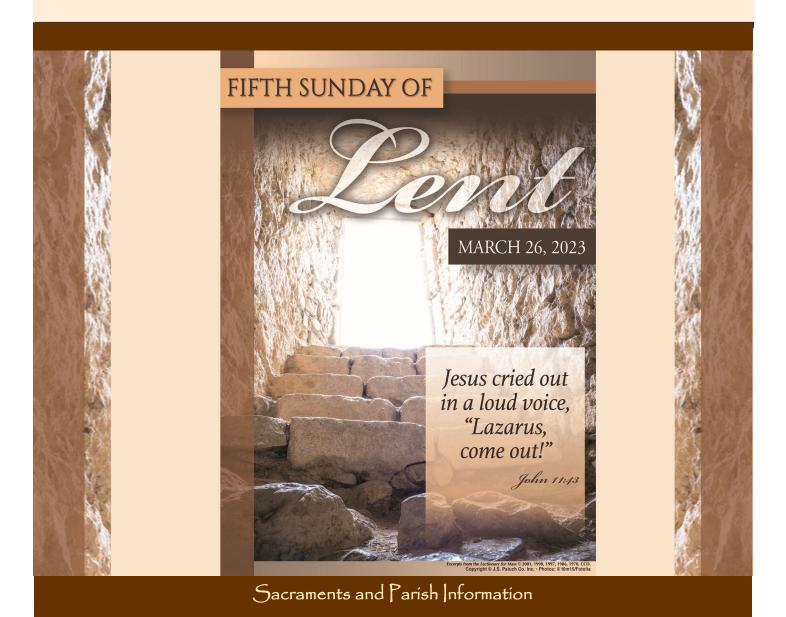
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary





BAPTISM

Scheduled every Sunday at :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.



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





FIRST COMMUNION

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



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Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



FUNERALS Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721

Welcome

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Hello,

Covering statues during Holy Week or throughout Lent is something that I get asked about at least once most years. It is a practice that you might have seen in other countries or remember from your childhood (if you are a bit older than me) that I believe was fairly widespread and then discontinued (in the United States at least) until it has recently been allowed again.

A commonly referred to origin of the practice is traced back to ninth century Germany where beginning on Ash Wednesday a large cloth was draped entirely covering the altar. It was not removed until during the reading of the Passion on Holy Wednesday at the words "the veil of the temple was rent (torn) in two." Others refer to the time when public penance was a practice that was being discontinued in the Church, but draping a cloth over the altar during Lent was a means of continuing this as the entire Church went through a penitential season until Easter.

The practice of specifically covering statues and crosses during Lent is traced to the Later Middle Ages. Again this would be a penitential act, as the statues of saints would remind us of participating in the glory of heaven, and having simple cloth draped over them would naturally lead to a more somber setting. This allows us to recognize the difference of the Lenten Season and also more fully celebrate when the veils are removed. From at least the 17th century this practice was restricted from all of Lent to only begin at the end of the 4th week of Lent and last until Easter. This allows for a more heightened sense of penitence as we approach Easter.

In the United States the practice was actually stopped after Vatican II with the issuing of the Roman Missal that took effect in 1970. It stated after the Saturday of the 4th week of Lent, "The practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, if the episcopal conference decides." Our conference never did decide, so the practice was not allowed. But our newest version of the Roman Missal, issued in 2011, now states that this practice "may be observed" in the United States.

I don't plan on covering our statues or crosses this week. It would take quite a cloth to cover our cross and since it has not been a recent custom I think it would be more distracting than helpful. But hopefully our Lenten practices we have been observing for over

a month now are helping us properly prepare for and anticipate the coming Easter.

Peace,

Fr. Nick



Adult Formation

"...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."

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! Every Tuesday and Thursday

Assumption now has 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, 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 29:10-13



Assumption Lenten Opportunities

- ~ Stations of the Cross: March 31 at 7pm in the Chapel.
- ~ Sunday Lenten Special Rosary Prayed: March 26 and April 2 at 4:30pm in the Chapel
- ~ Tuesday Eucharistic Exposition: March 28 and April 4 from 9am 6pm in the Chapel
- ~ Tuesday Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions: March 28 and April 4 at 5pm in the Chapel
- ~ Tuesday Evening Mass: Through April 4th at 6pm 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 7:00pm in Church
- ~ Saturday Easter Vigil: April 8 at 8:00pm 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.

