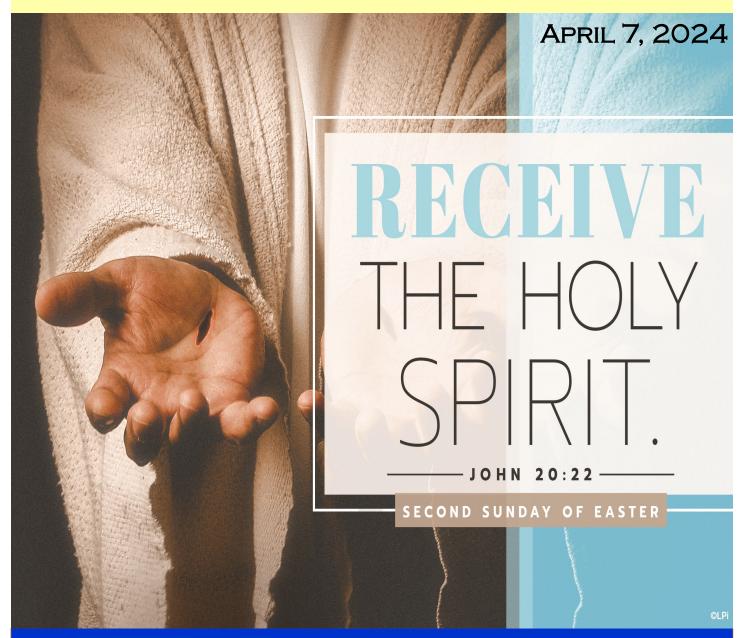
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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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Parish Council
Abvparishcouncil3721@gmail.com

School Board abvmschoolboard@gmail.com Hello,

We are now in the Easter Season, and one sign we have of that this weekend is our second graders who are receiving their First Communion at our Sunday Masses. You might notice some parishes have a special Mass just for those receiving First Communion where they can all be together, and others have them distributed through the parish Sunday Masses where it is more a part of our entire parish family. When I got to Assumption five years ago, I was told they were somewhere inbetween at the time. If the family desired, there was a separate Mass on Sunday afternoon particularly for them, but I was told that

only about 30 percent went to that service and the rest had chosen to receive their First Communion at a parish Sunday Mass. We were discussing if it made any sense to keep the separate Mass since so few were actually there, when COVID hit and when we could finally come back together to celebrate Mass it definitely made sense to have everyone as distributed as possible, so we divided amongst all of our Sunday Masses and have stayed with that since.

Another tradition that we have had, along with many other parishes, is that each child has a banner they make for their First Communion. Often these would be hung on the pew where their family would sit. But since this would mean only the people at that Mass would see the banners, and they wouldn't even see all of their classmates' banners, we began the tradition of hanging them above the central body of our church starting at their First Communion (the week after Easter) and keeping them up for the rest of the Easter Season. This is also a good sign for all of us to let the faith and excitement of these young members of our parish inspire us during the Easter Season to be more aware of the incredible gift we are able to receive in the Eucharist.

Peace and happy Easter,

Fr. Nick

NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

We had five openings in our parish council this year and happened to have five who were nominated to our parish council and have accepted the position. Our new parish council members are Mary Serra-Poorman, Elizabeth Smith, John Bauer, Ron Walter, and Kim Bauer.

Normally we have four openings a year, but early in the year, one of our newer members had work conflicts that required her to resign. Our four outgoing members are Patti Baratta, Russ Schaller, Danielle Lifritz, and Rita Thornhill. We thank these outgoing members for their service to the parish and know they continue to do so in many ways. We especially thank Patti Baratta for her service as the President and Danielle Lifritz as the Secretary.

Our new officers are Don Detrich, President; Mary Serra-Poorman, Vice President; and John Bauer as Secretary. Our other current members are Sue Russ, Carol Joseph, Rich Thomson, Beth Delano, BJ Pavia, and Harry Partl.

If you have any questions or comments about anything in our parish, you can always contact any council member or myself, they might be able to answer, or otherwise, we might bring it to our meetings for discussion or to consider.

Peace again,

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 6:15pm, 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 assumptionbym.weadorehim.com 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269



The O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Council would like to thank Assumption Parish and our local community for your support of our Lenten Friday Fish

Frys. We look forward

to seeing you again at our Weekly Tuesday Queen of Hearts Raffle, our upcoming May Food Drive, and other events during the year. Our monthly, First Friday Fish Frys will start in October.



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 \$12,133!



DAY OF PRAYER | PRO-LIFE CHAIN APRIL 7 | 1-2PM



Join us in front of our Chapel to pray the rosary to end abortion. Let us put our faith into action on this Day of Prayer. Prayers can change the world. We will have signs in the Chapel to choose from and then stand outside.

ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH:



Men, join us next weekend for another terrific session of TMIY. Our Church and our World needs you, man of God!

Join us **April 13** in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building. Our start time is **7:15am** with breakfast, a short video, table discussions, and then we'll have you on your way by **8:30am**.

This week's session: "The Kingdom is Like a Great Banquet"

Speaker Fr. Leo Patalinghug

- ♦ There is a Time to Fast and a Time to Feast
- ♦ Fasting Makes Us Hungry for God
- We have More Feast Days than Fast Days
- ♦ Jesus Became Small So He Can Fit in Our Lives
- Blessed Are those Called to the Supper of the Lamb
- ♦ Saving the Family

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







Assumption Catholic Church

Sunday, April 14 9:00 am - 1:30 pm Parish Hall 405 North Main Street

Appointments preferred.

To schedule an appointment, scan QR code call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401 or go to bloodcenter.org/group, grp #9007





SPRING CHORAL CONCERT APRIL 14, 3PM | CHAPEL



The Choral Arts Singers invite you to join us in our 52nd year of musical performance as we present our annual Sprint Concert in the Chapel.

"A Season of Shadow, A Season of Light" features Sing For Joy by Handel, songs about fathers dancing, terrible tales, little lambs and a Testament of Freedom (a passage from Thomas Jefferson). Come one, come all, for an afternoon of delightful entertainment.

Admission is free, but donations are welcome to help the Concert Arts Association continue their efforts of bringing musical enjoyment to our community. We look forward to singing for you again!

For additional information about the concert, the choir, or if interested in joining the Choral Arts Singers, contact Bonnie Lang at 636-887-2899, visit our website, concertarts.org or Facebook (Choral Arts Singers).



MASS ON THE GRASS AND COOKOUT

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 | 5:30PM

The Men's Group is hosting Mass On The Grass and everyone is invited to attend! This Mass takes the place of Mass in Church. Mark your calendar now and be sure to join us for this special outdoor Mass that will be celebrated on the hillside next to the upper soccer field on our campus. Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets for seating. (Weather permitting, otherwise we will have Mass in the Church.)

After Mass, stay and join us for hot dogs, chips, soda, and fellowship. The Sunday 5:30pm Mass is typically geared towards our youth, but everyone is encouraged to attend Mass on the Grass.

For more information, contact Kelly Gessert at <u>AssumptionMensGroup@gmail.com</u>.

11th ANNUAL ASSUMPTION GALA SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Assumption is gearing up for another evening like no other—the 2024 Black & Gold Gala, Saturday, April 20! Join us in the Parish Hall from 6:30-10 p.m. for an exciting night of entertainment and fun at the 11th annual fundraiser and auction. All proceeds benefit Catholic education.

Event tickets are \$80 each. Adults interested in attending the Gala can purchase event and raffle tickets online can scan the QR Code in the flyer for details. Golf cart raffle tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100, and Morgan Wallen raffle tickets are \$15 each or five for \$50.

If you are unable to attend the Gala in person, please join us virtually – there is no charge to participate and many silent auction items to bid on throughout the night! All you need to do is reserve a free bidding paddle online and secure the winning bid for items of your choice!

For all the details about the event, visit us online at <u>assumptionabym.org</u>.



Mass Times and Intentions

SUNDAY 4.7.24

8:00am Michael D. Jurgens 10:00am People of the Parish 12:00pm Thomas Steitz (special intention)

5:30pm Doris Bergkoetter

By Appointment

MONDAY 4.8.24

6:30am Shirley West 8:00am LeRoy P. Jurgens

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

TUESDAY 4.9.24

6:30am Christine and Branson Kline

8:00am Joseph McHugh

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

WEDNESDAY 4.10.24

6:30am Priests Intention 8:00am For all the

Seminarians

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT APRIL 22 | 6:30-8:30PM



Get ready for another round of BINGO family fun in the Assumption Parish Center!

The 50+ Club and Garden View Care Center are planning a Family BINGO Night, Monday, April 22 on Earth Day, and all are welcome to attend!

Bring a friend and join us for this two-hour event! Garden View will provide the BINGO supplies, prizes, and the caller; and the 50+ Club will be selling light refreshments and snacks, including homemade baked goods, candy, chips and non-alcoholic beverages.

Assumption Family BINGO Night is free and registration is not required. For more information, contact Kim Thornhill at 918-381-7459 or Liz Allmeyer at 636-240-8638.



50+ CLUB TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA SEPTEMBER 15—SEPTEMBER 21



The 50+ Club will be taking another bus trip through Diamond Tours September 15 to September 21.

