

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



April 9, 2023



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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MO 63366

www.assumptionbvm.org

Assumption Staff

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School Board

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Happy Easter,



As we celebrate the Easter Vigil, we bless and light a new Easter candle for the coming year. Coming into the Church at the vigil, we share that light with all the people who have their own candles, and the light spreads and lights up the dark church. As we continue through the Easter season, we will light the Easter candle at all of our Masses to remind us of the season that we are in, to remind us of Christ's resurrection, and to remind us of our continuous need to follow him.

We may not light the Easter candle at all Masses throughout the year, but we don't limit Easter to a single season either. Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter, of Christ risen from the dead, of His love and sacrifice for us that we may share with Him in eternal life. And as all good celebrations, they are not meant to be solitary. They are only magnified the more that are involved. At the Easter Vigil we represented this as we spread the light from the Easter Candle to the candles of all of those present to light up the church. So our weekly Sunday celebrations throughout the year are only made more joyful by each additional person present.

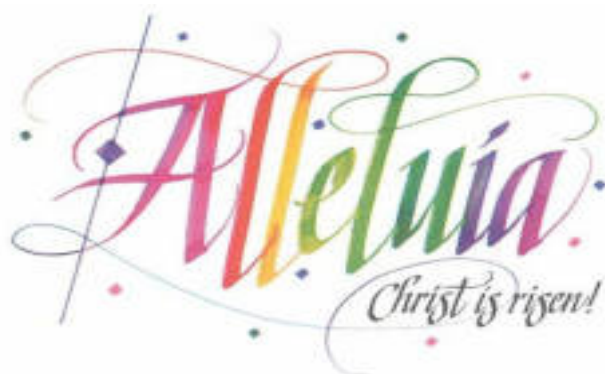
We may not each have a candle and light it from the Easter candle at each Sunday Mass, but we are still each called to carry the light of our baptism. The more people we have present each week truly does make our celebrations brighter, the presence of Christ more obvious. And that light isn't meant to just stay in the Church. Hopefully we take the light of Christ in our hearts, let it be rekindled each week, and take it out to others to help the whole world to find and follow Christ.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all who were baptized or received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and/or were Confirmed. Congratulations Ryan Austin, Anna Bross, Galeana Cayton, Conner Dean, John Fairhurst, Heather Favila, Steve Foppe, Evan Gowans, Tom Grimshaw, Shelby Hoagland, Samantha Ilumin, Hayden Logsdon, Sally Logsdon, Scott Logsdon, Helen O'Connell, Ashley Preuss, Amber Rock and Brooke Tufts.

For these and all of our parishioners may the Joy of Easter be with you today, and every day.

Peace and Joy,

Fr. Nick





"...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! 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 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>.



Palm Sunday was our time to quiet ourselves, to enter into a time of spiritual retreat with open hearts and minds, and to trust that the Spirit of God would continue to guide them through their day and the sacramental celebrations of full initiation into the Church. They were encouraged to let go of any concerns or anxieties and to allow themselves to experience the love of God, the support of the community, and the action of the Spirit in their lives in all that they experienced that day. The time of preparation brought them closer to the full initiation into the life and mission of the Church that they have been longing for. Reflections and prayer were brought forth to begin Holy Week. Your prayer cards were given out and time was spent in quiet reflection. The weekend provided an opportunity for our Candidates to engage in their first reconciliation. Scriptures, Stations of the Cross ended the day.



RCIA Spiritual Retreat Day!





"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



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 cycle-of-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 everyone: singles, parents of young families, those caring for aging parents and those facing illness or death.

Lunch will be provided and there will be no solicitation at this event.

THE CONVERSATION: A Catholic Perspective on Cycle-of-Life Issues

PRESENTED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE, REGISTER BY APRIL 10TH!

