Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

I was blind and now I see.

John 9:25

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Sacraments and Parish Information



BAPTISM

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

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

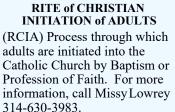


Those preparing for marriage should contact the parish office six months in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie at the Parish Office, xt 235.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721





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

FUNERALS Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



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.



FIRST COMMUNION

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

Welcome

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Hello,



It has been three years now since we had to shut everything down because of COVID. Schools went to remote learning and Churches went to livestreaming. We all learned what it meant to ZOOM whether it was for

work or with family or friends. We thought/hoped that it would only be for a few weeks and then we could get back to our lives as normal, but that wasn't the case. While I have heard of numerous people just this last week who have tested positive for COVID, I'm glad to say that I have not known anyone who has had a serious enough case that they had to be hospitalized for it for a while now. A combination of building up immunities, vaccinations, certain good practices, and milder strains are hopefully keeping it relatively under control. In the season of Lent we voluntarily give up or take on certain things to try and grow in our relationship with God and one another, consider what are some good practices we wish to keep (COVID Keeps) or things we have learned addressing COVID?

Keeping in contact – COVID prevented many of us from seeing people whether that was someone we see regularly and we needed to maintain social distances, people we might visit for a few days now and then that was definitely out of the question, or someone who lived in a senior or other facility where extreme limitations were put on visiting. I know my family (my siblings and dad) started a weekly ZOOM call that was a minimum way to visit when we couldn't be there in person. Now that we can visit in person this has provided another way we continue to stay connected even when we are scattered across the country.

Live streaming Mass – Our parish has been doing this for Sunday Masses since the current (not really new anymore) building was finished and it provided a way we could stay united in prayer even when we could not physically gather. Hopefully it has given us a greater appreciation for the need to gather together for Mass when possible and an ability to maintain some connection when we can't.

Wearing masks – Since this was really identified as a better protection of others if we might be contagious rather than a protection for ourselves from someone else it continues to be a way, when we might be contagious with something, that we can accept a small hardship out of concern for others. (And I think most of us still have some masks around.)

Different opinions – I think it is safe to say that all of us have had different opinions and understandings about COVID, and they have grown and changed over the last three years. Like our faith, hopefully we continue to seek to grow in the truth and even when we disagree with someone else, our goal is not to prove ourselves right or to 'win', but to seek the best and truth for all.

Like sin, COVID and any disease, is not something we would every seek out or desire. But when we have to face them in our lives, God can even make them opportunities to show our love for God and one another and appreciate other blessings we might have been taking for granted.





"...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."

Adult Formation

Assumption Celebrates Prom through the Decades April 22

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! 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.

Tickets are \$140 per couple and \$70 each and will be available for purchase online at *https://*

abvm.ticket.qtego.net 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 *auction@abvmtech.org*.



Donations are being accepted and can be dropped off at the Gala table downstairs in the pre-function area of the Parish Hall on Palm Sunday, April 2, after Mass (8am, 10am and noon) or by making other arrangements. This year's Fund the Need campaign is calling for the installation of 20 additional school security cameras. Sponsorships and business advertisements in the Gala souvenir booklet also are available and offer great exposure and publicity to any business or organization. Anyone interested in assisting with our fundraising efforts, should contact Mindy Saxbury or Gina Nelson at *auction@abvmtech.org*.

But that's not all! As a tribute to our loving Assumption Parish and School families, we will be featuring their prom photos at the event! Interested participants should take a picture of their prom photo and email it to *auction@abvmtech.org* no later than April 1.

Be sure to join us for this amazing 10th anniversary celebration, which serves as the largest fundraiser of the year at Assumption School. For more information, visit us online at: *https://assumptionbvmschool.org/Auction*.



Fit and FUNctional Exercise Class! Begins March 21st!

Assumption will be starting an 8 week Seated

Exercise Class for adults! 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*.



