Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

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Please call the Parish Office, 636-240-3721. You can leave a message after hours.

BAPTISM

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

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

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

CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30-7:50am; Saturdays 4-4:45pm; or by appointment.

CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for students entering eighth grade. For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for students entering second grade.

FUNERALS

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

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

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

Welcome

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Hello,

This week is our last of seven episodes of 'the Search' series, and this episode is titled "Why a Church?" (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')



How do I access this man who lived 2000 years ago? How do I live this call of love? We uniquely encounter the love of God in His Church. But really? The Church? There are so many negative views of the Church. It's out of touch. It's full of bad people. It's just too boring. Maybe when we say "The Church" we mean a little more. The Church is the family of God that's been lovingly gathered through our entire story. It's the place we were meant to encounter His grace that prepares us for every step of life. The God that is love knows how we're made—material and spiritual—we need tangible ways to live our faith. We can't be spiritual but not religious. This is where we'll find ultimate happiness in life. This is where the God that has been seeking humanity, who wrote the deepest desires onto our human hearts, encounters us. Jesus' first words to humanity in the Gospel of John are "what do you seek?" The one that asked the question not only knows the answer, He is the answer. The answers to everything. And you find him most profoundly here in His Church. (Formed's introduction to this episode.)

This episode starts with a bit of a summary of the past episodes. Recognizing how many people consider themselves to be 'nones,' that is, they might be spiritual, but they don't consider themselves religious. If they do consider themselves spiritual, that is good, at least they recognize that they are more than just a physical body, and hopefully also realize there is a God. While God cares for each of us individually, that doesn't mean that we are to just be individuals, but rather that we are meant to be in community, the community of the Church. The challenge of community with others though is that people can mess things up, we sin.

Scandal in the Church is something that we shouldn't ignore or deny, but hopefully when we identify it, we recognize the need for forgiveness and change. It can be a temptation to not be a part of the Church, especially if we were harmed by a member or official of the Church, but we shouldn't easily dismiss this community that Christ founded, and the means by which he is present to us in the sacraments. Jesus was born as a man to be a means of our salvation. We continue that tie to Him through the sacraments and the Church. The question is about what we are searching for, what do we seek? I hope this series has helped us recognize that what we seek is a union with God, and with one another, that is to be found here, in the Catholic Church. And once we have found it, we should not only want to keep it, but also to share it with all others.

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 <u>assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com</u> and choose a time during the day. 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.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Ron Golonka brother of Mike Golonka

Barbara Montero mother of Barbara Thomas funeral Mass on April 1, 10:30am





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 UPCOMING EVENTS

Fish Fry | March 22 and 29 from 5-7pm:

Enjoy the Knight's famous fish dinner every Friday during Lent. They have some of the best cod and catfish around! \$15 dinner includes three sides.



\$14 dine–in Senior Rate. Kid's meal \$5. Carryout or dine -in available! 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. **The jackpot has climbed to \$10,821!**



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES



We have two early deadlines for March bulletins!

March 24 bulletin articles are **due Monday, March 18** at 9am (instead of Tuesday, March 19).

March 31 bulletin articles are **due Friday, March 22** at 9am (instead of Tuesday, March 26).

DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR RICE BOWLS!

God calls us to serve one another this Lenten season... one way to do this is through a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl donation. If you haven't already, please grab a CRS Rice Bowl from the basket in the Narthex, then drop off the filled bowl into the large wicker baskets in



the Narthex, the week of March 23 - March 31.

What you give up for Lent changes lives. Through your Rice Bowl donation and Lenten pledge, you help reach more than 250 million people with lifesaving support.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." — John 6:35

Thank you in advance for your generous support. For more information about the CRS Rice Bowl, visit <u>crsricebowl.org</u> and discover stories from our global family.

SPECIAL INTENTION LENTEN ROSARY

Join us Sunday, March 17 at 4:30pm in the Chapel to pray a very special rosary for hurting families, friends, children, grandchildren, and 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. After praying, you will be invited to place your prayer intentions at the altar.

For more information, please contact Barbara Stettner at <u>creativebarb@charter.net</u>.



