

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024



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SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

ANOIDTING 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.

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Hello,

I am continuing to comment on 'the Search' series to see how we can further evangelize ourselves and be ready to evangelize others. This week we look at the fourth episode and we start to get a little more specific, the episode is titled "What's Our Story?" (log onto 'Formed.org', **Sign In** if you have been on this site before, **Sign Up** if this is your first time, then go to the Program 'the Search')



Your life is a story. And it's caught up in the great story of humanity. This great story, as we see it in the Scriptures, shows us the amazing love story that is God's pursuit of man. The God that is love created so we can ultimately be with his love. We were made to be with God. Union with God is so central to the purpose of life, we even see the afterlife in these terms. Our definition of Heaven is union with God, and hell is the absence of Him. Your life has a plot. Your life has a purpose. Your life has value. We need to see how we fit into this big love story to begin to know why we exist. And that love of God isn't abstract. It has a face and name: Jesus. (Formed's introduction to this episode.)

You can read the title for this week's episode in two different ways, What's Our Story? with the 'our' representing each one of us, what is each one of our stories. The episode looks at each of our lives and considers that we each have a 'story.' Or you can read the 'our' as meaning all of us, and in this case, we consider the 'story' being the relationship between God and us and how we are to read the Bible as this love story of God with us.

A challenge they see many of us have is, that while historically people have related and thought more by storytelling, over the last few centuries we have developed a more scientific approach to how we live and communicate. Another way to consider this is that when we are looking at things as a story, we are looking at relationships, whereas when we are looking at things scientifically, we are thinking about problem solving.

In relationships, we are concerned with how everything is in relationship to everything else, to bring all the nuances and concerns together in our understanding and when we are making decisions.

In problem solving, we are admitting that we do not know everything, and we are trying to simplify the situation into something we can address to get an answer. We recognize that we do not know all of the details that might be involved, so we make decisions with the limited information that we have.

The challenge is that we have a limited physical nature in time and space, but we also have a soul that is beyond these limitations and that draws us to God, who is limitless. When we try to express or communicate a relationship, especially with God, in our limited fashion it always is lacking and can seem inaccurate. But if we simplify this love story between God and us in too scientific and limited of a way it merely comes out as commands and a list we are to live by. So God came to us in a finite, physical way in time and space that we could better understand and relate to and better understand His love, Jesus.

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.

EXPOSITION is on Tuesdays after the 8am Mass, and available through the Rosary at 5:15pm (during Lent), 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. Many are coming, but not signing up. 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

Jean Walsh,
mother of Jim (Carol) Walsh

Glennon Wilmes,
son of Ron and Dorothy Wilmes

50+ NEWS

COFFEE HOUSE AND FELLOWSHIP GAME NIGHT

FEBRUARY 26 | 6:30PM



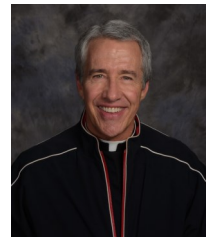
Come join us in Hall C of the Parish Center as we introduce and transition our new officers and get to know each other better.

Bring your favorite games, cards, and puzzles. Coffee, lemonade, and delicious desserts will be provided. **Everyone is welcome.**

Any questions please contact Liz or Bob Allmeyer at 636 634-8638 or lizallmeyer@gmail.com

DON'T MISS FATHER JOE KEMPF'S LENTEN PRESENTATION: ARE YOU GOOD ENOUGH YET? FEBRUARY 28 | 7PM | CHURCH

Do you try too hard or worry too much? Is it sometimes hard for you to let go of past mistakes or shortcomings? If you—or someone you know—is a perfectionist, this presentation is for you. Yes, it is important to care and to try to do things well. Yet, at what cost? When is it too much? And how can we become more free? This presentation can help!



While Father Joe needs no introduction to so many at Assumption, he will always hold a special place for our Parish in his heart. Serving as Assumption Pastor for 15 years, Father Joe is known for his dynamic personality and engaging storytelling, great love of God's people, and author of many books.

Reconnect after the presentation to preview and purchase signed copies of his new book, *Are you Good Enough Yet?* Gospel Value children's books also will be available.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 EVENTS

Fish Fry: Enjoy the Knight's famous fish dinner every Friday during Lent: **March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 from 5-7pm.** They have some of the best Cod and Catfish around!