March 19, 2023

St. Francis . . . Pillar of Prayer



"For thus says the Lord: When you call Me, and come and prav to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me ... " Jeremiah 29:10-13



Assumption Lenten Opportunities

- \sim Stations of the Cross: March 24 at 2:40pm and 7pm in the Church and March 31 at 7pm in the Chapel.
- ~ Sunday Lenten Special Rosary Prayed: March 19, March 26 and April 2 at 4:30pm in the Chapel
- \sim Tuesday Eucharistic Exposition: March 21 & 28 and April 4 from 9am 6pm in the Chapel
- ~ Tuesday Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions: March 21 & 28 and April 4 at 5pm in the Chapel
- ~ Tuesday Evening Mass: Through April 4th at 6pm in the Chapel
- ~ Reconciliation Weekend: Friday, March 24, 6-9pm in the Church, and Saturday, March 25, 9am- 3:30pm in the Chapel
- ~ Easter Egg Hunt: April 2, Palm Sunday after all Masses
- ~ Passion Play: April 6, Holy Thursday at 11am in the Church
- ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper: April 6, Holy Thursday at 7pm in Church
- ~ Life Teen Walk the Way Stations of the Cross: April 7, Good Friday at 3pm in the Church
- ~ Good Friday Service: April 7 at 7pm in Church
- ~ Saturday Easter Vigil: April 8 at 5pm in Church
- ~ Sunday Easter Mass: April 9 at 8am, 10am, and Noon in the Church, and 8:15am and 10:15am in the Chapel.

Learn the art of Quilting from Assumption Quilters at this NEW QUILTING CLASS in April!

Ladies of the Parish, age 18+ are welcome to join us on Tuesday, April 25th and Tuesday, May 2nd, 6:30 – 8pm in the Rectory basement for an "Introduction to Quilting" class. You will learn assembly, hand-stitching techniques and binding. The two-day class is \$10 and is limited to 10 pre-registered guests only. Registration fee includes all class supplies, and each participant will receive a small 18"-20" square take-home project to complete and use. If interested, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office no later than April 16 with the class fee of \$10.

Quilting Class on April 25 and May 2 from 6:30 – 8pm. Class will be held in the Rectory basement.

Name: Phone: Class Fee: \$10

	MONDAY 3.20.23	TUESDAY 3.21.23	WEDNESDAY 22.23
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Daniel Bridges 8:00am Larry Kiphart 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	6:30am John Allard 8:00am Larry Kiphart 6:00pm Priest Intention	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Shirley Mackey
Reconciliation		7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment

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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 this year. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY!

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

\$15 - Fish dinner, includes 3 sides

\$14 - Fish Dinner, Dine in Senior rate

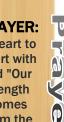
\$10 - Sandwich plate, includes 1 side

Children, 13 and under \$5

202 W. 3rd Street, O'Fallon **• • • • • • • • • • • • • •**



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



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 19th at 4:30pm and every Sunday during Lent. For more information, please contact Barbara Stettner at creativebarb@charter.net.



James Wollbrink Father of Robert Wollbrink



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Our next monthly gathering will be Monday, March 27th at



6:30pm. Let's continue to honor St. Patrick!

SAVE THE DATE... our April meeting will be on April 17, the THIRD Monday in stead of our normal FOURTH Monday. More information to follow. Any questions please call Bob or Liz Allmeyer 636 240-8638

THURSDAY 3.23.23

6:30am Tony Hasting 8:00am Becky Bliefnick

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

FRIDAY 3.24.23

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

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

SATURDAY 3.25.23

8:00am Jack Gierten 5:00pm Ron & Lucille Hines, Spec. Intention 4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment

SUNDAY 3.26.23

8:00am Eugene Roettger 10:00am Jane Schwane 12:00pm Hugh Boyd 5:30pm People of the Parish By Appointment

Holy Family...Pillar of Formation

March 19, 2023



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

From the Principal's Pen

Assumption Continues Piloting Curriculum Development and Planning for Archdiocese



Last year, 2021-22, Assumption faculty undertook the challenge of

piloting a new Curriculum Development concept and platform. The concept used is known as UbD an acronym for Understanding by Design. With Assumption faculty piloting this, the Archdiocese plans to take what we have developed to help other schools and faculty create their own lessons. The basic concept is that first we, as educators, need to understand what we really are wanting to teach – and what students need to learn. Of course, using our Learning Standards helps guide teachers in what topics are essential for each grade level and subject area.

