# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Whoever drinks
the WATER | give
them will never
THIRST. Indeed,
the water | give
them will become in
them a SPRING of
water welling up to
ETERNAL LIFE.
JOHN 4:14

March 12, 2023 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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,

Scrutinies. If you were at the 8am Mass this Sunday or any during the next two weeks you will see that we are celebrating the scrutinies with those who are going to enter the Catholic Church this Easter. So a logical question may be, so what are they and why are we doing them? Glad you asked.

The scrutinies are a practice that come from the earliest days of the Church. Most of the people who were entering the Church were not doing so by being baptized as infants and growing up in the faith, but rather was a part of the process for those converting as adults. That is why they are a part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), to be celebrated with those to be baptized at the upcoming Easter Vigil. "They are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. . . . These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all." (RCIA, p141)

The format of each week is the same, after the readings and homily they are invited forward, the congregation prays for them with intercessions, and the priest says a prayer of exorcism over them. This is similar to what is done at the ceremony of an infant baptism which is a condensed form of the original rites for accepting adults into the Church. Each of the three scrutinies are related to the readings from the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks of Lent in the A Cycle (the cycle we also happen to be in this year).

The first scrutiny refers to the woman who talks to Jesus at the well. Through her experience with Christ she would examine her life, admit the ways in which she had sinned, and be encouraged to change her life.

The second scrutiny refers to the miracle of Jesus giving sight to a blind man. Despite pressures from others who are trying to trap Jesus and doubt all that he does, this man simply recognizes the great gift he has been given of his sight and allows it to help his faith.

The third scrutiny refers to the sisters Mary and Martha asking Jesus to come for their brother Lazarus who is ill, and the miracle of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. We too need to recognize that Christ is the means for true and eternal life.

These scrutinies are good for all of us. They bring us together in support of those who are entering the Church, and help us reflect and be open to the healing and strengthening that we also need, especially during this season of Lent.

Peace,

Fr. Nick





Dust off your prom dress and dig out that vintage bow tie, Assumption is getting ready to celebrate the 2023 Gala: Prom through the Decades, Saturday, April 22! Tickets are on sale now! Join us for an exciting evening of music, dancing, dinner, drinks, raffles, games, and plenty of chances to win unique live and silent auction items. *Prom attire welcome, but not needed to attend!* 

Doors open and cocktails will be served at 6:30pm. This year's signature drink is sponsored by our wonderful friends at El Tio Pepe and is sure to be a hit! Dinner is provided by Russo's Catering and will be promptly served at 7pm., and the live auction begins at 7:45pm. A brand new electric ICON i40L Caribbean Blue, four-person golf cart courtesy of STL Custom Cartz will be raffled off at 9pm, and every-one goes home with a gift bag of favors.

Tickets are \$140 per couple and \$70 each and will be available for purchase online at <a href="https://abvm.ticket.qtego.net">https://abvm.ticket.qtego.net</a> through April 15. Golf Cart raffle tickets will be sold up to two hours prior to the drawing on the night of the event and cost \$20 each or six tickets for \$100. To purchase tickets, contact Michelle Huber at <a href="mailto:auction@abvmtech.org">auction@abvmtech.org</a>.

Assumption Parishioner John Grabowski for serving as the Gala Auctioneer for the evening. A few of the popular auction items featured at the event include an autographed jersey of our very own Assumption School alumni Josh Sargent, professional soccer player and starter in the 2022 FIFA World Cup game; Dinner at The Corner Pub and Grill with O'Fallon Mayor Bill Hennessy; a variety of autographed baseball memorabilia generously donated by Ken Behlmann, retired owner of Behlmann Buick GMC; and so much more!

Donations are being accepted and can be dropped off at the Gala table downstairs in the pre-function area of the Parish Hall on April 2 or by making other arrangements with a Gala committee member. Sponsorships and business ads in our souvenir booklet are still available and offer great exposure and publicity for your business. Interested in assisting us with our fundraising efforts? Please contact Mindy Saxbury or Gina Nelson at auction@abvmtech.org to make your generous donation.

But that's not all! As a tribute to our Assumption Parish and School families, we will be featuring prom photos at the event! Interested participants should take a photo of their prom photo and email it to *auction@abvmtech.org* no later than April 1. No joke! These photos are priceless and are sure to add historical décor to the glitzy Gala atmosphere.

