

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

APRIL 16, 2023



Thank you
First Communicants
for the
Beautiful Banners!



May
God Bless You
on this
Special Day!

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



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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HAPPY EASTER!



Yes, last Sunday was Easter, but this Sunday we complete the Octave of Easter and we are just getting started in the Easter Season. St. Athanasius described it as follows, "The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one "great Sunday."

The Octave of Easter is the first eight days, or Easter Sunday (the first Sunday) through the Second Sunday of Easter. Liturgically these are classified as solemnities. Each of the days at Mass we also pray the Gloria and what would normally be optional saints' days are not celebrated. Through this period and throughout the rest of the Easter season the priest's vestments will be white. White is used for all celebrations that especially focus on Christ and represents joy, exuberance, celebration, resurrection, victory, purity, and innocence.

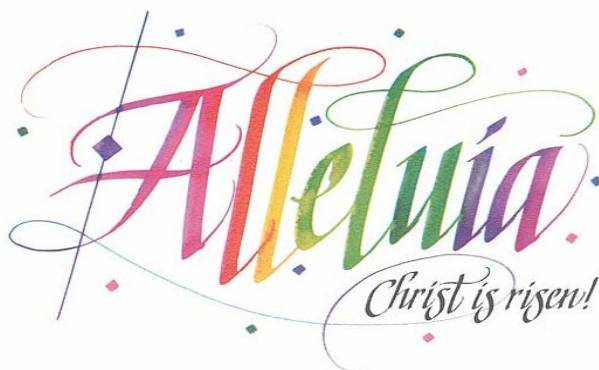
You will also notice that the Easter candle is a bit more prominent which is intentional for the Easter season. First, and most obvious, it is taller since it is a new candle that was blessed and first lit at the Easter Vigil to be used throughout this year. Second, it is in the sanctuary on top of the steps instead of next to the baptismal font, which even further emphasizes the height of the new candle. And third, it is lit for Masses throughout the Easter season to remind us of the season we are in now.

We will also be doing a Sprinkling Rite in place of the Penitential Rite at Mass today. A reminder of our baptisms during this Easter Season.

All of the sacraments of initiation, (Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation), are especially appropriate during the Easter season. The children from our parish and PSR are celebrating their First Communion this weekend at all of our Sunday Masses. The eighth graders will be going to the Cathedral to be Confirmed on Saturday April 29th. Please keep them, those who received the sacraments at our Easter Vigil, and all of our parish in your prayers, especially throughout this Easter Season.

Peace,

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



PARISH DINNER AUCTION 'ASSUMPTION GALA' APRIL 22ND!



A special THANK YOU to all who purchased tickets for the 10th Annual Assumption Gala to benefit our students!

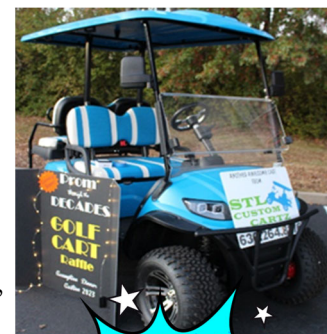
It is going to be an exciting evening of music, dancing, dinner, drinks, raffles, games and plenty of chances to win unique live and silent auction items.

The event is sold out, BUT you can still support our fundraising effort in these generous ways:

- ⇒ make a donation toward this year's 'Fund A Need' campaign
- ⇒ purchase a ticket for the golf cart raffle
- ⇒ register to bid on silent auction items and raffle baskets

'Fund A Need' Donations are being accepted any time before the event and can be dropped off at the Parish Office or by calling the Assumption School Office at 636-240-4474. You also may contact Amy Rinearson at auktion@abvmtech.org to make other arrangements. This year's Fund the Need campaign is calling for the installation of 20 additional school security cameras to be placed around our campus.

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 for the brand new electric ICON i40L Caribbean Blue, four-person golf cart, courtesy of STL Custom Cartz, contact Michelle Huber at auktion@abvmtech.org.