The trip includes:

- ♦ Motorcoach transportation to Lancaster in the heart of Pennsylvania
- ♦ 6 nights lodging
- ♦ 10 meals: 6 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- ♦ Admission to "Daniel" at the original Sight and Sound Theater
- ♦ Admission to a show at The Magic and Wonder Theater
- ♦ Admission to The Amish Experience and Jacob's Choice at the F/X Theater
- ♦ Guided tour of Lancaster
- ♦ Visit to Kitchen Kettle Village
- ♦ Admission to Hershey Chocolate World in Hershey, PA
- ♦ Guided tour of Philadelphia and more!

\$969 double occupancy with \$75 deposit due by May 6. Separate charge of \$72 for trip insurance.

For more information, contact Linda Lambing at 314-599-8429.

THURSDAY 4.11.24

6:30am Priests Intention8:00am Shirley Mackey

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

FRIDAY 4.12.24

6:30am MC and Marge Gentemann

8:00am Rosemary Popp

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

SATURDAY 4.13.24

8:00am Shirley West 5:00pm Nancy Hoff

4:00–4:45pm Church or by appointment

SUNDAY 4.14.24

8:00am James Giesmann
10:00am Rosemary Dickes
12:00pm Thomas Steitz
(special intention)
5:30pm People of the Parish

By Appointment

TRIVIA NIGHT BENEFITTING BIRTHRIGHT ST. CHARLES APRIL 13 | 7PM



Join us at Duchesne High School Performing Arts Center for an evening of fun and fellowship and a chance to win cash prizes. The cost of \$25 per person or \$200 for table of eight includes beer, wine, soda, and water. Doors open at 6:30pm, trivia begins 7pm.

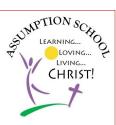
Bring your own food and snacks to share at your table. Start working on your trivia game, gather your teammates and register.

To purchase tickets, visit http://bidpal.net/fobtrivia2024 or call Genny Glosier, 636-947-3523 or Susie Choinka, 314-341-0288.

ASSUMPTION NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK OFFERS \$22 CARDINALS TICKETS!

We already sold 115 tickets, and only 185 tickets remain for the Cardinals vs Red Sox game, Saturday, May 18 at 6:15PM. Join us at Busch Stadium as the two teams play for the first time since the 2013 World Series. **Group tickets are only \$22 – family and Friends are welcome!**





The first 100 guests who purchased tickets will be entered in a drawing to win 4 pregame field passes to watch the Cards batting practice that day. Everyone who purchases a ticket will be in a drawing for additional raffles, including:

- ♦ Marty Passes for four (4) to a 2024 game
- **♦ Mike Shannon T-shirts**
- **♦** Cardinals Tote
- ♦ Ryan Helsley Bobblehead
- ♦ Nolan Arenado Bobblehead
- ♦ Elf Bobblehead

Don't delay! The deadline to purchase tickets is May 1.

Please turn in completed form with money (cash or check made out to Assumption Parish) to the Parish Office or School Office before the selling period ends. Families that want to sit together should turn in money and completed forms in one envelope. Tickets will be delivered two weeks prior to the game.



(Cut here and return bottom portion to the Parish Office or Assumption School) First and Last Name # of tickets \$22 each (Total) Phone Email *Grade Assumption Teacher How will you receive your tickets? After Mass __ EDGE/Life Teen_ *School Backpack ___ (please check one) (May 4-5) (May 5)/(May 8)(May 6)

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Gomer at 636-240-3721, ext. 239. GO CARDINALS!

RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCA

Having been formed through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Process this year, nine individuals received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist at the Solemn Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, March 30 after making a Profession of Faith.

Please join in welcoming them into our Catholic Christian faith community! Congratulations and welcome home!















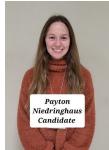














PRINCIPAL'S PEN 🦜

The Passion Play

On Friday, March 22, our seventh graders performed the Passion for our school and community. Directed by Mrs. Joan Ryan, the play included Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, his anointing, the Last Supper, his agony, his arrest, his trials before the Sanhedrin and before Pilate, his crucifixion and death, and his burial. Those parts of the four canonical Gospels that describe these events are known as the "Passion narratives."