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 23** in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building for "**The Search—Episode 7**." 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: "Why a Church?"

Speaker Chris Stefanick

- ♦ How do I access this man who lived 2000 years ago?
- ♦ How do I live this call of love?
- ♦ Why the Church?
- ♦ God wrote the deepest desires onto our human hearts, and Jesus' first words to humanity in the Gospel of John are "What do you seek?"
- The one that asked the question not only knows the answer, He is the answer. He is the answer to everything. And you find him most profoundly here in His Church!

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

SUNDAY 3.17.24

Mass Times and Intentions 8:00amPeople of the Parish10:00amRosemary Popp12:00pmShirley Mackey

Reconciliation By Appointment

12:00pm Shirley Mackey 5:30pm Glennon Wilmes

7:30–7:50am Church

or by appointment

MONDAY 3.18.24

Kalinowski

6:30am Priests Intention

8:00am Pam and Chris

TUESDAY 3.19.24

6:30am Priests Intention 8:00am The Keeven Family 6:00pm Priests Intention (Chapel during Lent)

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

WEDNESDAY 3.20.24

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

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

50+ NEWS POTLUCK AND ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT MARCH 25 | 6:30PM | HALL A

PREFILLED EASTER BASKETS NEEDED:

Please place donations in the black bins in the Church Narthex

before Friday, March 22. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Come join us for a members-only event. Bring a salad, dessert, or side dish to share. Not a member? You can join us for \$15 at the gathering.

We will start the potluck at 6:30pm with entertainment at 7pm from The Jim Edwards Nostalgia Show. He will

entertain us with sing-alongs, a variety of music, and a touch of magic.

Questions? Please contact Kim Thornhill at <u>thornhillproductions@gmail.com</u> or 918-381-7459. Please note: the listing in the directory has a local number that is now disconnected. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR EASTER

Tuesday Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions: March 19 and 26 at 5:15pm (Chapel)

Tuesday Evening Mass: March 19 and 26 at 6pm (Chapel)

Friday Evening Stations of the Cross: March 22 at 7pm (Church)

Life Teen Walk the Way Stations of the Cross: March 29, Good Friday, at 3 p.m (Church)



Mass of the Lord's Supper: March 28, Holy Thursday, at 7 p.m. (Church) (No 6:30am or 8am Mass)

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

THURSDAY 3.21.24

6:30am Priests Intention 8:00am Pete Waligurski FRIDAY 3.22.24

6:30am Priests Intention8:00am Clarence Thessen

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

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SAINTS AND SISTERS TRIP TO ST. LOUIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 8



Board a bus at the St. Peters Rec–Plex for a ride to St. Louis. Your daycation begins at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Enjoy the rich history, beautiful architecture, and artisan detail of this

historic building, which has been placed on the National Register of Historic Buildings. See some of the original parlor wood flooring, beautiful stained–glass windows, graceful staircases, historic china, and much more.

Lunch is a special treat. Enjoy a Lebanese cafeteria–style lunch in the Cedars Banquet Hall at St. Raymond's Maronite Catholic Church in downtown St. Louis. The Cedars is a proud recipient of The Wedding Wire Couple's Choice award since 2013. Their famous Wednesday lunches sponsored by the St. Raymond's Ladies Society has been bringing people together in downtown St. Louis every Wednesday afternoon for great Lebanese food and fellowship since 1979.



After lunch, we will visit Mt. Grace Convent, home to the Pink Sisters, a cloistered contemplative missionary religious congregation who dress in rose-colored habits.

People of all ages are welcome. Trip cost is \$109 which includes bus ride, tours, and lunch.

To reserve your spot or for more information, contact Jill at 636–477–6600 x1624!

COUNTRY STORE ITEMS NEEDED

Attention Crafters! The Country Store would love to have some of your creations to sell at the Fall Festival this year. Please consider making your items now in time for our festival on October 5 & 6. Thank you for your generous donations!



Questions, contact Sue Snyder at 314-496-7790.