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Name:	Phone:	Class Fee: \$10

Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

6:30am Christopher Scholten 8:00am Juanita Kaltenbach 7:30 - 7:50am Church

Or by appointment

MONDAY 3.27.23

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

TUESDAY 3.28.23

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

WEDNESDAY 29.23 6:30am Priest Intention

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

8:00am Priest Intention

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

Tif 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.





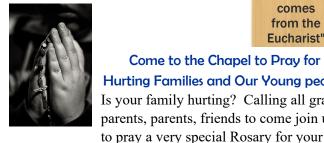
PRAYER: A heart to heart with God "Our strength comes from the **Eucharist**"





\$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



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

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 26th at 4:30pm and every Sunday during Lent. For more information, please contact Barbara Stettner at creativebarb@charter.net.



Michael Burns Brother of Peggy Poeschel

Aleyamma Konikkara Mother of George Konikkara



Our next monthly gathering will be Monday, March 27th at 6:30pm. Let's continue to

honor St. Patrick!



We will be entertained by our favorite Irish Dancers!

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 3.30.23

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

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

FRIDAY 3.31.23

6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Mary Jane Schalk

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

SATURDAY 4.01.23

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

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

SUNDAY 4.02.23

8:00am Bes Roettger Family 10:00am Marvin Birkemeier 12:00pm Shirley Mackey 5:30pm Priest Intention By Appointment

Youth Formation

From the Principal's Pen

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

Champion Chess Tournament for 22-23

Congratulations to the Assumption School Chess Team for clinching several spots in the Chess Finalist Tournament. They were among more than 180 players in grades K-8 from schools throughout the Archdiocese of Saint Louis competing in the competition. And the Tournament was held in our Parish Center!

The goal of the Assumption Youth Chess Program is to share the passion for the game of chess, in a positive environment which promotes Christian values. Chess is a very effective mind training activity, and a great educational and motivational tool. Studies show that chess improves academic performance, strategic thinking, consideration of alternatives, and social skills.

All boys and girls, Grades K - 8, are eligible for participation in the CYC Chess Program. Students learn the fundamentals of chess in an environment that stresses the enjoyment in learning the game. Chess develops critical thinking skills, builds confidence, and cultivates tools that can be valuable in all aspects of life.

Summer Practice for Math and Grammar

Here is a chance to help your child during the summer with Math and Grammar. Simple Solutions, the company we use for Math and Grammar, offers summer editions for your children. There is a discount of 15% if you order 3 or more workbooks, from now to April 16th, and the cost is \$16.99 per book - mailed to your home. Go to: www.summersolutions.net. The PROMO CODE is TOP2023.



Assumption Wins Elk Top Free Throw Shooter Award

Assumption won the Elks National Top Shooter award from the Elks Lodge Free throw contest and our PE teacher, Ms. Kaitlyn Carter, received the award on behalf of all players.

This contest involves all Wentzville, Francis Howell, and Fort Zumwalt middle schools as well as all non-public middles schools (ICD, St.Joe - Cottleville, etc.) Assumption's Middle School won the Top Shooter Award for this year!! We have not won this award since 2009! The trophy, presented to Ms. Carter will be displayed in our trophy case, built by Fr. Nick.



Thanks for reading about our School! Pat Hensley

Miss Patti's Musical Theatre Company **Proudly Presents:**



Apr 14th 2023, 7:00 PM Apr 15th 2023, 7:00 PM Apr 16th 2023, 2:00 PM



Your Tickets Today!

TICKET PRICES \$12 Advance Tickets \$14 at the Door

Assumption School Auditorium 203 West Third Street O'Fallon, MO 63366

outh 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!

A few 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 con-

tinue their journey towards Confirmation.

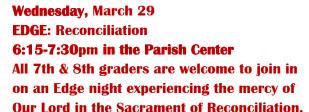




6:30-8:45 pm in the Parish Center

All teens are invited for a Life Night focusing in on our call to serve and what that can look like as vocations to married life, religious life, generous single life and the priesthood. Expect fun, food, fellowship and powerful prayer.





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

SHOULD I HAVE A LIVING WILL?

The Conversation: A Catholic Perspective on Cycle-of-Life Issues.

Saturday, April 15th in the Parish Center. 10:00am

Our parish, along with the parishes of the surrounding area, is hosting a seminar on end-of-life issues for Catholics. The seminar, entitled The Conversation: A Catholic Perspective on Cycle-of-Life Issues, will take place at here from 10:00am - 2:00pm. This free event will include lunch and valuable discussion about many end-of-life issues such as Catholic bioethics, advance directives, estate planning, Catholic funeral and cemetery planning. The seminar is presented by the Roman Catholic Foundation, and speakers will include local Catholic estate attorney Raymond Kreienkamp and theologian, Fr. Peter Fonseca. Reserve your place by visiting, rcfstl.org/the-conversation, or call 314.918.2890.