Everyone can participate and bid on auction items – it is easy and there is no charge to bid! Just go to <https://abvm.ticket.qtego.net> and hit the "Register for Event" tab at the top of the page to participate. Silent and raffle baskets will be available to bid on as early as 10am on Saturday, April 22. A few of the auction items featured at the event include:

- Technology package including a Nintendo Switch and a 55" LG TV
- Cooler Full of Booze
- Mom's Night Out May 19 featuring wine, appetizers and desserts
- Autographed jersey of our very own Assumption School alumni Josh Sargent, professional soccer player and starter in the 2022 FIFA World Cup game
- A variety of autographed baseball, football and hockey memorabilia
- Unique Child Experiences hosted by Assumption Teachers
- Assumption Pass for a weeklong Dress Down

For more information about auction items and registering to bid on auction items, contact Mindy Saxbury at auktion@abvmtech.org.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your generous support!



Prayer

"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



The Holy Vigil was beautiful. "I feel so blessed to finally be part of the Catholic Church and united with my family in faith. The support of the community was nothing short of amazing. I can't put into words the amount of grace and mercy I felt after receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Our God truly is amazing and the power of the Holy Spirit is on fire within me! Thank you to all of our RCIA leaders and sponsors, our amazing Priests and of course all of you who prayed for us along the way."

"We continue to be amazed at the closeness of the community at Assumption. We love that with the Catholic faith, there is deep meaning and tradition in everything we do. We are happy to have found a home here."

We want you to know what a profound impact you made on our individuals with prayers and submitting prayer cards. Truly, we are blessed with a caring community and support of our program. Thank You... Thank You... for the prayer cards and special notes of love to them. I believe next year we need a box of tissues.

The next 5 weeks begins our Mystagogy period. It is a process of leading (or training) into the mystery of what they have fully participated. The neophytes (as they are now called) are those who were recently initiated into the Church through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. During the Easter season, and often throughout the year after, they spend time reflecting on the mysteries.



Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

MONDAY 4.17.23

6:30am Priest Intention
8:00am Mason & Scott Keeven

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

TUESDAY 4.18.23

6:30am Deceased members of
Chad Sobczak Family
8:00am Vince Scully

7:30 - 7:50am Church

WEDNESDAY 4.19.23

6:30am Richard Lindeman
8:00am Ed Wills

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"

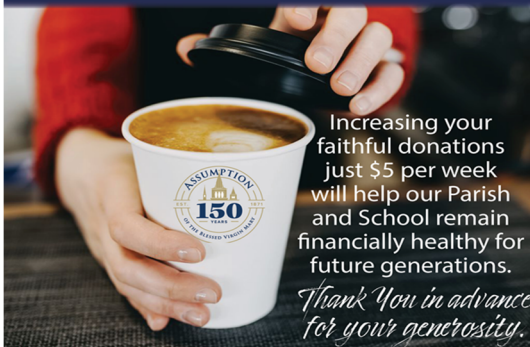
Praye**r**

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 to the 8th grade girls AND the 7th grade boys for winning City/County!
- ⇒ 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>



*Would you give up
just **1** per week?*



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.

PRAY Every Tuesday in the Chapel!

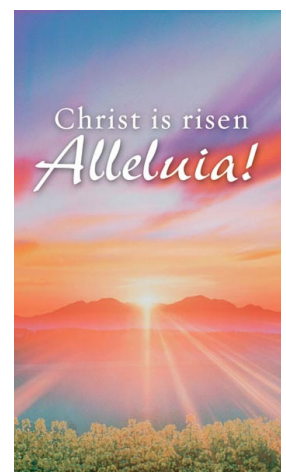
Rosary begins at 6:00pm followed by Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction.



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? Call Sylvia at 636-978-8803.

28th Annual Junktique Sale St. Patrick's Church Social Hall 405 Church Street, Wentzville

Friday, April 21 ~ 4:30 - 7:30pm
Saturday, April 22 ~ 6:30am - 6:30pm
Sunday, April 23 ~ 7:30am - 12:30pm



THURSDAY 4.20.23	FRIDAY 4.21.23	SATURDAY 4.22.23	SUNDAY 4.23.23
6:30am Frank Peirick 8:00am Eileen Jose	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Clarence Thessen	8:00am Kristi Nickles Family Spec. Int. 5:00pm People of the Parish	8:00am Alois Orf 10:00am Ron Hanebrink 12:00pm People of the Parish
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 Tom & Kathy Vonderbos By Appointment



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



From the Principal's Pen

Academic Bowl at SDHS

The 17th annual St. Dominic High School Academic Bowl for Middle School students was held in late March, and again our Assumption students were in the top!