SATURDAY | APRIL 15, 2023

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. (lunch provided)

Assumption of the B.V.M. • Parish Hall
403 N Main St • O'Fallon, MO

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- *Principles of Catholic Bioethics,*
Fr. Peter Fonseca
 - Ordinary & Extraordinary Means of Preserving Life
 - Quality of Life & the Dignity of the Human Person
- *Advance Directives & Estate Planning,*
Raymond Kreienkamp
- *Charitable Legacy Planning,*
Michael Weisbrod, Roman Catholic Foundation
- *Funeral & Cemetery Planning,*
Fr. Nicholas Kastenholz
 - Pastoral Care of the Sick & Dying
 - Anatomical Donation & Cremation

"Very well organized, well presented information that every person should hear"
-Judy Heary, St. Clare of Assisi parishioner

To register, call 314-918-2890



Seniors 50+ Exercise Class! Assumption now has a 'Seated Exercise Class' for adults. It is being held in the parish center on Tuesdays / 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 and 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.

	MONDAY 4.10.23	TUESDAY 4.11.23	WEDNESDAY 4.12.23
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Katherine Hall, Spec. Int	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Tom Shuppert	6:30am Mary Joanne George 8:00am MC & Marge Gentemann
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"

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Athletic Association News!

- ⇒ Please come join us for our Athletes Mass at 10:00 Mass on Sunday May 7th. Wear your favorite Assumption jersey!
- ⇒ Congrats on a successful basketball season. Special congratulations for the 8th grade girls for winning City/County! Good luck for those teams still competing!
- ⇒ Baseball and Softball will begin their season in the next few weeks.
- ⇒ Watch for Volleyball and soccer signups to open early May.
- ⇒ For more information, check out our website at:
<https://sites.google.com/view/assumptioncyc/home>



50+ CLUB MEETING APRIL 17!



Our April meeting will be on **April 17**, the **THIRD** Monday in stead of our normal **FOURTH** Monday. Don't miss this! Any questions please call Bob or Liz Allmeyer at 636-240-8638.

The Pro-Life 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.

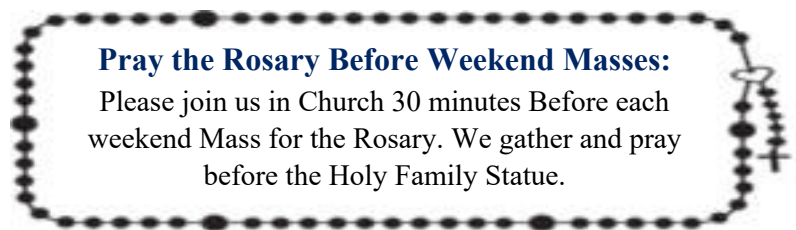


PRAY Every Tuesday in the Chapel!

Rosary begins at 5:00pm followed by Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction.

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.



THURSDAY 4.13.23	FRIDAY 4.14.23	SATURDAY 4.15.23	SUNDAY 4.16.23
6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Rudy Ectstein	6:30am Vocations to the priesthood and religious life 8:00am Norbert & John Rothermich	8:00am Jack Gierten 5:00pm People of the Parish	8:00am Roland Amrhein 10:00am Marvin Birkemeier 12:00pm Shirley Mackey
7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment	5:30pm Harold & Val Uttecht By Appointment



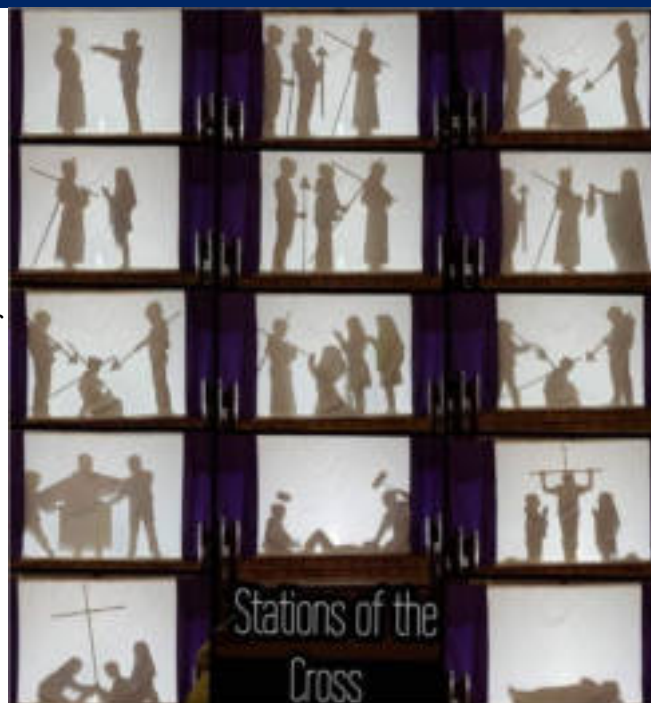
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Continuous
conversion
of mind and
heart
"Following
Jesus is the
work of a
lifetime"