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

- 1 Peter

varied

grace."



Assumption Blood Drive – Coming in April!

Assumption Parish will be hosting another blood drive and you are encouraged once again to consider making a donation of the Gift of Life. ImpactLife will be in the parish hall on Sunday, April 16, 2023, 9:00am – 1:30pm, and we look forward to welcoming you there!

If you have not donated blood since February 19, you are eligible to donate at this drive. Donations by appointment only to accommodate social distancing. To schedule go to www.bloodcenter.org/ group; #9007, scan the QR Code or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401. Parish coordinator, Mary Anne Robinson, can also be reached at 636-541-2823 to assist with scheduling. For information about COVID-19 protocols relating to blood donations please visit www.bloodcenter.org.

Come Grow with Us!



LIFE 🌢

Assumption School 2023-24 Registration is Open! Assumption School has been

challenging and inspiring students in preschool through 8th grades for over 150 years! Come Grow with us! Our teachers are certified and students rank above average in Math and Reading. Call the school office at 636-240-4474 to set up a tour and register today.

Help the Parish save \$20,000! Many of our parishioners appreciate the convenience of online giving. On average, about 1/3 of our contributions are received through the online giving platform. We're very thankful for the support of our online givers! Online giving is helpful and convenient, but it's not free. Each online gift has a 3% processing fee withheld from it. If you contribute \$100, for example, only \$97 actually winds up in the parish's bank account. For a full year, those fees cost the parish about \$20,000. Here's an alternative that avoids those fees: Why not use online banking? Just set up Assumption Church as a recurring vendor on your bank's bill payment page. Most banks don't charge a fee to send your check to the parish, and the full 100% of your gift will support the good work of the church.

If you have questions or want more information, please call Mark Vogt in the Parish Office.

Our Gifts to God and Parish

Weekly Offertory Actual Collections

Budget Target Surplus / (Shortfall) March 12, 2023

49,321 37,000 12,321

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YTD 7/1/2022 - 2/2023 1,433,036 1,433,000

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

STEWARDSHIP

TITHING

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school Original Loan \$ 3,306,127 Current balance owed 957,301 20,923 Monthly payment Last expected payment, August 2026

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



HOSPITALITY: Christian kindness "We are ALL hospitality ministers"

RCA

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 8:00 am 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 draw forth a progressively 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. Here at Assumption parish we celebrate a "combined Rite" with our elect (those unbaptized) and our Candidates (those already baptized). This is an intensive period of preparation for initiation of both. We pray for our Candidates who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation this past week. They are preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Do you have prayer cards yet for RCIA? We really need your support at this time. There is still time to take a prayer card located in the Narthex and write a few words of blessings and return today. Remember to have each family member write a short note to them. Did you forget to bring them from home? Next weekend will be the last date we can accept them. These will be given to our group during our spiritual retreat. Please continue to pray for them as we near Easter.



2nd Scrutiny. Please pray for Ashley, Scott and Conner.





Catechists Sharon and Lisa lead the RCIA session on the "Man Born Blind."

2nd Annual 5 k F U N Rule of the proceeds go to The Sturge-Weber Foundation.

Register at

www.haileyshopesws.com

PRAY Every Tuesday in the 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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SAVE THE DATE! The Run for Life and Learning is June 3! Benefiting Birthright Counseling

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 3 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD. Register or donate at *runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning*. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families. For sponsorship opportunities or more info, email *run4lifeandlearnng@gmail.com*.

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!

MEN'S GROUP

There will be donuts available after 8am Mass, and grilled hot dogs, soda and water after the 10am and 12pm Masses. Donations are welcome!

All proceeds help support and fund the annual Easter egg hunt.





"...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."

4:15-16

- Ephesians



Holy Men of God – TMIY is back again this week, with another talk by Dr. Miravalle!

This session is one of the most fascinating of the entire year. We promise everyone will walk away with something new! In addition to a full college course on Mariology, Dr. Miravalle

also teaches a course on Angelology! Really?! Yes - an entire course on the angels! The angels have more spiritual significance than most of us ever imagined and Sacred Scripture is filled with countless stories of their intercession

and protection. Learn about each of the 9 Choirs of Angels: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels, and Guardian Angels. There are literally billions of angels on our side! More angels than human persons! We have the massive qualitative and quantitative victory over the power of evil... we just have to claim it!

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

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ASSUMPTION SCHOOL: 636.240.4474

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.