Most important is that our 3rd place was gained by Assumption 6th and 7th graders (1-8th grader) Team competed against the other school's 8th grade (ONLY) teams. All teams had 8 players from each respective school. (Any school could choose to have two – 8 person teams.)

There were 8 rounds of questions with 20-30 seconds to respond in writing. At the end of each round of questions, a runner takes the team's responses to the judges for review.



City-County Basketball Champs - 2023!

Congrats to our 8th grade girls for achieving the championship: 2023 City-County Basketball Champs.

8th grade "Pin and Thread" Art

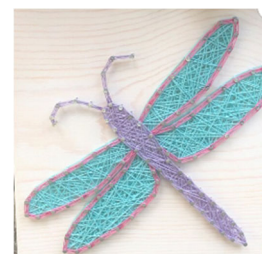
Often referred to as pin-and-thread art, string art is an addicting art form that our 8th graders undertook during this quarter of Art. Through the creation of intricate designs, students turned a plank of wood into a work of art.

String art is not a new fad; its origins go back to the 19th century. It is the brainchild of Mary Everest Boole who was in search of a way to introduce children to mathematical ideals. String art came back in the late 1960s as a decorative craft in the form of books and kits.

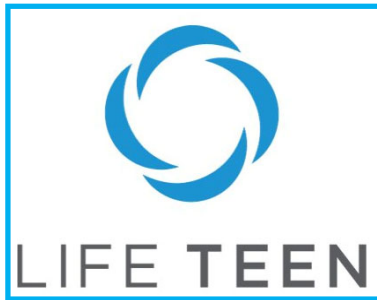
The entire concept revolves around a few simple tools and materials:

- Wood board
- Embroidery floss
- Nails

Add to that a mind full of creative ideas and you have string art! The nails are hammered into the wood board in a distinct pattern. The embroidery floss is then used to follow the pattern and bring the design to life. The floss will crisscross and wrap around the nails to fill in the blank space which results in a seemingly complex creation. Congrats to our 8th graders who mastered this art form.



Thanks for reading about our School! 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 recogni-
tion 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 the Holy Saturday 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.

Sunday, April 16

Life Teen: Restore - Sacraments of Healing

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

All high school teens are invited to join us for the second night of our series on the Sacraments! Expect dinner, community, and powerful prayer.



Wednesday, April 19

EDGE: Moral Freedom

6:15-7:30pm in the Parish Center

All 7th and 8th youth are invited to join us for an Edge Night focusing in on Moral Freedom. Expect fun, fellowship, and 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



Join us for fellowship in our next monthly gathering. Monday, April 17th, 6:30pm. We will be entertained by Missouri's own Gateway Harmonica Club. Their motto is "Have Harmonica will Travel." They have performed with the St Louis Symphony, played the National Anthem for the St Louis Cardinals and many other venues. All are welcome to check us out.

Get ready for our yearly trip! Please join us for a motor coach trip to Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg, and the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee! The dates are Mon-Fri. October 30 - Nov 3. The cost is \$665/person, double occupancy. Includes 4 breakfasts 4 dinners, 6 shows and a guided tour through the Great Smokey Mountains!! Deposit of \$75/person is needed by May 22. Open to 50+ members first. You can sign up and bring deposit at our April meeting to insure your spot. *Linda will have more info at meeting.* All deposits must be given to her by May 22. Final deposit is due August 14. Any questions please contact Linda Lambing 314 599-8429.



We will have tickets available for Act Two theatre production of The Games Afoot, a Sherlock Holmes mystery, for Thursday April 27th. \$5 Donation.

Along with Baue, we will be hosting **Family Bingo Night** at our May 22, meeting. We will discuss our involvement at our April meeting.



Any questions please call Bob or Liz Allmeyer 636 240-8638



Family BINGO Night is FUN for the Entire Family!

Get ready for some BINGO family fun this spring at Assumption Parish! The **50+ Club and Baue Funeral Homes** are planning a Family BINGO Night!

Monday, May 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Center, and all are welcome to attend!

