

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21

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SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

BAPTISM

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

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

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

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. For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

FUNERALS

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (formally RCIA)

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

Welcome

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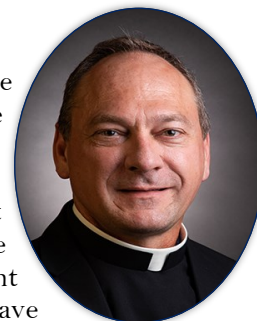
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Hello,

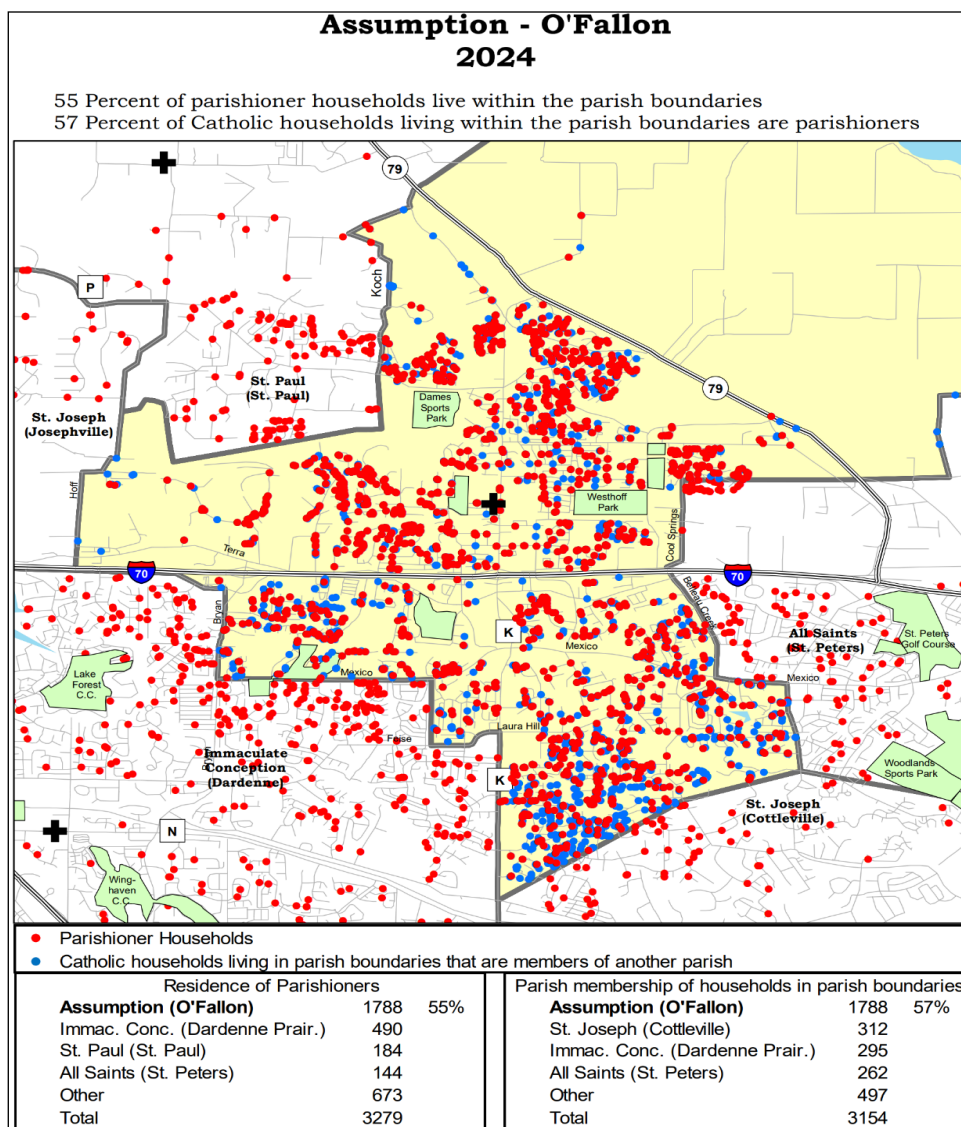
This picture is what we call a 'scatter map.' The red dots are where families from our parish live and the blue dots are where families registered in other parishes, but live in our parish boundaries. The first thing it shows is that many of our parishioners live beyond our parish boundaries (45%), and that many Catholic families that live in our parish boundaries are registered in other parishes (43%). There can be many different reasons for this; a family moved to a different home, they have relatives in the other parish, have a connection at a certain parish, feel more at home in a certain parish, like the coffee shop across the street from a certain parish, etc. The biggest change from previous maps is that the territorial boundaries from St. Barnabas are now included.