From the Principal's Pen

Assumption **3rd Grade Presents:** **The Shadow Stations**

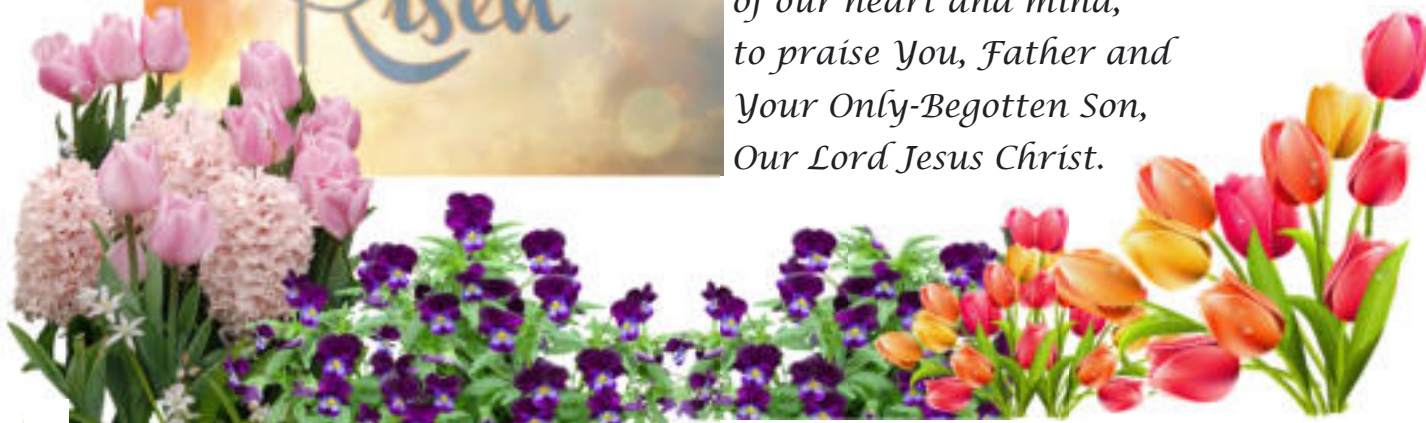
Friday, March 10th, was notable because of Mrs. Welby's 3rd graders, who presented the Shadow Stations to our school community. For each station, students took their position behind a white cloth, where a bright light shone upon them. This created the shadow which allowed the community in church to see the pictorial of that particular station. While the pictorial was displayed, other students read an introduction to the station, lead each prayer, and together, in song, closed the station. This was a powerful presentation during our Lenten season and we wish to congratulate our 3rd grade students and Mrs. Welby.



A Prayer at Easter



*Today, as pilgrims in search of hope,
we cling to you, Risen Jesus.
We turn our backs on death and
open our hearts to you,
for you are Life itself.
It is only right, with all the powers
of our heart and mind,
to praise You, Father and
Your Only-Begotten Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ.*



May God Bless each of you this Easter! *Pat Hensley*



Happy Easter from Assumption Youth Ministry!

We pray that the joy of our Resurrected King fills your family anew this year, with the recognition that our God holds the victory over everything, even death! This is good news worth sharing!



Youth Formation

Big Congratulations to Brooke, Shelbey, Galeana, and Evan – teens from our ministry – who were fully received into our Catholic family at Easter Vigil!