Be sure to join us for this amazing 10th anniversary celebration, which serves as the largest Assumption School fundraiser of the year. For information about Assumption School, visit *assumptionbymschool.org* 



Carolyn Smith
Wife of Jim Smith

Donna Whitehead Wife of Jerry Whitehead

David Donovan
Brother of Thomas Donovan

Marvin Birkemeier Husband of Nancy Birkemeier



# Fit and FUNctional Exercise Class!

Assumption will be starting an 8 week Seated Exercise Class for adults! This class will be held in the parish center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:45-9:45am, beginning on Tuesday, March 21st. The class, taught by a Physical Therapist, will

be geared towards those ages 50 plus, and is intended to accommodate various levels which will improve strength, flexibility, and mobility. Resistance bands will be provided in class.

When: Tuesday/Thursday, 8:45 - 9:45am, beginning March 21st Where: Hall A of the Parish Center

Cost: \$50 for all 8 weeks

Questions, or to sign up contact Debbie Gentry at 314-306-2697 or *deb.gentry@gmail.com*.



"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-

### Assumption 24/Seven Men's Group presents

7th Annual

# Assumption Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday April 2nd, 2023

Children 12 and under grab your Easter Basket and head to the soccer fields to help the Easter Bunny search for his missing eggs. The hunt will start 30 minutes after each Mass on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Head to the soccer fields after each Mass.

We can't wait to see you there!

- Find the Golden egg for a special prize!
   (One per child please)
- · Get your family picture taken with the Easter Bunny!



There will be donuts after 8am and grilled hot dogs, soda, and water will be for donation after the 10am and 12pm Mass.

Proceeds will help support and fund the annual Easter egg hunt.

Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

#### **MONDAY 3.13.23**

MEN'S GROUP

6:30am Deceased members of the Norbert Bathon Family 8:00am Special Intention

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

#### **TUESDAY 3.14.23**

6:Priest Intention 8:00am Marlene Pieper 6:00pm Priest Intention

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

#### **WEDNESDAY 3.15.23**

6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Priest Intention

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

#### **Discover Something New and Exciting This Summer at** Assumption Summer Camps!

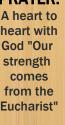
If you are between the ages of 4-14 and attend Assumption School or PSR, be sure to sign-up now for a variety of fun at a weeklong summer camp adventures happening during the month of June.

Taught by certified teachers, these unique camp experiences take place on the campus of Assumption School, and are available in the morning and afternoon. Children can choose to attend one or several sessions! Cheer, CSI, coding, VBS, art, archery, PE and dance camps are available

Registration closes May 1 and space is limited for each camp, so register soon! To sign-up your child for an exciting Assumption Summer Camp adventure, visit https://bit.ly/AssumptionSummerCamps2023 or scan the QR Code with your phone.



#### PRAYER: A heart to heart with God "Our strength comes





\$10 - Sandwich plate, includes 1 side

Children, 13 and under \$5

202 W. 3rd Street, O'Fallon



this year.

#### PRAY, PRAY, PRAY **Every Tuesday in Chapel!**

Rosary begins at 5:00pm followed by Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction, and Mass is at 6:00pm

#### **Knights of Columbus News:**

- -Every Tuesday: Queen of Hearts. Current Jackpot is over \$11,000! Doors open at 5:00pm, Drawings at 7:00pm. Food and beverages available for purchase.
- -Euchre Tournament: March 18th
- -Looking for a spot to host your next event? Contact us for Hall Rental options.

For more details on any event, visit us on Facebook or www.thecompass2269.com.

#### Come to the Chapel To Pray for **Hurting Families And Our Young people**

Is your family hurting? Calling all grandparents, parents, friends to come join us to pray a very special Rosary for your hurting family, pray for your friends, grandparents pray for your children or grandchildren, pray for all the 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 are invited to place your prayer intentions at the altar. Meet in our chapel Sunday, March 12th at 4:30pm and every Sunday during Lent. For more information, please contact Barbara Stettner at creativebarb@charter.net.

#### **THURSDAY 3.16.23**

6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Loy Dames

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

#### FRIDAY 3.17.23

6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Priest Intention

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

#### **SATURDAY 3.18.23**

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

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

#### **SUNDAY 3.19.23**

8:00am Frances Loepker 10:00am Ron Hanebrink 12:00pm Frank & Joanne Keeven & Family 5:30pm Priest Intention By Appointment

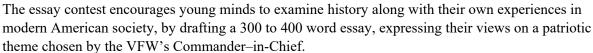
# Youth Formation

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

#### From the Principal's Pen

#### **Assumption Patriot Award winners Move to State!**

Each year more than 84,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest for their share in more than \$55,000 in state and national money.



