

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*Blessed
is the king*

*who comes in the
name of the Lord.*

LUKE 19:38

APRIL ~ 2023

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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 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.



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 2nd grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

Welcome

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Hello,

It is Palm Sunday and as we hear of Christ entering Jerusalem we are entering into Holy Week. As the pinnacle of our liturgical year, I hope it is also one that has deep memories for each of you that help us enter into the solemnity and the celebration of the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday to bring us to Easter. Here's a little promotion for each of the services if it has been a little while since you have participated in them. If you have never participated in them it may be something you would consider this year.

Holy Thursday – 7 pm – The Mass of the Lord's Supper – This Mass commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist, of the priestly Order, and the commandment of the Lord concerning fraternal charity. In the Gospel reading we will hear how Jesus washed his disciples' feet and instructed them "as I have done for you, you should also do." The presider will wash the feet of representatives of the parish to remind all of us that we are asked to carry on Christ's tradition towards one another. We celebrate the liturgy of the Eucharist and receive Christ fully as he offered Himself for us. The service ends after a procession to the altar of repose, in the chapel, where we can stay in silent prayer and adoration of Christ in the incredible gift He gives us of Himself in the Eucharist.

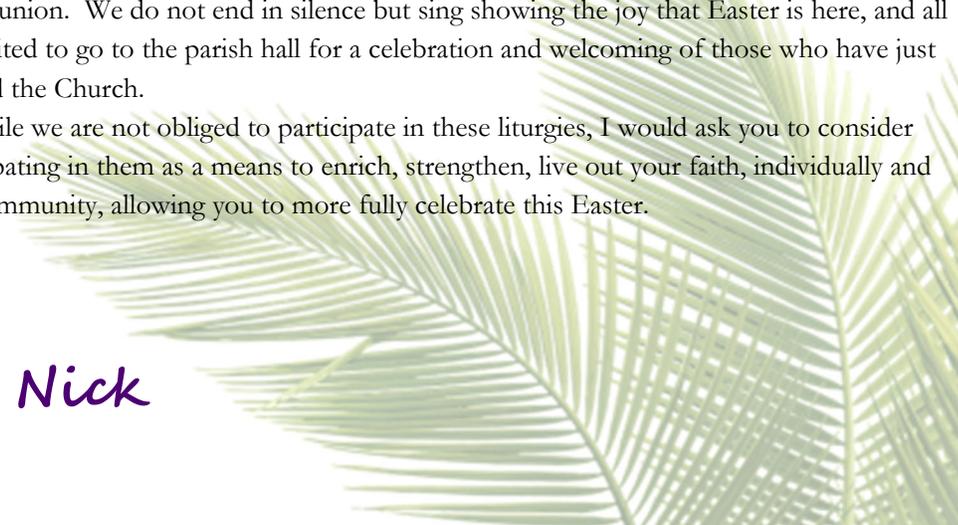
Good Friday – 7pm – The Passion of the Lord – In the liturgy of the Word we read the Lord's Passion and reflect upon the suffering and death He suffered for us. Adoration of the Cross is done by all gathered in gratitude and recognition for all Christ did for us that we may have eternal life. While Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday the Eucharist that was consecrated on Holy Thursday is received. After a final blessing people will again leave in silence.

Holy Saturday – 8 pm – The Easter Vigil – The Vigil begins with the lighting of the Easter fire, the blessing and lighting of the Easter Candle, and then (weather permitting) the procession into the church as the fire from the Easter Candle spreads through all of church to the candles we each hold. The Easter Proclamation (Exsultat) is made and then our candles are extinguished as we listen to the readings which bring us through the history of God with the world from creation through the Resurrection. The water to be used for Baptism is blessed and we renew our baptismal promises with those who will then receive Baptism and Confirmation and are welcomed into the Church. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated and those who were welcomed into the Church receive their first Holy Communion. We do not end in silence but sing showing the joy that Easter is here, and all are invited to go to the parish hall for a celebration and welcoming of those who have just entered the Church.