Teachers develop their lessons by creating an ESSENTIAL QUESTION for each UNIT, which elicits thinking, discussion, and interest. Around the essential question are the goals for students' learning (and standards to attain) in that particular UNIT. Remember that learning is not simply memorization of information. Learning requires students to capably think through their answers, based on reason and previously learned knowledge, and give their answers with a rationale on why they determined that answer.

Throughout last year, our faculty was trained by Dr. Heidi Hayes Jacobs, a nationally known educator and author on UbD. The training covered several months, providing interim time to work on developing the lessons using Essential Questions and setting goals (and determining which standards were being used) within the lesson.

The platform, CHALK, is the location that we keep our lesson plans (UNITS) online. These remain online, so that as new teachers come to our school, we have plans already created that use all standards in the subject area to instruct our students to think. In 22-23, our faculty continues to create Math UNITS, and work directly with the Curriculum and Instruction Department leaders in the Archdiocese, Maureen Lovette and Anthony Van Gessel.

4th Grade Pancakes, Parade and 'Shrove Tuesday'

Our 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Meka Harvey, is a native of New Orleans, where Mardi Gras has special meaning. This year, she spent time in class speaking of the significance of Lent, and Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday has several names, one of which is Mardi Gras - French for "Fat Tuesday". For 'Nawlins' folk, the pancakes represent cleaning out the pantries and refrigerator for the practice of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday. As this is the last day of the Christian liturgical season historically known as Shrovetide, before the penitential season of Lent, where one chooses to sacrifice for the upcoming forty days. Ash Wednesday, begins a time of confession and absolution, the ritual burning of the previous year's Holy Week palms, and determining one's Lenten sacrifice.



Our 4th graders, in preparation for Lent, worked in "krewes" to create their

parade "floats", created out of shoe boxes. Each float had a theme and was decorated and carried through the halls of Assumption on the afternoon of Pancake Tuesday. Of course, they needed to celebrate in full fashion, so ended in the Explore Nature Outdoor Classroom to eat pancakes!



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outh Formation

Holy Family...Pillar of Formation





Hello from Assumption Youth Ministry! We have seen the Holy Spirit move in such beautiful ways in our teens and middle school youth this year!



Two weeks ago, we had our **Luke 18 Confirmation Retreat Weekend**! We welcomed 88 8th 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 8th 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 26th.

Sunday, March 19 No Life Teen: Spring Break

Wednesday, March 22 No EDGE: Spring Break

2023 Save the Dates: June 26-30: Life Teen Leadership Conference July 7-10: Steubenville Youth Conference July 23-29: Life Teen Camp Covecrest





There is still time for qualifying K-8 families to apply for grants from the MOScholars program.

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) scholar-ship 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.

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*

St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service

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Roman Catholic Foundation EASTERN MISSOURI

Conversations about illness, death and dying are never easy. Whether death comes suddenly or after prolonged illness, most of us are not comfortable discussing our medical wishes or cycleof-life plans with our loved ones. However, being prepared ensures that your final wishes are followed. It is important for you and your loved ones to understand the Church's teachings on end-of-life decisions. Advance planning on your part keeps your family from having to make these difficult decisions.

This free seminar is for people of all ages and life situations: singles, parents of young families, those caring for aging parents and those facing illness or death. There will be no solicitation at this event.

THE PARISHES OF THE ST. CHARLES DEANERY HOST... THE CONVERSATION: To register, A Catholic Perspective please visit on Cycle-of-Life Issues PRESENTED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION rcfstl.org/general/ "As each one theconversationhas received spring 2023 a gift, use it to SATURDAY | APRIL 15, 2023 or call serve one 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. (lunch provided) another as Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary • Parish Hall 314-918-2890. good stew-403 N Main Street • O'Fallon, MO 63366 ards of God's varied **TOPICS INCLUDE:** grace." • Principles of Catholic Bioethics, Fr. Peter Fonseca, M.A., MDiv., M.S.; Pastor at St. Theodore - 1 Peter - Ordinary & Extraordinary Means of Preserving Life - Quality of Life & the Dignity of the Human Person Advance Directives & Estate Planning, Raymond Kreinkamp; Partner at Husch Blackwell LLP Charitable Legacy Planning, Michael Weisbrod; Sr. Gift Advisor at Roman Catholic Foundation • Funeral & Cemetery Planning, Fr. Nicholas Kastenholz; Pastor at Assumption

