe? How do we love neighbor as ourselves? The Pope speaks.... The Catechumens and Candidates along with their sponsor and our team work together to discern their readiness for the next and final stage – The Period of Purification and Enlightenment. Jesus calls us to holiness. It is a holiness that must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees. Our holiness should not focus only on external fulfillment of the law, but must be the result of an internal transformation of our hearts. The entrance into the catechumenate was their first public commitment to this way of life. Now, as Lent draws near, it is the time to renew their commitment to the process of change and growth. Continue to pray for our group.

	MONDAY 2.13.23	TUESDAY 2.14.23	WEDNESDAY 2.15.23
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am William & Viola Vogt	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am MaryAnn Owens	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Frank Peirick
Reconciliation	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment



**This Lent come join us for
Bishop Barron's study series,
THE MYSTERY OF GOD!**

During these 7 weeks, we will examine *Who God Is* and *Why He Matters*. We will examine and discuss items such as: *Atheism* and *What We mean by God*, *The Paths to God*, *Providence* and the *Problem of Evil*.



PRAYER:
A heart to
heart with
God "Our
strength
comes
from the
Eucharist"

P
rayer

Evening Sessions will be on Mondays, Feb. 20 - April 3, 7-8:30pm in Rooms D/E (Bob and Liz Allmeyer).

Morning Sessions will be on Tuesdays, Feb. 21 - April 4, Rooms D/E (Marlene Wood).

The cost is \$20 which covers the price of your book. There are limited books so please register to reserve your copy. Call Bob or Liz Allmeyer 636 240-8638 or Marlene Wood 636 359-4699.



FEBRUARY 24th

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY!

5:00-7:00pm ~ Dine In and Take Out

\$15 - Fish dinner, includes 3 sides
 \$14 - Fish Dinner, Dine in Senior rate
 \$10 - Sandwich plate, includes 1 side
 Children, 13 and under \$5

202 W. 3rd Street, O'Fallon



THANK you!

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary thanks you for your generosity this past Christmas. Our seminarians are grateful for the prayers and support of your parish.

There is still time to donate! Please visit kenrick.edu/GodsPeople.

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY ~ Every Tuesday in Chapel!

Begins at 6:15pm followed by Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction.

THURSDAY 2.16.23	FRIDAY 2.17.23	SATURDAY 2.18.23	SUNDAY 2.19.23
6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Carmela Bamert	6:30am Kristi Nickles & Family, Spec. Int. 8:00am Norbert & John Rothermich	8:00am Francisco Montagner Neto 5:00pm Keith Stough	8:00am Roland Amrhein 10:00am Ed Kullman 12:00pm Shirley Mackey
7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	5:30pm People of the Parish By Appointment



From the Principal's Pen



Youth Formation

FORMATION
Continuous
conversion
of mind and
heart
"Following
Jesus is the
work of a
lifetime"

Assumption Spelling Bee, 2023

We started semester 2 with our Gr. 1-8 classroom Spelling Bees. The classroom winners were: Sebastien Felix, Emily Smith, Levi Korte, Emma Sicking, Cooper Gonzalez, Liam Underwood, David Smith, Meg McCulloch, Easton Miller, Sam Illy, Sam Molitor, Grant Giesmann, and Audrey Meyer. These individuals then competed in our school wide "Bee", which was January 30, in church. All classroom winners were seated in front of the sanctuary with the host reading each word, giving a definition, and then stating the word a second time. Once this was completed, the student was required to spell the word. The three (3) judges determined if the word had been spelled correctly, thus allowing the student to remain in the competition.



1st Place - David Smith
2nd Place - Sam Illy
3rd Place - Grant Giesmann



Assumption's SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL ~ April 13-16!