While we are not obliged to participate in these liturgies, I would ask you to consider participating in them as a means to enrich, strengthen, live out your faith, individually and as a community, allowing you to more fully celebrate this 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.”

- Ephesians 4:15-16

Assumption Celebrates Prom through the Decades (Parish Auction) Saturday, 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.

For more information, visit us online at: <https://assumptionbvmschool.org/Auction>.



Seniors 50+ Exercise Class!

Assumption now has a ‘Seated Exercise Class’ for adults. It is being held in the parish center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:45-9:45am. Classes are now through 5/18/23. Space is still available! The class, taught by a Physical Therapist is geared towards those 50+, and will be intended to accommodate various levels to improve strength, flexibility, and mobility. Resistance bands provided in class.

When: Tuesday/Thursday, 8:45 - 9:45am
Where: Hall A Cost: \$50 for 8 weeks

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



WHAT IS THE CHURCH’S POSITION ON CREMATION?

Attend *The Conversation: A Catholic Perspective on Cycle-of-Life Issues* to ensure your final plans are aligned with Catholic teaching.

SATURDAY | APRIL 15, 2023

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Assumption of the B.V.M. (O’Fallon)

To register, visit rcfstl.org/general/the-conversation-spring-2023 or call 314.918.2890



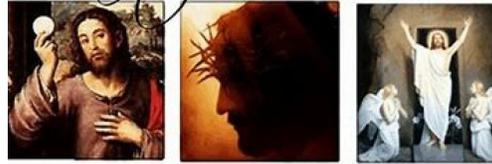


“For thus says the Lord: When you call Me, and come and pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me...”

Jeremiah 29:10-13

Prayer

Easter Triduum



Assumption Lenten Opportunities

Easter Egg Hunt: TODAY! April 2, Palm Sunday after all morning Masses

- ~ Sunday Lenten Special Rosary Prayed: April 2 at 4:30pm in the Chapel
- ~ Tuesday Eucharistic Exposition: April 4 from 9am - 6pm in the Chapel
- ~ Tuesday Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions: April 4 at 5pm in the Chapel
- ~ Tuesday Evening Mass: April 4th at 6pm in the Chapel

Holy Thursday

- ~ Morning Prayer: Holy Thursday, in Chapel at 8:00am
- ~ 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

Good Friday

- ~ Morning Prayer: Good Friday, in Chapel at 8:00am
- ~ 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

Hoy Saturday

- ~ Morning Prayer: Holy Saturday, in Chapel at 8:00am
- ~ Saturday Easter Vigil: April 8 at 8:00pm in Church

Easter Sunday

- ~ **Sunday Easter Mass: April 9 at 8am, 10am, and Noon in the Church, and 8:15am and 10:15am in the Chapel (No 5:30pm Mass).**



LENT



Hospitality Sunday TODAY!



Thank you to everyone who generously donates every month to our donuts. **We will have Donuts today!** After all Sunday morning Masses! We hope that you will join us for fellowship and fun. If you are new to our parish and would like to register, there will be a table set up with people there to welcome you. We are grateful to be able to gather each month in this way and to be able to share fellowship! If you already registered online but have not gotten your Welcoming Folder, please stop by our New Member Registration table in the Parish Center. The Welcoming team will have folders ready for you that include our Parish Directory and lots of information describing the *what's, where's and when's* of both our Church and Chapel. We will be at our table after the 8am, 10am and Noon Masses to help with any questions you may have about our parish. If you have any questions, contact, Lynn Crews at 314-578 -0741.

	MONDAY 4.03.23	TUESDAY 4.04.23	WEDNESDAY 4.05.23
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Carl Hubert 8:00am Eugene Roettger	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Alma Pratt 6:00pm Sharon Salas	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Irwin Dierkes
Reconciliation	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	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 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"

Prayer

K of C FISH FRY
April 7th
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



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, April 2nd at 4:30pm and every Sunday during Lent. For more information, please contact Barbara Stettner at creativebarb@charter.net.

Would you give up just 1 per week?

Increasing your faithful donations just \$5 per week will help our Parish and School remain financially healthy for future generations.
Thank You in advance for your generosity.