Each of these teens was invited by a friend to come check out Life Teen and God moved in incredible ways, calling them home to His Church. We couldn't be more excited for them! Never underestimate the power of invitation.



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 ASAP.

Sunday, April 9 ~ No Life Teen: Easter Sunday

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

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 stew-
ards 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.

Hailey's Hope for Sturge-Weber Awareness



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 26, 2023	YTD 7/1/2022 - 2/2023
Actual Collections	\$ 31,758	\$ 1,499,417
Budget Target	\$ 37,000	\$ 1,506,000
Surplus / (Shortfall)	(5,242)	(6,583)

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



A Success Story from Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Conference:

One of our Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a young adult who was working full time but was injured off the job. Our Neighbor lost his wages and benefits for three months until he was released by his physician. Upon our home visit, we found him to be hopeful that Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Conference could provide him help. He unfortunately had no family resources available to him. His employer had nothing but good things to say about his work ethic and wanted him back as soon as he was released to work by his physician.

Unfortunately, he was threatened with eviction by his landlord unless he paid his back rent in full. In addition, he also had a shut off notice from his electric utility. Because of the large sum needed to keep him in his home and stop a shut off by his utilities, we applied for help from our St. Louis St. Vincent de Paul Council office. They came through with great help. They paid 50% of all his expenses and through the help of our Church's Parishioner donations, we were able to keep him in his home with the utilities intact.

Here is what our Neighbor said in part: "When I left a message asking for help, I never expected all that I was given. God placed guardian angels in my life: kind, responsive, they checked on me, showed up at my house with food, talked with me, listened, and assured me that I am not alone. They told me that I will be okay and gave me a list of resources available to help me. Their compassion and mercy meant as much as any financial resources they provided." During our last visit he asked us for a Bible and our church bulletin.

Our NIN has since returned to work and we provided him a bicycle to get back and forth to his place of employment.

Many thanks go to our Assumption Parishioners and our St. Louis Council for the financial help they provided, so that this became the success story that it is. We are praying that the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, with our help acting as his hands here on earth, will bring him back to the Faith.

Peace,

Your St. Vincent de Paul Conference



Save money on your 2023 income taxes and support Catholic schools!

For every dollar given to the MOScholars program, you'll pay one dollar less to Jefferson City, not to exceed 50% of your Missouri state income tax (before withholdings). Even better, your donation goes to a scholarship fund for Catholic school students.

Here's how it works in 3 simple steps:

1. Reserve your tax credit of \$500 or more at <https://treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/ReservationApp>. Be sure to select Today & Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) from the dropdown menu as the Educational Assistance Organization (EAO) you want to support.
2. Submit your tax credit authorization, along with your donation, within 30 days to TTEF. Upon receipt, they will send you a tax credit certificate for the full value of your donation.
3. When you file your state taxes next year, submit the tax credit certificate you received from TTEF. It will count as a tax payment.

Gifts to the MOScholars program through the TTEF will be used to provide scholarships to students attending eligible Catholic schools, including Assumption, based on their family's income level or the child's learning requirements. We already have two students who have received scholarships from this program.

This is an incredible tax planning strategy! Every dollar given now will either reduce next year's check to the Missouri Department of Revenue or increase your state income tax refund next year.

If you have questions, call Mark Vogt in the Parish Office at 636-240-3721, extension 225.

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.



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation



Holy Men of God – TMIY is back this week and with the return of Michael "Gomer" Gormley! Gomer will take us on a journey into God's mercy. However, in order to understand and truly appreciate the mercy of God, we must acknowledge the darkness within. The line between good and evil is drawn not between nations or neighborhoods, but down every human heart. There is a Hell around us and within us that needs confronting. Fully knowing this reality, Jesus Christ has come to ransom and redeem us! He comes seeking our hearts for his dwelling place. His mercy is greater. It's stronger and more powerful than any darkness. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." -Lamentations 3:22-23

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Fri 8:00am-3:00pm
ST VINCENT DE PAUL
636.272.4758 (Helpline)
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](https://facebook.com/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.