I guess I like maps, and I thought this might get some of your interests, seeing where your dot is, (mine has a big black cross over it) and maybe others you know in your neighborhood or of friends.

Peace,

Fr. Nick



ASSUMPTION PRAYER CHAPEL



Adoration is available 24/7 in the Chapel (the old church) by using the code at the north transit entrance. You can call or come to the Church Office to receive the code. **Please note: the doors will be locked from 11am-2pm on Tuesdays for safety protocol.**

EXPOSITION is on Tuesdays 9am-10pm, and available through the Rosary at 6:15pm, followed by our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction to close.

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, visit assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com to sign up and choose a time. Thank you!

PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

Please join us in Church 30 minutes before each weekend Mass for the Rosary (except 5:30 pm Mass on Sundays.) We gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Helen Schroer
sister of Gerry Ell, aunt of Juanita Ell

Teresa Schramm
daughter of Katharina Reape

ASSUMPTION GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

BEGINS FEBRUARY 20
REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 18

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 anyone, 18 years of age and older, grieving the death of a loved one, to our upcoming Grief Support Series. Our first session will begin at 7pm in the Meyer Room on **Thursday, February 20**. Remember that Grief Shared is Grief Diminished. Together we will share a Journey of Hope after the loss of your loved one.

To register, or for any additional information please contact Lynn Crews at lynn.assumption@gmail.com or 636-294-0821.

ADULT FAITH SERIES



This winter, we are continuing the video series, "The Wild Goose" with Fr. Dave Pivonka, (discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit) that we started watching in the fall. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. We will view episodes 8-14 in this series this winter/spring starting Feb. 25/27-April 8/10. Don't worry if you weren't there in the fall, or can't make every week, you can still join us any week. There will be a moderator to show the video and help get our discussion going two times each week:

- ◆ Tuesday mornings 9-10:30am | Parish Hall, Meyer Rooms
- ◆ Thursday evenings 6:30-8pm | Rectory Basement

Consider coming to watch and talk with fellow parishioners or watch with a group you know. You can find the videos on the Formed.org website by going under the **Programs** column to **Faith Formation**. **The Wild Goose** will be on that page along with **the Search** that we viewed last winter, and many other series.

PLAY BLINGO FOR A CHANCE TO WIN PARK LANE JEWELRY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 12:30PM

The O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary #2269 is hosting BLINGO with prizes from Park Lane Jewelry! Participants of all ages will enjoy eight rounds of BLINGO with extra sheets of four cards available, as well as raffle baskets and 50/50 chances. Special BLINGO round for two designer purses! Snacks are welcome—cash bar available throughout the night. Admission is \$15; doors open at 12:30pm. All proceeds benefit local charities and causes. Cash, check, and credit cards accepted.

Reservations are appreciated. Contact Margie Prinster at 636-577-1369 or margerry1@gmail.com.



**ATTENTION MEN
OF ASSUMPTION PARISH**

Our Church and our World needs you, man of God!

Join us **Saturday, February 22** in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building for another great session of TMIY. Our start time is **7:15am** with breakfast, a short video, table discussion, and then we'll have you on your way by **8:30am**. **If you missed other sessions, no worries! We hope to see you this weekend!**



Our Spring 2025 Semester of "That Man is You!" (TMIY) continues on Saturday mornings, now through May 3.

This week's session is "The Light of Sacred Scripture"

Speaker: Ralph Martin

- ◆ Scripture is from the Holy Spirit without error.
- ◆ Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- ◆ The Modern World is confused about morality.
- ◆ Repent for the Kingdom of God is near.
- ◆ Stop honoring people who dishonor God.
- ◆ What are the areas in your life that you need to repent for?

For more information, contact Deacon Richard Tadlock at 314-397-2433 or DeaconRichard@charter.net.



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

26th Annual MC and Marge Genteman Euchre Classic | Saturday, March 8

Come join us for a fun-filled night as we support the Special Olympics. Doors open at 6pm. Event starts at 7pm. \$30 for a team of two players.



Visit kofc2269.com/events for full details on all our events!

50 PLUS CLUB ACTIVITIES



Join us on **Thursday, March 6** at St. Peters Cultural Arts Center to see "Nana's Naughty Knickers." This Act 2 Theater performance is sold out, but we have secured tickets. If you did not sign up at the last meeting, contact Linda Lambing at 314-599-8429, if you would like to attend. This performance is sponsored for seniors with a suggested donation of \$5. Please arrive by 7pm since it is sold out! Show starts at 7:30 pm.