Bring a friend and join us for the first-ever Assumption Parish Family BINGO Night! Baue will be donating the BINGO supplies, prizes, and provide the caller; and the 50+ Club will be assisting and selling light refreshments and snacks, including homemade baked goods, candy, chips and non-alcoholic beverages throughout the two-hour event.

Assumption Family BINGO Night is FREE and registration is not required. For more information contact Bob or Liz Allmeyer at 636-240-8638.



"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



Our Gifts to God and Parish

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

Weekly Offertory

April 2, 2023

YTD 7/1/2022 - 2/2023

Actual Collections	\$ 38,877	\$ 1,538,294
Budget Target	\$ 43,500	\$ 1,549,500
Surplus / (Shortfall)	(4,623)	(11,206)

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

TITHING

<u>Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school</u>	
Original Loan	\$ 3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$ 957,301
Monthly payment	\$ 20,923

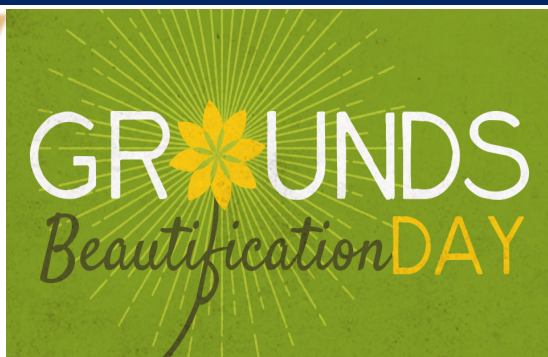
Last expected payment, August 2026

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



ASSUMPTION CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

PLEASE Save these Dates!

It's time once again to come together to beautify our church and school campus. The Assumption Men's Group invites all men and women of the parish to join our "green team" to pull weeds and spread mulch in the first week of May. Please save these dates:

Thursday, May 4, 6:00-8:00pm -- Pre-mulch weeding of flower beds.
Saturday, May 6, 9:00am-12:30pm -- Weeding, pruning, and spreading mulch.

We are looking for MANY volunteers. Bring your garden tools, shovels, rakes, pitchforks, yard waste tubs, buckets, and wheelbarrows. We'll supply the fresh mulch.



Watch for more information and sign-up details in next week's Sunday bulletin. If you have questions, call Mark Vogt in the Parish Office, 636-240-3721, ext. 225.



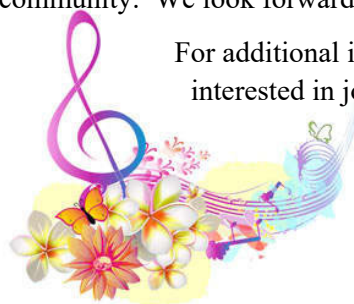
Help the Parish save \$20,000! Many of our parishioners appreciate the convenience of online giving. On average, about 1/3 of our contributions are received through the online giving platform. We're very thankful for the support of our online givers! Online giving is helpful and convenient, but it's 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.

Spring Choral Concert



The Choral Arts Singers invite you to join us in our 51st season of musical performance on Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00pm as we present our annual SPRING CONCERT here at Assumption Parish in the CHAPEL.

"Let Heaven and Nature Spring" features folk, jazz and many other joyous and uplifting songs. 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 (www.concertarts.org) or Facebook (Choral Arts Singers).



Hailey's Hope for Sturge-Weber Awareness

2nd Annual

5k FUN RUN

May 6 - From 9am

All the proceeds go to
The Sturge-Weber Foundation.

Register at
www.haileys hopesws.com

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! Brothers, we have been at it for 25 weeks... How are you doing in your spiritual journey with the Lord? Are you still living the “old man” of the flesh, with your mind on the things of the world or are you ready to become the “new man”, the new creation? Gomer is back this week with an urgent call, “Put off the old nature” and “Put on the new nature”.

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

April 22, 2023 – A New Day, A New Man

- Speaker: Michael Gormley
- What Kind of Man Will You Be?
- The Danger of Pride
- Friends of the World
- Idols Always Demand a Sacrifice
- Putting on the Armor of Light
- The New Heavens and the New Earth

OFFICE INFORMATION

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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](https://assumptionparish.org)

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.