Carryout or dine-in! \$15 dinner includes three sides. \$14 dine-in Senior Rate. Kid's meal \$5. All proceeds benefit local charities.

Queen of Hearts | Every Tuesday

All are welcome to the weekly Queen of Hearts every Tuesday. Doors open at 5pm with drawing at 7pm. Food and beverages available for purchase.



Euchre Tournament | March 9, 7pm

Join us for the annual MC and Marge Gentemann Euchre Tournament. This is our 25th year for this event! This year's proceeds will go toward Special Olympics!



Doors open at 6pm. The cost is \$15 per player. A cash bar will be available for drinks. Players will keep their partners.

For more information, please contact Dennis Maher at 636-399-6039.

ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH:

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

Due to technical difficulties with "That Man Is You," we will be showing "The Search" videos until the regular videos for TMIY are available again.



Join us **March 2** in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building for "The Search—Episode 4." 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**.

This week's session: "What's Our Story"

Speaker Chris Stefanick

- ◆ We were made to be with God...
- ◆ Union with God is so central to the purpose of life...
- ◆ Your Life has a PLOT!
- ◆ Your Life has a PURPOSE!
- ◆ Your Life has Value!

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

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).
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).
6. Join us for this year's Gala on Saturday, April 20. (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!

Assumption 8th Annual



Palm Sunday, March 24

10-15 minutes after 8AM, 10AM, and 12PM Masses

Children, ages 12 and under, head to the soccer field after Mass and help the Easter Bunny find the hidden eggs. Bring a basket and be prepared to have a good time while searching for a limited number of candy- and toy-filled eggs. Hunters who find a golden egg get a special prize!

The Easter Bunny will be available for family photos throughout the event, and the Men's Group will be serving donuts, juice, milk, and water. Donations are welcome.

Mass Times and Intentions

Reconciliation

SUNDAY 2.25.24

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Betty Bruegenhemke
12:00pm Shirley Mackey
5:30pm Priests Intention

By Appointment

MONDAY 2.26.24

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

7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment

TUESDAY 2.27.24

6:30am Priests Intention
8:00am Ed Wills
6:00pm Priests Intention
(Chapel during Lent)

7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment

WEDNESDAY 2.28.24

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

7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment



Preparing Your Heart for Easter

JOIN ASSUMPTION FOR 40 DAYS OF PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING THIS LENTEN SEASON.

Sunday Lenten Special Rosary Prayed:

Feb. 25 and March 3, 10, & 17 at 4:30pm (Chapel)

Tuesday Eucharistic Exposition:

Feb. 27 and March 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 9am–6pm (Chapel)

Tuesday Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions:

Feb. 27 and March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 5:15pm (Chapel)

Tuesday Evening Mass:Feb. 27, March 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 6pm in the Chapel
Come pray with us every Tuesday during Lent (Chapel)**Friday Evening Stations of the Cross:**

March 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 7pm (Chapel)

Friday Fish Fry at the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Hall:March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 from 5–7pm
Carryout or dine-in available! \$15 dinner with 3 sides.
\$14 dine-in Senior Rate. Kid's meal \$5.**Friday Afternoon Stations of the Cross:**March 8 & 15 at 2:40 p.m. (Church)
All Stations occur in the Church except for the “Stations of the Shadows” on March 15 (Chapel)**Reconciliation Weekend:**Friday, March 15 from 6–9 p.m. (Church), and
Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (Chapel)**Passion Play:**March 22, Friday, at 11 a.m. (Church)
Assumption seventh-grade students perform the
Passion Play according to the Gospel of John.**Easter Egg Hunt:**March 24 after the 8am, 10am and noon Masses.
Children ages 12 and under! The hunts are free and will
start 10–15 minutes after each Mass. Donuts, juice, milk,
and water will be available. 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. (Church)
(No 6:30am or 8am Mass)**Life Teen Walk the Way Stations of the Cross:**

March 29, Good Friday, at 3 p.m. (Church)

Good Friday Service:

March 29 at 7 p.m. (Church) (No 6:30am or 8am Mass)

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:

March 30 at 8 p.m. (Church) (No 8am or 5pm Mass)

Sunday Easter Mass:March 31 at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon (Church),
(No 5:30pm Mass) and 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. (Chapel)

SPECIAL INTENTION LENTEN ROSARY SUNDAY'S DURING LENT IN THE CHAPEL | 4:30PM

Calling all grandparents, parents, and friends, join us to pray a very special rosary for your hurting family, friends, children, grandchildren, and all young people in our parish, community, and nation. Let us turn to our Blessed Mother to intercede for us with Jesus before the throne of our Father. You will be invited to place your prayer intentions at the altar.