50-plus C.L.U.B

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 at 636-240-8638.

The ProLife Quarterly Meeting will be held on Monday, April 17th following the 8:00am Mass. We will meet in the Meyer Room in the parish center. All are welcome! Questions? Please call Sylvia at 636-978-8803.



THURSDAY 4.06.23	FRIDAY 4.07.23	SATURDAY 4.08.23	SUNDAY 4.09.23
7:00pm Bruce Kreycik	No Masses	8:00pm Krystal Korte-Gierer	8:00am Henry/Norma Prinster Family
7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment	8:15am Priest Intention
			10:00am Priest intention
			10:15am People of the Parish
			12:00pm Irwin Dierkes
			5:30pm No Mass
			By Appointment

Youth Formation



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



From the Principal's Pen

6th grade studies Mesopotamia and the 1st Written Language

Our 6th graders were completing their unit on Mesopotamia where the 1st writing system – cuneiform was developed. After talking about the importance of a writing system for communication and about scribes and their importance in society. Students decided on a phrase they liked and used the cuneiform alphabet (and clay as their form of paper) to write their message the Mesopotamian way.

A bit about Cuneiform: referred to as a logo-syllabic script, it was used to write several languages of the Ancient Middle East. The script was in active use from the early Bronze Age until the beginning of the Common Era. It is named for the characteristic wedge-shaped impressions (Latin: *cuneus*) which form its signs. Cuneiform was originally developed to write the Sumerian language of southern Mesopotamia (modern Iraq). Cuneiform is the earliest known writing system.



Etiquette St. Louis and the Cotillion Class of 2023

Marilyn Broyles of Etiquette St. Louis says, "Etiquette is not about impressing people, it is about using kindness, courtesy, and respect in every part of our daily lives."

Etiquette Saint Louis partnered with Assumption School to teach manners, courtesy, common etiquette, grooming, and table manners to our 8th graders again this year. This 6 week program has each meeting themed with topics of importance. Students are also introduced to dancing, with professional dance instructors teaching traditional and current dances including the waltz, the salsa, swing dancing, and current line dances.

Week I:	First Impressions, Introductions, Small Talk, Body Language
Week II:	Telephone Etiquette, Cell Phone Etiquette, Email, Social Media and Other Technology
Week III:	Good Grooming, Attire, Party Manners
Week IV:	Table Manners
Week V:	Table Manners
Week VI:	Formal Dinner and Dance. A formal dinner and dance serves at the conclusion of our cotillion program. Dinners are held at an area club or restaurant and features a multi course meal, dance contests and fantastic prizes.

The graduation "exam" is attending the final Cotillion, where students are judged on their ability to attend a formal evening with dinner and dance.

After participation receives a graduation certificate upon successful completion of the Cotillion.

David Smith, 5th grader is St. Louis Regional Qualifier

Congratulations to David Smith, Assumption 5th grader, who was selected to participate in the St. Louis Regional Qualifier SCRIPP's Spelling Bee on March 11, 2023. David, as an Assumption School-level bee winner was invited to join SCRIPP's at **Morrissey Hall on SLU's campus** to participate in a writing-based competition. David, and others, will be tasked with writing down a set of **25 words as called by a pronouncer** (no vocabulary), and the top 30 spellers from this portion of the competition will be invited to participate in the St. Louis Regional Spelling Bee.



Thanks for reading about our School! Pat Hensley



Assumption Board of Education NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!



*Are you ready to make a difference in
our parish and school?*

WHAT DOES THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DO?

The purpose of the board is to advise the Pastor and principal on policy creation and/or revision, as well as provide requested input on matters of procedure. No education background required.

NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE

Board members serve a 3-year term and attend monthly meetings.

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS USING THE GOOGLE FORM FOUND ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PAGE OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL WEBSITE.

<https://assumptionbvmschool.org/About-Us/School-Board>

Nominations accepted until April 17th.

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

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



**Scan to Get
Your Tickets
Today!**

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

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



"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

Hospitality



Assumption Blood Drive – April 16th!