SATURDAY 3.23.24

8:00am Denny Tiemeyer 5:00pm Nancy Hoff

4:00–4:45pm Church or by appointment

SUNDAY 3.24.24

8:00am Denny Tiemeyer10:00am Karen Brady12:00pm Adam Skotniski5:30pm People of the Parish

By Appointment

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ASSUMPTION JUNE 10–14 | 9AM–12PM



Registration is underway for Assumption's Vacation Bible School for children in Grades pre-K through fifth grade. This year's theme is **Scuba: Diving Into** Friendship with God. We can't wait to compose back for another work of faith

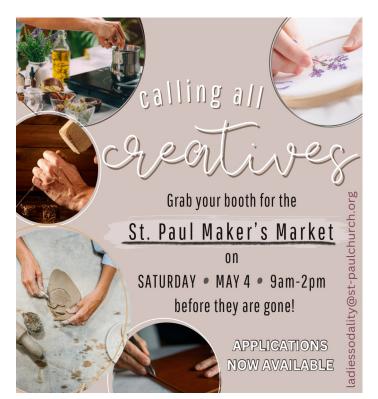
welcome our campers back for another week of faith, fellowship, and fun!

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 <u>hwoytus@abvmtech.org</u>.



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

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



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RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Each week that we celebrate the Rite of Scrutiny, as we have for the past two Sundays during Lent, we are invited deeper and deeper into a great mystery that affects all people. Our world is thirsting, we are thirsting, and Jesus brings us living water. Our world is blind, we are blind, and Jesus opens our eyes. This weekend at the 8am Mass we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus. We will name what keeps us, our communities, and our society from life and the true freedom of the children of God. Our Lenten preparation calls us to name what keeps us enmeshed in death and to bring it to prayer. Each reflection and celebration of the Scrutinies is designed to a progressively draw forth deeper awareness of the mystery of sin and grace, week by week. They not only open up what is sinful in our lives, but also what is good in our lives. As we celebrate the last of the Scrutinies and Cycle A readings we look forward to our Spiritual Retreat Day scheduled for next Sunday.

We really need your support at this time. There is still time to take a prayer card located in the Narthex or cut the prayer cards below, write a short note and a few words of blessings and return to the Parish Office or place in the collection basket next Sunday, which is the last date we can accept the prayer cards and notes before we leave on our spiritual retreat on Palm Sunday. Please continue to pray for them as we near Easter.





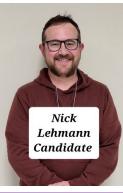






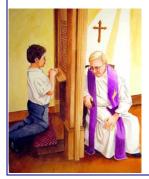








DIDN'T GET TO RECONCILIATION WEEKEND?



You still have time to experience God's healing during your Lenten journey Monday–Friday from 7:30– 7:50am before the 8am Mass and any Saturday in Church, 4–4:45pm.

Priests are also available by appointment.

An Irish Blessing

- May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always
- at your back, May the sun shine warm upon
- your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and,
- until we meet again,
- May God hold you in the palm of His Hand.

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FUNERAL LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



If you are a caring individual who loves cooking and has a strong desire to serve others, consider becoming a Funeral Luncheon Volunteer. With hearts of compassion, these beautiful women and men of our

parish prepare and serve the post-funeral meal for our grieving families.

Split into nine teams, groups of volunteers assist every six weeks or so, and prepare one of these popular dishes on the day of a funeral:

Cole slaw; Veggie tray & ranch dressing; Mostaccioli; Potato/pasta salad; Deviled eggs; Jello/fruit salad

If you are interested in assisting with this pillar of Hospitality/Service at Assumption, please contact Patti Begley at <u>cpbegley@gmail.com</u>.

WEDDING ASSISTANTS NEEDED



If you enjoy weddings (and not crashing them) and working with couples on their special day-we need you! Assumption Parish is currently looking for beautiful wedding assistants to help once or twice a month with:

- ♦ assisting with the rehearsal,
- preparing the church before the ceremony,
- assisting on the day of the wedding.

We will even train you! Those interested, please contact Sue Snyder at <u>suzannegremaudsnyder@gmail.com</u> or 314-496-7790 for more information.