For more information, please contact Barbara Stettner at creativebarb@charter.net.

THURSDAY 2.29.246:30am Priests Intention
8:00am Jim McHugh7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment**FRIDAY 3.1.24**6:30am Carmela Bamert
8:00am Vocation to the
Priesthood and
Religious Life7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment**SATURDAY 3.2.24**8:00am John Rothermich
5:00pm Bud and Bette Warta4:00–4:45pm Church
or by appointment**SUNDAY 3.3.24**8:00am Marlene Pieper
10:00am Anthony Potts
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm Frank and Betty Ryan

By Appointment

ASSUMPTION NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

JOIN US
TO WATCH
THE GAME!

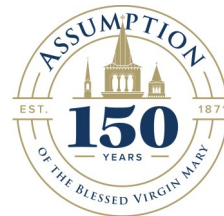


CARDS VS RED SOX
SATURDAY, MAY 18 @ 6:15 PM

SEATING: RIGHT FIELD PAVILION
(SECTIONS 331-333)
GROUP TICKET PRICING: \$22 EACH



FIRST 25,000 FANS AGES 16 & UP GET FREE JERSEY!
ORDER TICKETS AT PARISH OR SCHOOL OFFICE - CASH OR CHECK



Join us to watch the Cardinals take on the Red Sox at Busch Stadium for the first time since the 2013 World Series! Group ticket sales are only \$22 each. Family and Friends are welcome!

The first 25,000 fans, ages 16 and up, through the gates of Busch Stadium, will receive a Nickname Cardinal Jersey. (Gates open 2 hours early and fans will line up even earlier than that to receive the special offer.)

The first 100 guests to purchase tickets will have a chance to win 4 pregame field passes to watch the Cards batting practice, with additional raffles announced throughout the selling period which ends May 1.

Please turn in completed forms with money to the parish or school office. Families that want to sit together should turn in money and completed forms in one envelope. There will be no exceptions. Tickets delivered two weeks prior to the big game.

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

GO CARDINALS!

(Cut here and return bottom portion to the Parish Office or Assumption School)

First and Last Name

of tickets x \$22 each (Total)

Email

Phone

*Grade

Assumption Teacher

How will you receive your tickets?
(please check one)

After Mass _____
(May 4-5)

EDGE/Life Teen _____
(May 5)/(May 8)

*School Backpack _____
(May 6)

RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA

All parishioners are invited to choose members of our elect and keep them in your prayers throughout the season of Lent. A minimal amount of prayer cards for the elect will be available in the back of church or you can cut from this page. There are two types of cards, one for **Catechumens** who are preparing for Baptism and **Candidates** who were baptized in other faiths and are preparing for full communion with the Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. As a family, you can write a prayer on the back of the Prayer Card, write a welcoming note, and your children can draw pictures welcoming them to Assumption Parish. We ask that you return the prayer cards, your welcoming note (and drawing) in an envelope and return in the collection basket by March 17.



**Ben
Douglas**
Catechumen



Brian Peterson
Catechumen



**Conner
Grossmann**
Catechumen



**Nicole
Russom**
Candidate



**Payton
Niedringhaus**
Candidate



**Nick
Lehmann**
Candidate



**Kim
Perry**
Candidate



**Cody
Luttrull**
Candidate



**Shawna
Pridgeon**
Candidate



Rite of Sending at Assumption Church



Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski

Rite of Election at Cathedral

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Assumption Chess Club

The **CYC Chess** season runs from December through February with a schedule of four qualifying meets and a championship meet for the top 40 qualifiers in each age group. The Assumption Chess players had a great day on January 27. Our third and fourth graders won second place as a team and our seventh and eighth graders won the third place team position. Five of our Assumption students placed in the top 10 for their age group! Congratulations!