Auditions will be on Monday, February 27th from 6 - 9pm in the Parish Center. The cast will consist of students in grades 7-12 for the main cast and students, grades 4 - 6 for the Junior Chorus. If call backs are needed, they will be Tuesday, the 28th. If not, that will be the first rehearsal. Show dates are April 13-16. Interested in auditioning? Please contact Patti Stoltman, or singmamma3@gmail.com

SAY  TO

JULIA REESOR

POSITION: PART-TIME NURSE
FAVORITE FOODS: ITALIAN CUISINE & CHEESECAKE
FAVORITE VACATION: THE BEACH AT MAUI

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MOPS Spring Service Project: Alleluia Baskets

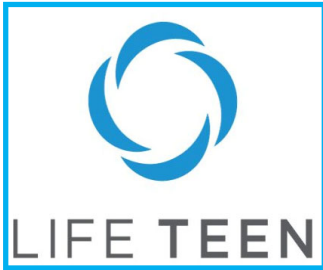
Led by Karen Mesler, what started out as an eighth grade classroom service project in 2004, has bloomed into a ministry that has given out almost 44,000 Easter baskets to area children and seniors in need. Find out more about Alleluia Baskets at alleluiabaskets.org.



We will be collecting items during the month of February. Baskets are given to children all the way from **infant to teenager** and some baskets are given to seniors in need. Below are some suggested items for donation if you feel led to give. Please drop your items in the container in the Pre-function Area of the Parish Center.

Easter basket	Blanket/soft toy	New socks
Book	Indoor activity/toy	Art project
Plastic eggs	Outdoor activity/toy	Snack item
Pencils/pens	Journal	Stickers
Highlighters	Sippy cup	Flashlight
Bath pouf	Candy	Nail polish
Puzzle	Puzzle book	Bubbles

Thanks for reading about Assumption!
Pat Hensley



Hello from Assumption Youth Ministry!

We have seen the Holy Spirit move in such beautiful ways in our teens and middle school youth so far this semester.

Preparations are well under way for our Luke 18 Confirmation Retreat coming up in early March – our teens are hard at work preparing to serve our 8th graders and help them grow closer to the Lord. Please pray for our teens and everyone involved with putting on this incredible weekend!

Our Summer Retreat Dates are now locked in and registration is open! Summer Retreat spots are first come, first serve. To reserve your spot, please turn in the release form with a \$50 nonrefundable deposit by March 26th.

Sunday, February 12 ~ No Life Teen: Super Bowl Sunday

Wednesday, February 15

EDGE: Authenticity – An Issue Night on Truth in Communication

6:15 – 7:30pm in Parish Center

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us as we continue our semester on Morality! We will be taking a look during this night at the 7th Commandment and how we are called to authenticity in our lives. Middle schoolers, expect fun, faith and fellowship.



Youth Formation



2023 Save the Dates:

March 3-5: Luke 18 Retreat

June 26-30: Life Teen Leadership Conference

July 7-10: Steubenville Youth Conference

July 23-29: Life Teen Camp Covecrest

Connect with us on Social Media:

Instagram:

@assumption_life_teen // @assumption_edge

Facebook:

Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

QUESTION? Contact **Becky Whitaker**, Dir of Youth Ministry

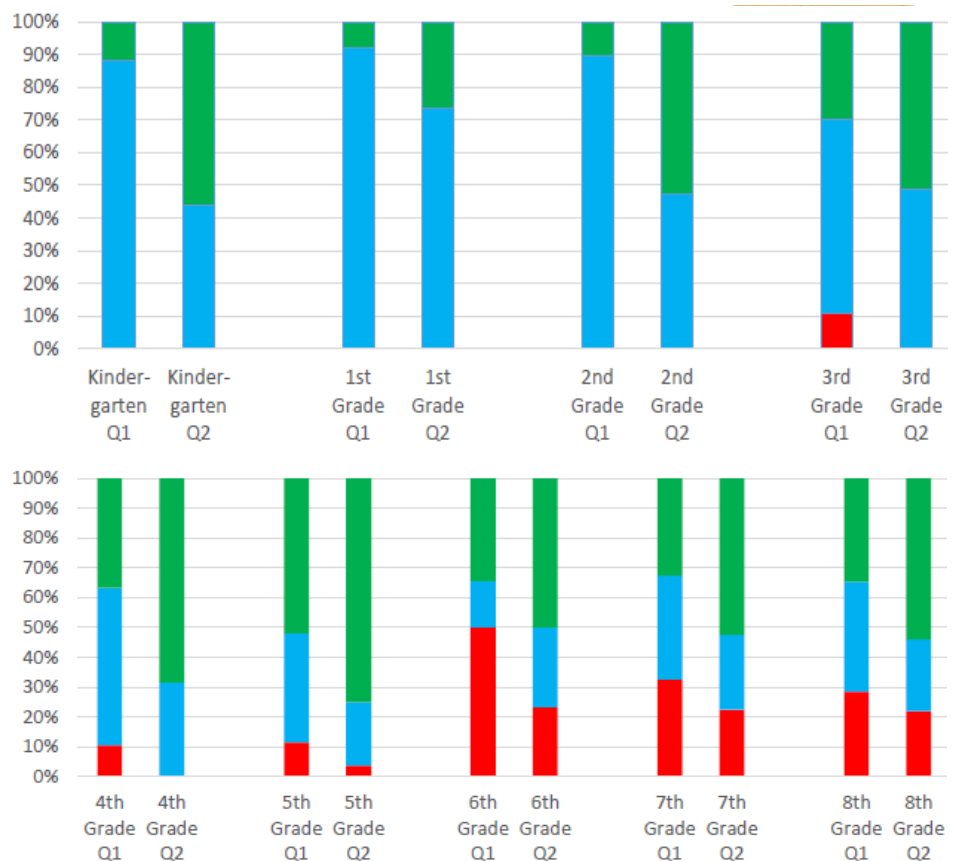
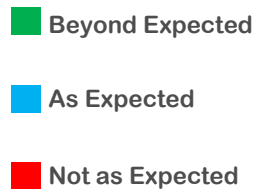
636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com

MORE NEWS ABOUT OUR SCHOOL.....READING Comparison from Quarter 1 and Quarter 2:

The graph below represents student scores in reading by grade level. In order to read the results, you first select a grade level, then see that there are 2 bars for that grade. **The first bar represents Quarter 1 of this year.**

Looking at the first bar, check the percentage of GREEN (which are students that are **BEYOND** the knowledge expected in reading for that grade), then BLUE (which represents the students that are **AT** where they are expected to be), or RED (which represents students that are **NOT** where they are expected to be).

NOW... Compare the 1st bar to the 2nd bar (showing Quarter 2): Are there more students in GREEN? If so, then, students moved up from the BLUE into the GREEN. Where is the BLUE? If this shows less, remember that students moved up into GREEN and probably some RED moved into BLUE. Where is RED? If the RED is less in Quarter 2, then some students improved and moved into BLUE. In reviewing all grade levels, our students are growing steadily and are moving into the GREEN (knowing beyond what is expected at that grade level) and also improving by moving to other higher level groups. For those who are having difficulty (in the RED), we continue to provide 1-1 and small group sessions with our Learning Consultants. **Being in the RED group doesn't mean these students aren't capable – it means they learn differently and once shown other methods of learning and understanding, learn what is needed.**

**Reading Improvement
by Grade****Quarter 1 through
Quarter 2****% of total students****Our Gifts to God and Parish****Weekly Offertory****January 29, 2023****YTD 7/1/2029 - 1/2023**

Actual Collections	\$ 36,451	\$ 1,184,307
Budget Target	\$ 34,500	\$ 1,196,000
Surplus / (Shortfall)	<u>1,951</u>	<u>(11,693)</u>

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

Original Loan	\$ 3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$ 988,349
Monthly payment	\$ 20,923

Last expected payment, August 2026

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

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

TITHING

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



HOSPITALITY:

Christian kindness
"We are ALL hospitality ministers"

Hospitality

AUDITIONS!