The 2022-2023 theme was, "My Pledge to Our Veterans". Bella Boss, Ben Heckart and Luke Gandolfo, Assumption 8th graders, submitted their essays through Mrs. Stacy Chassaniol's Social Studies Class, and after being judged by our local VFW members, were chosen as 1st place, Bella Boss, 2nd Place, Ben Heckart and 3rd place, Luke Gandolfo. Each essay moved forward for State Review and then, if chosen, National Review. Congratulations to Bella, Ben and Luke!

#### Assumption Gifted Program Uses MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) coding

Last year, Mrs. Tere Bowman began a pilot program for gifted students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Because of its success, it has now expanded to grades 3-5, with the current activities based on computer coding through the Massachusetts Institute of Technology students. Through their efforts a foundation has been developed to spread opportunities such as this throughout the world.

Scratch, developed by MIT, is the world's largest coding community for children and a coding language with a simple visual interface that allows young people to create digital stories, games, and animations. Scratch is designed, developed, and moderated by the Scratch Foundation, a nonprofit organization. At the Scratch Foundation, the mission is to ensure that Scratch and Scratch Jr are available for free, for everyone, so that children around the world can express their ideas through coding.

Scratch promotes computational thinking and problem solving skills; creative teaching and learning; self-expression and collaboration; and equity in computing.

Our students, under the supervision of their "Gifted Program" teacher, Mrs. Tere Bowman, begin using the Scratch Ideas page, found on the Scratch website! This page offers a variety of tutorials, guides, coding cards, and projects for children, families, and educators.

The Getting Started with Scratch Info Sessions offer a facilitated opportunity to learn more about the Scratch editor, online community, and ways Scratch is used by young people and educators around the world.



In class the students explored the what, why, and how of creative learning with others in Learning Creative Learning, an online course organized by the Lifelong Kindergarten Group — the group who created Scratch — at the MIT Media Lab. The weekly workshops introduce the creative learning ethos found on the Scratch platform and share ideas for using Scratch through a creative learning approach.

You and your family might be interested in having a project where all are learning to do something together – like creating through coding a cartoon.

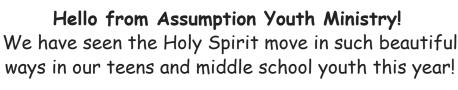




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Last weekend was our Luke 18 Confirmation Retreat Weekend! We welcomed 88, 8<sup>th</sup> graders to our teen-led retreat weekend and were blown away by the presence of God in our midst. The young Church is alive and well! Please pray for our teens – especially our 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they continue their journey towards Confirmation.

Summer Retreat Registration is open! Summer Retreat spots are first come, first serve. To reserve your spot, please turn in the release form with a \$100 nonrefundable deposit by March 26<sup>th</sup>.

# Sunday, March 12 ~ Life Teen: Freshman Welcome 6:30 – 8:45pm in Parish Center

All high school teens AND rising freshman and their parents are invited to Life Teen! Dinner will be served. Teens and parents can expect fun, fellowship, a look at what it means to be part of the LT family, and powerful prayer. We can't wait to see you there!

# Wednesday, March 15 ~ EDGE: Service Night 6:15 – 7:30pm in Parish Center

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to an Edge Night focusing in on our call to serve others and see the Lord in them. Middle schoolers, expect community, fun, and a powerful message.

2023 Save the Dates:

June 26-30: Life Teen Leadership

Conference

**July 7-10: Steubenville Youth Conference** 

July 23-29: Life Teen Camp Covecrest

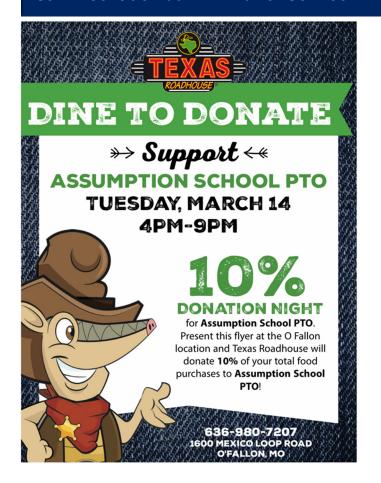


Connect with us on Social Media: **Instagram:** 

@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





# SVDP PANTRY NEEDS

Jelly, canned fruits (oranges, pears, mixed

fruit, peaches), applesauce, canned sausages, corn muffin mix, cake frosting, vegetable oil, flour (no larger than 5 LB bags), breakfast bars, large cans of soup, cookies, snacks. PLEASE CHECK ALL EXPIRATION DATES!