These students were leads in this production:

Jesus: Teddy Heiney Mary: Anabelle Begley

Mary Magdalen: Sallissa Lewis

Pilate: Isaac Summers Peter: Aiden Marklez Judas: Jack Hoermann High Priest: Noah Kleckner

Two crucified with Christ: Finley Frazier, Wyatt Gibbs

Woman with oil: Kate Eckhard

Sanhedrin: Lucy Nelson, Arilyn Baker, Karis Baker Readers: Justin Dowdy, William Keithley, Easton Miller

Narrator: Meg McCulloch

Guards: Ben Goff, Claire Eckhard, Brody Boss

Barabbas: Henry Hughes

Joseph of Arimathea: Henry Hughes

Apostles: Kinslie Leonard, Melody Gagliano, Zak Summers,

Chief Priests: Olivia Bargett, Addison Coble, Abbey McMahon, Kinslie Leonard

Three to accuse Peter of knowing Jesus: Madison Bargett, Rylynn Delaney, Kate Eckhard

Crowd: Olivia Howe, Bella Roberts, Nicholas Yates, Melody Gagiano, Finley Frazier







\$83,500 Grant Provides Purchase of Reading Series

Assumption has a seven year textbook cycle, which allows for updating of texts on a regular basis. Of course, the cost of new books is very expensive, especially a Reading Series. In the fall of 2023, Dr. Hensley wrote a grant based on the "Science of Reading." This research—based and proven means of teaching reading to students, has been adopted across the United States, and the program starts implementation in PreKindergarten. The grant request was approved in January, 2024 for \$83,500. Because of this, our school budget will not be impacted by the cost of these books. A "Reading Series Selection" committee was selected and includes faculty, Learning Consultants and administration. The committee narrowed the search for texts to those that were approved as true "Science of Reading" texts which are based on the "FIVE BIG IDEAS" of teaching reading and is ever—evolving!

A sincere thank you to the committee members who met regularly, listened to publisher presentations, and spent time discussing our student needs, strategies, and finally working to reach a consensus.

Thanks for reading about Assumption!

God Bless! Dr. Pat Hensley

Teaching Based on the 5 Big Ideas

Phonemic Awareness - The

ability to identify and play with individual sounds in spoken words.

Phonics - Reading instruction on understanding how letters and groups of letters link to sounds to form lettersound relationships and spelling patterns.

Fluency - The ability to read words, phrases, sentences, and stories correctly, with enough speed, and expression.

Vocabulary - Knowing what words mean and how to say and use them correctly.

Comprehension - The ability to understand what you are reading.



HAPPY EASTER FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

The teens entered into Holy Week beautifully through participating in the Seven Altars Pilgrimage on Holy Thursday, leading the Walk the Way Stations on Good Friday, AND during Easter Vigil, we welcomed one of our teens, Mady, to the home and community of the Catholic Church. It has been incredible to see the Lord at work in the young Church. We can't wait to see how God continues to move! Here's what our week looks like:

Sunday, April 7 | Mission West 6:30–9pm in the Parish Center / Sanctuary

Teens from parish youth ministries in our area and beyond will be gathering together for Mission West: a powerful night of community and prayer, with the reminder that our Catholic faith is so much bigger than just our individual youth ministries. This event is free to all and will include dinner, powerful sharings on Divine Mercy, and Adoration with Confession and Worship.



Wednesday, April 10 | EDGE: Restoration 6-7:30pm in the Parish Center

All seventh and eighth graders are invited to join us for an EDGE Night diving into how our God desires to bring us back into right relationship with Him. Expect fun, faith, and fellowship! We can't wait to see you there.





SAVE THE DATES:

May 5: Main Street Live—Life Teen Talent Show

May 18: Assumption Night at the Ballpark | St. Louis Cardinals Game

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 beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org

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

ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP



The Assumption St Vincent de Paul conference has been supporting neighbors within our parish boundaries for over 64 years. We even expanded our coverage to support The St Juan

Diego (Formerly St Barnabas) area in the fourth quarter of 2023. The majority of our neighbors that we assist are working single parents, the homeless, and the elderly/ disabled that are on a fixed income. Your donations assist the Assumption conference in providing not only the basic needs (food, clothing, and shelter), but also needs that help them, help themselves, (gas and car repairs.)

We thank all our parishioners for your generosity. The demand for assistance continues to increase and we are asking for you to consider using a new online method to donate. Please scan the QR code below to link directly to the churches



online giving system. If you don't have an account, you must create one before submitting your online donation. No amount is too small and any assistance is a blessing.

Thank you for your consideration, The Assumption St. Vincent DePaul Team

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING APRIL

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

- ♦ **Debt Reduction:** Donations to this collection will pay down the balance of Assumption's loan from the Archdiocese, which we borrowed in 2013 to fund the expansion of the school building.
- ♦ 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) Mar. 17, 2024 \$60,144 \$36,000 \$24,144

YTD 7/1/23 - 3/17/24 \$1,606,374 \$1,498,500 \$107,874

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school Original Loan \$3,306,127 Current balance owed \$686,199 Monthly 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.



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.

If you would like to give online, please go to: assumptionbym.org/Our-Parish/Online-Giving or scan the OR Code and create an account.



OFFICE INFORMATION

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> ASSUMPTION SCHOOL 636-240-4474

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

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: assumptionbvm.org

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.