- Pastoral Care of the Sick & Dying

- Anatomical Donation & Cremation

2023 Fall Festival - SEPTEMBER 30/OCTOBER 1!

Get ready for another exciting lineup of music, food, fellowship and fun at the 2023 Assumption Fall Festival! This year's festivities are happening **TWO WEEKS EARLIER THAN LAST YEAR'S**, so be sure to mark your calendar now so you don't miss it! Back by popular demand, Almost Famous will hit the stage at 6pm on Saturday, and Dean's Catering will be bringing back its famous fried chicken dinner on Sunday! You won't want to miss this!

DON'T FORGET, when doing your spring cleaning... we are always looking for NEW and VERY GENTLY USED seasonal decorations, household items, home goods, and other items for our 'County Store, Décor and More' booth! These items are 100 percent profit for the parish, and donations are already being accepted. Please place your donations in the plastic totes located in the pre-function area of the Parish Center. Questions? Call Lisa Serino at 314-479-1097 or Sue Snyder at 314-496-7790. More exciting Fall Festival info to come!

Our Gifts to God and Parish

\$

\$

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

Weekly Offertory **Actual Collections Budget Target** Surplus / (Shortfall)

Original Loan

Current balance owed

Last expected payment, August 2026

Monthly payment

March 5, 2023	
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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) TITHING

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

YTD 7/1/2022 - 2/2023

St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service

March 19, 2023

RCIA Catechumens and Candidates. Please pray for them! RC Write each of them a message on a separate paper and Return in collection basket by 3/26/2023. hlev Preus Conner Dean amantha Ilui Tom Grimshaw Heather Favila Ryan Austin Sally Logsdon Catechumen Catechumen Candidate Candidate Candidate Candidate Steve Fopp Ielen O'Connel cott Logsdor Candidate Anna Bross Amber Rock John Fairhurst andidate Candidate Catechumen Candidate Candidate During the Second Scrutiny we listen to the story of the man born blind. The man who is healed of his blindness regains his sight immediately, but gradually grows to see as Christ sees. Last fall during the Rite

of Acceptance and Welcoming, the eyes of those beginning RCIA were "signed" with the sign of the cross by their sponsors. We all prayed as the celebrant said, "Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes, that **you** may

First Scrutiny: Please pray for our Elect Conner, Ashley, and Samantha.

Lainey and Mike lead the RCIA session on Sunday's Gospel -Woman at the Well.

see the glory of God." Through the past year of formation and growth and through their experiences with this community of faith, those in RCIA have also grown in understanding of what they see—who the man Jesus was, the prophetic words he spoke, his unique relationship with the Father, and his identity as Lord. Join us in prayer and reflection with the readings for the Second Scrutiny. What have you been blind to? How have your eyes been opened to see Christ's Truth? And so, together, let us pray:

- That our eyes may be opened to see God's presence and love active and alive in our lives and in our world;
- We pray for the clarity of vision, to see who we are called to be and what we are called to do;
- For the courage and faith to ask God to open our eyes to the poor, suffering, lonely, alienated and forgotten;
- That the Lord may remove the blindness from our hearts that we may love others with the love that comes from God;
- That we may become in Christ, the light to our world;

PRAY Every Tuesday in Chapel!

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

Pray the Rosary Before Weekend Masses:

Please join us in Church 30 minutes before each weekend Mass for the Rosary. We gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.

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Holy Men of God – TMIY is back for one more session with Steve. Last week he said we have two options - collapse or convert. No matter how far we've fallen individually or as a society at large, the merciful heart of the Father continues to pursue us with his unfailing love. Jesus - We trust in you! March 25 – The Triumph of Divine Mercy

- Speaker: Steve Bollman
- Pope John Paul II's Last Message to the World
- The Necessity of Understanding and Accepting Divine Mercy
- Trusting in Ourselves vs Trusting in God
- The Consequences of COVID-19
- Heed the Warning of Pope John Paul II
- Practical Steps to Practice Divine Mercy

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



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

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.