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!



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

challenging and inspiring students in pre-school 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	March 19, 2023	YTD 7/1/2022 - 2/2023
Actual Collections	\$ 34,623	\$ 1,467,659
Budget Target	\$ 36,000	\$ 1,469,000
Surplus / (Shortfall)	(1,377)	(1,341)

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 school	
Original Loan	\$ 3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$ 957,301
Monthly payment	\$ 20,923

Last expected payment, August 2026

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"

Hospitality

RCIA

We are invited to accompany Jesus on His Journey to the Cross and to His Resurrection by joining us for the celebrations of the Paschal Triduum.

RCIA participants reflect during Holy Week on the journey of faith they have made toward Christ and the Sacraments as they prepare for initiation into the Church this Saturday.

Today we attended the 8:00am Mass and then held our spiritual retreat day. We gave individual wooden cross necklaces to wear for the day. A reflection was done on the cross in our lives.

We talked about the Triduum and how important it was for all to attend Holy Week. Sponsors bought a cup for their person as a surprise and the sponsors were given cups by the Team. A moving reflection on filling your "cup" was received with joy. The highlight of our day was the quiet time that was spent in reading all of the notes from our parish community, Sisters of the Precious blood, school, team and oh so many who were praying for them. The day ended with Stations of the cross held at St Joseph Chapel.

We invite you to listen to your own heart and allow it to land in a specific place this week—an event or one aspect of an event that takes place in Jesus' life during Holy Week. St. Ignatius encourages us to have conversational prayer with Jesus, walking alongside Jesus as a friend while he goes through his great Passion. Imagine watching something horrific happening to a person you know and

love. Some of us don't have to imagine—we have experienced this. Allow Jesus' experience of the Passion to be as close and human as the suffering you have witnessed

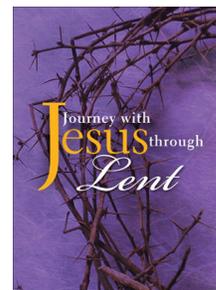
in your life or another's. Grace to you, as you meditate on suffering, compassion, and love.



Catechists Missy and Bob lead the RCIA session on "Lazarus raised from the dead."



3rd Scrutiny. Please pray for Ashley, Samantha and Conner.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary Riebold
 Mother of Lisa Taylor

Scott Lennon
 Brother of Michael Lennon

Eileen Jose
 Mother of Bonnie Hoeckelmann

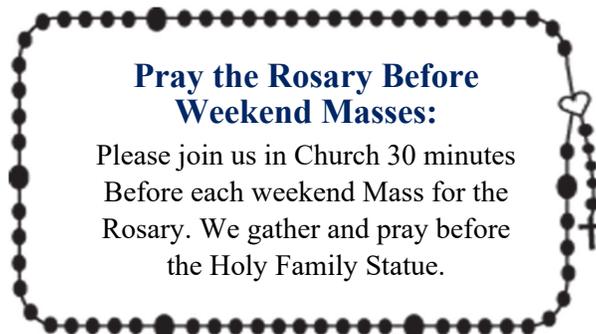
Nancy Grawe
 Daughter-In-Law of Joan Grawe

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.



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!



Sponsored by Assumptions 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.



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation



Holy Men of God – TMIY is taking a break this weekend to FOCUS on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, also, to spend some quality time with our Families and Friends. Hope to see you and yours at one of the upcoming Holy Week Masses and on an Easter Sunday Mass as well. God Bless!

<p>OFFICE INFORMATION 403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366 636.240.3721 Parish Office Hours - Mon-Thu 8:00am-4:00pm Fri 8:00am-3:00pm ST VINCENT DE PAUL 636.272.4758 (Helpline) ASSUMPTION SCHOOL: 636.240.4474</p>	<p>BULLETIN NOTICES Submit to Parish Office (peggy.assumption@yahoo.com) by Tuesday 9:00am WEBSITE: www.assumptionbvm.org facebook.com/@assumptionmedia assumptionparish</p>	<p>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.</p>
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