PRINCIPAL'S PEN 🔰

Come to See Our Seventh Grade Passion Play

Join our seventh graders as they perform the Passion Play for our student body in the church. This year, we have scheduled the Passion for Friday, March 22 at 11:30am. (School is dismissed at noon on March 22)

All parishioners are welcome to join our school community to watch the performance.

Assumption Summer Camps | June 3 through July 12, 2024

Assumption teachers and staff are so excited to kick off our 7th Annual Kids Summer Camps! Camps will run from June 3 through July 12. Our Kids Summer Camps are week-long interest-based camps geared towards the children of Assumption Parish entering preschool through eighth grade for the 2024–2025 school year. We provide half-day camps in both the morning and afternoon, as well as several full-day options to help your child find or grow in their God given talents. Our hope is that this site offers all the information you may need to plan a balanced summer with fun and



relaxation for everyone in the family.

We are making registration for our summer camps, including Vacation Bible School, easy. Registering and paying for camps and VBS can now be done all in one place. Scan the QR Code to register and learn about each.

Thanks for reading about Assumption.

God Bless, Dr. Pat Hensley







HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

We had an incredible Luke 18 Retreat weekend last week. God moved in powerful ways in our teens and eighth graders—we had so much fun diving into prayer, community and joy! We can't wait to welcome our eighth graders to Life Teen this week. Here's what our week looks like .

Sunday, March 17 | Life Teen: Luke 18 Reunion & Freshman Welcome!

6:30-8:45pm in the Parish Center

This is it! We're getting the crew back together to celebrate all that God did this past weekend at Luke 18! All of our Life Teen community is invited **AND for the first time, we welcome our eighth graders to Life Teen**! Teens can expect fun, transformative community, dinner, and powerful prayer. We can't want to see you there!

Wednesday, March 20 EDGE: Museum/XLT 6–7:30pm in the Parish Center All seventh and eighth graders are invited



to join us for a night focusing on the mercy of God and His presence to us in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Youth can expect fun, faith and fellowship. See you there!





SAVE THE DATES:

April 7: Mission West 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; Life Teen Youth Minister 636-240-3721 ext. 243 or <u>beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org</u>

Alejandro DeHerrera, Middle School (EDGE) Youth Minister 636-240-3721 ext. 333 or <u>alejandrodeherrera@abvmtech.org</u>

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING MARCH

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 March, please support the general needs of the parish through the Sunday offertory, and consider the following specific causes and needs:

- Easter Flowers: Make our Church and Chapel joyous and bright for the Easter season! Your contribution will help pay for the numerous Easter lilies and other spring flowers that make our worship spaces inspiring and beautiful.
- Good Friday, March 29—Holy Land: This collection supports the preservation of holy places in the Holy Land, as well as pastoral, charitable, educational and social works in the region.
- Easter Sunday, March 31—Regina Cleri: This collection supports the Regina Cleri Community, an independent living retirement home for priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The resources and amenities at Regina Cleri Community provide a safe, comfortable and joyful environment in which our retired priests thrive.
- **Cemetery Care**: Contributions support the maintenance of our cemetery and columbarium, honoring the memory of our loved ones and others who came before us.
- 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.

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 Actual Collections Budget Target Surplus / (Shortfall) Feb. 25, 2024 \$31,410 <u>\$34,500</u> \$(3,090)

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YTD 7/1/23 - 2/25/24 \$1,458,267 <u>\$1,377,500</u> \$80,767 Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our schoolOriginal Loan\$3,306,127Current balance owed\$703,091Monthly payment\$20,923

Last expected payment will be in August 2026, thanks to our annual Ensuring Parish Viability grant of \$75,000 which was renewed by the Archdiocese in March 2024.

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: <u>assumptionbvm.org/Our-Parish/Online-Giving</u> or scan the QR Code



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The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)

We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)

God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

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403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366 636-240-3721 Parish Office Hours: Monday–Thurs 8am–4pm Friday 8am–3pm

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 636-272-4758 (Helpline)

OFFICE INFORMATION

BULLETIN NOTICES Submit to Parish Office Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com by Tuesday 9am

SOCIAL MEDIA Website: <u>assumptionbvm.org</u>

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.