2024 Assumption Chess Team: Timothy Johnson, Sam Molitor, Hazel Molitor, Dylan Hopkins, Cade Hopkins, Charlie Molitor, Henrik Aiello, Blake Hopkins, Sena Akpovo, Sebastian Felix, Lucas Huber, Alivia Huber, Dylan Huber.



Assumption Spelling Bee 2024

The Scripps National Spelling Bee program begins with millions of students in schools across the country. As a Regional Partner, Assumption - O'Fallon, provides our students with the pathway to compete, from the classroom level, all the way to the National Competition. Assumption believes in the SCRIPPS' mission of illuminating pathways to lifelong curiosity, celebrating academic achievement and enriching communities.

On February 1, our students from grades 4-8 competed.

Fourth Grade: Levi Korte and Miles Swagman

Seventh Grade: Meg McMulloch and Easton Miller

Fifth Grade: Emma Sicking and Vincent Wilmoth

Eighth Grade: Sam Illy and Kayla Roberson

Sixth Grade: Lex Felix and Lainey Willis

Congratulations to the 2024 Scripps Spelling Bee Assumption winners

Thank you to our judges
Mrs. Joan Ryan and Mrs. Tere Bowman
Special thanks to our Spelling Bee
Coordinator Mrs. Andi Miles



Meg McMulloch
First Place



Emma Sicking
Second Place



Kayla Roberson
Third Place



Thanks for reading about Assumption.

God Bless,
Dr. Pat Hensley

In Other School News... Registration for Assumption's **19 summer camps** are open for registration! These popular camps begin June 3 and end July 12 and are open to Day School and Parish School of Religion (PSR) students.

Scan the QR Code to register and learn about each.





HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

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, February 25 | Life Teen: L18 Prep—Gifts & Talents

6:30pm – 8:45pm 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, February 28 | EDGE: Pray for Us

6pm – 7:30pm in the Parish Center

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us for a night focusing on intercessory prayer. Youth can expect fun, faith and fellowship. 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

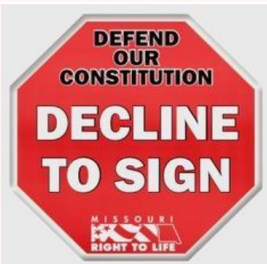
Facebook:

Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

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

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PRO-LIFE NEWS

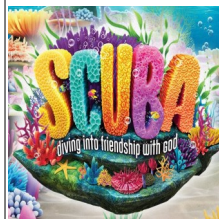


Do not be fooled! Petitioners are trying to trick Pro-Lifers into signing a petition to get a constitutional amendment on the 2024 ballot to legalize abortion.

As a parish, we are asked to pray to keep Missouri Pro-Life. And if you can, please attend the Missouri Right to Life "Keep Missouri Pro-Life!" Action Day at the Missouri State Capitol—1st Floor Rotunda in Jefferson City, Tuesday, March 12, at 10am. Transportation will be available, but **the deadline to sign up is March 1**. Contact Missouri Right to Life at 573-635-5110 or go to missourilife.org for specific transportation options or for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AT ASSUMPTION

JUNE 10–14 | 9AM–12PM



Registration is underway for Assumption's Vacation Bible School for children in Grades PreK through fifth grade. This year's theme is **Scuba: Diving Into Friendship with God**. We can't wait to welcome our campers back for another week of faith, fellowship, and fun!

To make our VBS a success, we need teen helpers (Grades 6–12) to help out in a variety of ways, including group leaders, teaching assistants, station leaders, snack coordinators, nursery care, and more. We are happy to offer up to 25 service hours for your time and hard work. Interested? Spots are limited, so please apply by Friday, March 15 to be considered. If you have questions about VBS, do not hesitate to reach out to Holly Woytus at hwoytus@abvmtech.org.



To register for VBS or other summer camps, scan the Blue QR Code.

Scan the Black QR code below to fill out our CIT (Counselor in Training) Application.



OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	Feb. 4, 2024
Actual Collections	\$54,565
Budget Target	<u>\$42,000</u>
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$12,565

YTD 7/1/23 - 2/4/24
\$1,344,514
<u>\$1,269,000</u>
\$75,514

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school	
Original Loan	\$3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$703,091
Monthly payment	\$20,923
Last expected payment, August 2026	



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

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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.