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

- 1 Peter 4:10

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**Pro-Life:** Every third Saturday of the month, (March 18th) we will go to the Cathedral for 8am Mass to pray for an end to abortion and for every child's right to life. If a ride is needed, please call Sylvia at 636-978-8803.

Thank you to all who attended the 2023 **Sweet Heart Dance** last month in the Parish Center! It was the perfect opportunity for the girls to dress up and dance the night away with their Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, cousins and family friends. The Assumption School PTO looks forward to seeing everyone again next year!







#### **Our Gifts to God and Parish**

**Weekly Offertory** 

Actual Collections Budget Target Surplus / (Shortfall)

Last expected payment, August 2026

February 26, 2023

30,472

<u>34,500</u> \$ (4,028) \$

\$

YTD 7/1/2022 - 2/2023

1,344,102 1,350,000 (5,898) STEWARDSHIP

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

**TITHING** 

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our schoolOriginal Loan\$ 3,306,127Current balance owed\$ 988,349Monthly payment\$ 20,923

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



# RCA

# RCIA Catechumens and Candidates. Please pray for them.

Write each of them a message on a separate paper and Return in collection basket by 3/26/2023.

























This weekend at the 8:00 am Mass we will celebrate the "First of three Scrutinies". For the next two weeks we will use the Lectionary's "scrutiny readings" from Year A at the 8:00am Mass. The Cycle A readings for the Scrutinies are rich in baptismal imagery therefore only for the Elect. Today was water, next week is light, and the following week is life. The purpose of the Scrutinies is "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful" in the hearts of the Elect and to "strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." (Quotes from Ritual Text for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, paragraph #141.) We urge you to prepare for the celebration of the scrutinizes in a personal way by discerning what it is in your own life that needs to be freed from sin's bondage.



**MOScholars** 

Prayer cards for the elect are available in the back of church as well as in the bulletin. Each person and child should cut out the picture and put in an envelope with a special message. Please remember to take one or several home and keep them in your prayers throughout the season of Lent.

Roger and Jim lead the RCIA session on Salvation and our quest for eternal life.



Don't delay! To see if you qualify, fill out the pre-qualification survey at https://esasurvey.paperform.com. It's easy and could assist you with

joining our loving Assumption School family, and cover your entire tuition!

The MOScholars application is in addition to the regular Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) scholarship application and another source to help families in Missouri with non-public school tuition assistance. Last year, the State of Missouri launched MOScholars, which provides state tax credits in exchange for contributions to approved, non-profit Educational Assistance Organizations (EAOs). EAOs then use the contributions to award scholarships to Missouri students.

If you have questions about the MOScholars application or any Assumption financial aid, please contact Mark Vogt, Assumption Business Manager, mvogt.abvm@gmail.com or 636-240-3721, ext. 225.



...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." - Ephesians 4:15-16

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Holy Men of God – TMIY is back for another session with Founder, Steve Bollman. Last session we were brought face to face with the abandonment of our covenant with God. Modern culture is suffering the consequences of war, famine and death. If we look closely, we will see that MAN IS YOU! God is giving us signs to call us back to him.

The will of God will be accomplished. We have two options - collapse or convert. Which will you choose???

#### March 18th – The Signs of the Times

- Speaker: Steve Bollman
- The Three Ideologies of Evil Supporting Actors to the Ideologies of Evil
- Positivism: Replacing God with Humanity
- Mistaking Technological Progress for Human Progress
- Recent Signs of the Times

#### Where: Lower Hall of the Kof C Hall on 3rd Street Time: Breakfast 7:15 AM, Video 7:30

Discussion 8:00, Out the Door by 8:30 AM

Questions: Call Deacon Richard @ 314-397-2433

Or email: DeaconRichard@charter.net

#### OFFICE INFORMATION

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#### **BULLETIN NOTICES**

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

WEBSITE: www.assumptionbvm.org

facebook.com/@assumptionmedia assumptionparish

#### 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.