**50 PLUS CLUB TRIP | MAY 4-10
RESERVATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 24**

Are you are interested in a trip to Amelia Island, St. Augustine and Jacksonville Florida for May 4-10? This is the best time to visit as the crowds aren't big yet and the weather is perfect with low humidity. Cost is \$799 per person, which includes transportation, six breakfasts and four dinners, six nights lodging with four consecutive nights in Jacksonville area. Highlights are guided tours of Amelia Island, Jacksonville and St. Augustine. We will browse the historic district in Fernandina Beach, St. Augustine's historic St. George Street with restaurants and local shops, and the Fountain of Youth. We will have a dinner party with entertainment, a cruise on the St. John River, and visit the Lane Southern Orchards.

A \$75 deposit is due at sign up with balance is **due by February 24**. If interested call Linda Lambing at 314-599-8429.

THANK YOU

We would like to say thank you to Fort Zumwalt North High School for sponsoring the annual senior-appreciation dinner Thursday evening, February 13. We enjoyed dinner and your dress-rehearsal performance of Farce of Nature! What a fun outing for our 50 Plus group! Thank you!

Mass Times and Intentions	SUNDAY 2.16.25	MONDAY 2.17.25	TUESDAY 2.18.25	WEDNESDAY 2.19.25
	8:00am Larry Schepker 10:00am Eugene Thornhill 12:00pm Carmela Bamert 5:30pm Salvatore Mantia	6:30am Lee Lewis 8:00am Russell Kiefer	6:30am Priests Intention 8:00am Magdahil Galvao	6:30am Priests Intention 8:00am Jamie Hoelscher
Reconciliation	By Appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment



ST. VINCENT de PAUL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Activity in our local community continues to remain at a high level. The conference has received right at 100 calls per month from our neighbors in need with a multitude of requests. The parish's generosity has helped assist 265 families with the basic needs to live.

If you are looking to join an outreach ministry in the parish that serves those in need, please consider joining St. Vincent de Paul. We currently are in need of caseworkers and project coordinators.

For more information on our ministry please contact Tom Reichert at 630-404-3935 or svdpofallon@att.net.

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

Come grow with us! Now more than ever, families with children in K-8th grades can afford a Catholic education through three sources of funding:

- ◆ **Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) Scholarships:**
The application process is open through February 28 for new and requalifying students. Many families will qualify!
- ◆ **MOScholars Scholarships:** *The application process opened February 1 and money is available! Many students will qualify!*
- ◆ **Parish Tuition Assistance** *(must apply through TTEF to qualify)*



Come see for yourself! Assumption School registration for the 2025-2026 year is in full swing! Parents with children in pre-K through 8th grades are encouraged to schedule a tour to see why Assumption has been a leader in education for 153 years, providing a private school education in a faith-filled environment with smaller classroom sizes.

For more information about Assumption School, contact our principal, Mrs. Jamie Burbridge at 636-240-4474 or visit us online at assumptionbvmschool.org. Tours and shadow days are available now!

**Application Period
Opens February 1, 2025**

Benefits

- A \$6,375 annual scholarship for eligible K-12 students
- Renewable through high school
- Access to exceptional private education and approved educational resources

Who is Eligible?

All of Missouri residents are eligible.

OR

IEP/ISP

- Private School
- Not intended for students remaining in public schools

Not to exceed 300% free and reduced lunch

AND

1. Must have attended a public or charter public school for one semester during the previous 12 months
2. Or entering Kindergarten or 1st grade.
3. Or a sibling of a qualified student who received a scholarship in the previous year and will again in the upcoming school year.

We are

ASSUMPTION

ENROLL NOW!

PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE

THURSDAY 2.20.25
6:30am Priests Intention
8:00am Bob Capstick
7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment

FRIDAY 2.21.25
6:30am Priests Intention
8:00am Tim Kohlenhoefer
7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment

SATURDAY 2.22.25
8:00am Hugo and Blanche Nanney
5:00pm Marie Schepker
4:00-4:45pm Church or by appointment

SUNDAY 2.23.25
8:00am George Dames
10:00am Diane Golonka (family special intention)
12:00pm Jeannine Sexauer
5:30pm People of the Parish
By Appointment



**Holy Rosary St. Ann's Sodality
QUILT SOCIAL
Saturday, February 22**

**Doors open at 10:30am
Bingo starts at 12:30pm
Lunch will be available for purchase
Must be 16 to participate**



**Holy Rosary Activity Center
716 E. Booneslick Rd
Warrenton, MO 63383**

For more information call Debbie Brown 314-713-2630
or Parish Office 636-456-3698 ext. 221

**ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH
CRHP RETREAT | MARCH 22 AND 23**



Do you want to experience one of the most spiritual journeys of your life in only 36 hours? Register now for the Christ Renews

His Parish (CRHP) Retreat planned for Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23!