Miss Patti's Musical Theatre Company

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL

WHEN: Monday, February 27th. 6-9PM

WHERE: Assumption Church Parish Center

WHO: Students in Grades 7th-12th for Main Cast
Students in Grades 4th-6th for Jr Chorus

SHOW DATES: April 13th-16th

If call backs are needed, they will be Tuesday, the 28th. If not, that will be our first rehearsal.

Interested?
Please contact
Patti Stoltman at
singmamma3@gmail.com
for more information
or to register!

SAVE THE DATE

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BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is April 22, at the Barnes and Noble Store at 320 Mid Rivers Center Drive, St. Peters, Mo.

2023 Fall Festival News: It's not too early to start thinking about the annual Assumption Fall Festival planned for Saturday, Sept. 30th and Sunday, Oct. 1st.

Please keep us in mind when doing your spring cleaning... we are always looking for NEW seasonal decorations and household items, and NEW home goods and décor for our County Store.

For more info, call Lisa Serino at 314-479-1097.



Ready to be an official member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish?

~~We~~ can't wait to welcome you!

There are several ways to register! You can call the parish office, 636-240-3721 or Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741 and register over the phone; or we have a link on our web page. Simply click on the link and download the registration form and either email the form to peggy.assumption@yahoo.com, or print it off and mail it to the parish office, or drop it in the parish office drop box. OR, stop by the parish office and fill out your registration form, we would love to meet you!

PREVENT & PROTECT
Safe Environment Program
Archdiocese of St. Louis



As of December 31, 2020, the old Virtus system that used to show compliance has been eliminated. The Archdiocese Safe Environment program is now using the program, **Prevent and Protect** to verify Compliance. All those who work, volunteer or coach, in any way, with our children, the vulnerable or elderly at Assumption Parish must be in compliance with the Archdiocese.

This is *MANDATORY*!

If you have not already, please register NOW, into the Prevent and Protect system where you will submit an updated background check, and complete and submit all the Code of Conduct sections. Attending a Protecting God's Children Workshop is also needed to complete Compliance.

Go to our website, www.assumptionbvm.org, then go to Resources and scroll down to the Protecting God's Children link where you will find instructions on how to register into the Prevent and Protect system. If you have any questions please contact Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741 or lynn.assumption@gmail.com



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

Holy Men of God – TMIY is on a break this coming weekend, February 18th, *BECAUSE*:

We're ALL going to the Annual Catholic Men for Christ Conference (CMFC)!

COME JOIN US!

The conference will be held at the *Si Commons at St. Louis University High School*, 4970 Oakland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110, on Saturday February 18th, 2023.

For registration information and more details, please contact Deacon Richard Tadlock at 314-397-2433 or email deaconrichard@charter.net.



Vision – CMFC is focused on building the Kingdom of God here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and beyond.

Mission – The mission of Catholic Men for Christ is to help build and strengthen The Kingdom of God in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis and beyond by engaging, educating, and encouraging all Catholic men to live their faith and to lead their families in accordance with the orthodox teachings of the Catholic Church. CMFC are men of faith, men of action, catalysts for good, and warriors against evil.

The Goals of the Conference

- The attendee will be more open to guidance of the Holy Spirit in their life.
- The conference is intended to introduce, educate, embolden, and refocus the attendees on their roles as the spiritual leader of their home and community.
- The attendee, once energized, will help to build the Kingdom of God through a renewed personal faith and vocation to his family.
- The attendee will be empowered as the faith leader of his family.
- The attendee will be encouraged to participate in acts of charity and service in his parish, community, and diocese.

OFFICE INFORMATION

403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366
636.240.3721 Parish Office
Hours - Mon-Thu 8:00am-4:00pm
Fri 8:00am-3:00pm
ST VINCENT DE PAUL
636.272.4758 (Helpline)
ASSUMPTION SCHOOL: 636.240.4474

BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office
(peggy.assumption@yahoo.com)
by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE: www.assumptionbvm.org
facebook.com/@assumptionmedia
[assumptionparish](http://assumptionparish.org)

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, contact Kris Bohn at 636.795.2611, and for information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 314-578.0741.