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.

**CRHP is...
Changing Lives.
Building Lasting Relationships.
Helping Parishioners Find True Peace.**

Scan the QR Code to register or contact Mike Vohsen at 314-951-4733 or email mike.vohsen@gmail.com for more information.



**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
(FORMERLY RCIA)**

During last Sunday's session on February 9, Catechists Jim and Bob broke open the Word and our guest speaker Msgr. Stehly, enlightened the group by covering the Sacrament of Holy Orders and other Sacraments.

This Sunday the Catechumen and Candidates will be celebrating the entire Mass with the congregation. After the Mass we will discuss the Creed, and the second half of the Mass. Thank you for your continued prayers for our Catechumen and Candidates.



**ASSUMPTION RESPECT LIFE
APOSTOLATE (PRO-LIFE) MINISTRY**

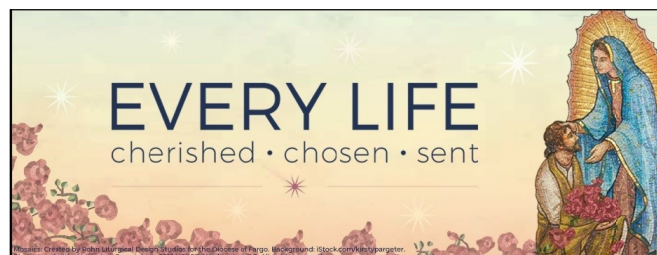


Thank you for your love and hope you have given to our babies and mothers. We are so blessed to have you here at Assumption Parish. Your generous donation is giving hope and joy to a better tomorrow.

We are continuing to take donations. Look for the bassinet downstairs in the Parish Center.

- ◆ Bibs
- ◆ Clothes up to 24 months
- ◆ Onesies
- ◆ Pajamas / Sleepers
- ◆ Socks
- ◆ Hand-made blankets/quilts
- ◆ Sweaters
- ◆ Crochet hats and sweaters

For more information, please contact Sylvia Kiphart at 636-978-8803.



ARE YOU READY FOR LENT?

One of the most important seasons of our faith is less than one month away—LENT. It is a time to follow Christs' will more faithfully and focus on what matters most in your life.

What is Lent?

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

When Does Lent Start?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

During the Lenten Season of prayer and fasting, **look for all the ways** Assumption will help prepare our hearts for Easter. **Watch for the entire Lenten list with all the details coming soon to our website, bulletin and Friday Enewsletter.**



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS RESCHEDULED MARCH 6 & 7

Due to winter weather that hit our area on Wednesday, February 12, the pictorial directory photo sessions for that day were canceled.

Please reschedule your appointment for Thursday, March 6 or Friday, March 7.

- ◆ Go to ucdir.com
- ◆ Click on the box on the right side of the page titled "Photography Session Sign-Up"
- ◆ Enter church code **mo373**
- ◆ Enter church password **photos**
- ◆ Click on the "enter" button
- ◆ Click on the desired photography date
- ◆ Click on the "Reserve Time" button beside the desired photography appointment time
- ◆ Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- ◆ Click on the "Schedule Appointment" button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- ◆ If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- ◆ Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment



If you have any questions or need help rescheduling, please contact Nancy Gomer at 636-240-3721 ext. 239.



PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Assumption has been celebrating achievements by presenting numerous awards so far in 2025! We invite you to join us in celebrating all of our winners. Congratulations to all! Thank you for representing Assumption. Keep shining your light!

O'Fallon Knights of Columbus #2269 holds a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest each year. O'Fallon Knight, Ken Thornhill presented the awards during a special awards ceremony, January 24, and here are the results:



Grades K-2
Winner: Olivia Lehmann
Honorable Mentions:



Grades 3-5
Winner: Emily Smith (not pictured)
Honorable Mentions:



Grades 6-8
Winner: Melody Gagliano (not pictured)
Honorable Mentions:

Congratulations to the following who won the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Challenge. Your hard work and dedication truly paid off.

Girls 10yo - Avery Morris

Boys 9yo - Dane Meyer

Girls 11yo - Payton Schaub

Boys 10yo - Cade Hopkins

Girls 12yo - Anne Johnson

Boys 11yo - Reid Roberts

Boys 12yo - Brock McDonald

Boys 13yo - Bennett Struckmann



Our 2025 Spelling Bee took place January 30 during Catholic Schools Week. After 14 Rounds and a tiebreaker, our winners were decided.

Lex Felix, 7th grade, 1st Place

Henrik Aiello, 5th grade, 2nd Place

Easton Miller, 8th grade, 3rd Place

Congratulations! Keep up the great work!

Congratulations to our VFW Patriot's Pen winners!

First place - Lex Felix

2nd place - Anderson Swagman

3rd place - Guy Penn





HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

Happy February! Life Teen is still preparing for Luke 18. If you have an 8th grader that is receiving confirmation with us make sure they are signed up for the Luke 18 retreat. Our Saint for Luke 18 is St. Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero. He is known as the cowboy priest .

Sunday, February 16
Life Teen: Luke 18 Prep on Gifts, and Talents
6:30–8:45pm | Parish Center

Sunday, February 23
Life Teen: Big Prep Day
9am–9pm | Parish Center Hall B and Hall C

All teens are invited to join us as we continue our preparations for our Luke 18 Retreat. Expect fellowship, visioning, community and powerful prayer.

NOTE: We are looking for any cowboy gear: hay bails, spurs, wagon wheels, wooden barrels, horse saddles etc. by February 23. Contact Alejandro for questions.

Wednesday, February 19
EDGE: The Mission of the Holy Spirit
6:15–7:30pm | Parish Center

This week we had a teaching on the role of the holy spirit in our lives. Next week we will be on Vocations. All 7th and 8th graders are invited to continue their journey of faith formation with EDGE! Expect the beauty of our Catholic faith, presented in a dynamic and youthful way for our middle schoolers.



2025 EVENTS:
March 7–9: Luke 18 Retreat
June 1–7: EDGE Camp Hidden Lake
June 23–27: Life Teen Leadership Conference
July 18–20: Steubenville Youth Conference
July 27–August 2: Life Teen Camp Covecrest

Follow us on Social Media:

Instagram:
@assumption_life_teen and @assumption_edge

Facebook:
Assumption Life Teen and Assumption EDGE

QUESTIONS? Contact **Becky Whitaker**,
Director of Youth Minister; Life Teen Youth Minister
636-240-3721 ext. 243 or beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org
Alejandro DeHerrera, EDGE Youth Minister (Middle School)
636-240-3721 ext. 333 or alejandroherrera@abvmtech.org

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING FEBRUARY

As stewards of the monetary gifts that God has bestowed on us, we should give back to His Church and to other worthy causes. During the month of February, please support the general needs of the parish through the Sunday offertory, and consider the following specific causes and needs:

- ◆ **Education Fund:** Contributions to the Education Fund are used to provide tuition assistance to parents that want a Catholic education for their children but can't afford it.
- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul:** Your contribution provides direct help to the poor in our local community. Since 1845, Vincentians have met face-to-face with individuals and families in poverty to provide support and help them through the most desperate times. Through your generosity, you help people struggling to survive, providing: clothing, shelter, food, medicine and more.
- ◆ **Assumption Building Fund:** Contributions to the Building Fund will help us pay for major maintenance and building improvement projects throughout our campus, including the Church, Chapel, and our school buildings.
- ◆ **Debt Reduction:** Donations to this collection will pay down the balance of Assumption's loan from the Archdiocese, which we borrowed in 2013 to fund the expansion of the school building.

If you use online bill payment through your bank, please send a separate payment for the fund(s) of your choice and specify the name of the cause in the memo field of your payment instructions.

Thank you

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	Jan 26, 2024	YTD 7/1/24-1/26/25	<u>Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school</u>
Actual Collections	\$36,548	\$1,217,055	Original Loan \$3,306,127
Budget Target	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$1,310,000</u>	Current balance owed \$348,846
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$(3,452)	\$(92,945)	Monthly payment \$20,923
			<i>Last expected payment will be in May 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 and create an account.



SCAN ME

OFFICE INFORMATION

ADDRESS/PHONE/HOURS

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 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 9am on the Tuesday before Sunday's
 edition (five days prior)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: assumptionbvm.org
 Instagram: @abvmofallon
 Facebook.com: @assumptionparish
 Youtube: @assumptionmedia1

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.