

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



April 30, 2023

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you,
I am the gate for the sheep." John 10:7

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.



ANOIDTING 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.



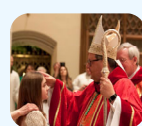
CONFESSION

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,

Yesterday, April 29th, the 8th graders from our parish and PSR received the sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral Basilica at 10am. For most of us Confirmation is the last and final of the sacraments of initiation that we will receive. We started with Baptism as an infant and then received our First Communion (coming up in three weeks here) in 2nd grade and then Confirmation sometime after that. It is interesting if you talk to people of different ages and from different areas of the country they may have received the sacrament at different ages.

The most common time to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the United States is in 8th grade or a freshman or sophomore in high school. One reason for this, is that at this age they are starting to make more decisions for themselves and becoming more independent. It is recognized that they might be open to and benefit from the gifts of the Holy Spirit they received at Baptism which are strengthened in the sacrament of Confirmation. Canon law states that they are required to have reached the age of reason (the age at which they are to receive their First Communion) but goes on to state that they should have reached the age of discretion. This has resulted in some dioceses deciding to confirm children as early as 2nd grade, and in danger of death, a child can even be confirmed as an infant when they are baptized.

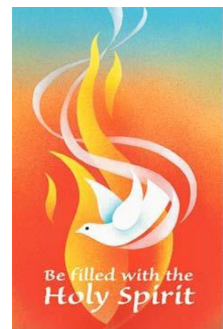
It is good to consider this when we are really in need of the graces of a sacrament as well as when we may be more properly disposed to receive them. Additionally, we also have to be aware that we are not earning them or using them as a reward for having completed certain courses or requirements. We strive to prepare confirmands (those to receive Confirmation) so that they may be more open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and also to live out the responsibilities of a Christian life. By waiting until 8th grade or high school, the confirmand will not only be more mature but also they will have had more time to prepare for the sacrament.

Originally the sacrament was given to infants immediately after baptism, as it is done for adults who are first receiving baptism. It was separated partially in recognition that the bishop is the ordinary minister for the sacrament and the bishop couldn't get to every parish as frequently as was desired for baptisms. In the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church the priest who baptizes an infant normally confirms them in the same celebration.

Just a little information about Confirmation that will hopefully make us more aware and supportive of those recently confirmed and also help us consider our own Confirmation.

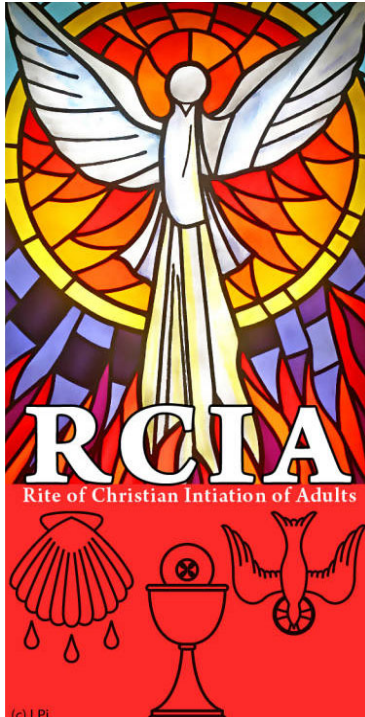
Peace,

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*



If we are doing mystagogy with inquirers, instead of other Catholics, the inquirers set the agenda. We ask them, in various ways, how they have encountered God in their lives.

It is primarily a liturgical experience that takes place in the midst of the Sunday assembly. The neophytes might be gathered once or twice in the Easter season specifically to remember and explore the experience of their initiation at the Vigil. Now, we would hope, the neophytes would enter into the ongoing adult faith formation process of the rest of the baptized. And that process is, of course, mystagogical. Team RCIA, so now what? As we gathered this weekend our focus continues on the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Now that they have experienced the Sacrament we wanted them to tell us their stories.

What do you know now that you didn't know before? And what does that mean to you? I get that God loves me and is always with me; I thought I never could be forgiven of things in my life but I know now that I can.

Who are we now...in light of our sacramental initiation into Christ?

What is your "job" with Eucharist? (Talk about strength for the mission and struggles - the suffering side...)

Meeting Jesus in the mass – Where do I find Him?

Am I at mass to Get - or - to Give?

What am I saying "YES/AMEN" to? A commitment to live our lives with a closeness to God. He becomes one with us when we take and receive the body of Christ.

We ask you, the community, to reflect on these same questions this week. You can journey with us as we look into what Eucharist means to us as well.



The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood offer an Open House Tour of their beautiful historic chapel and heritage area. For more information or to schedule a tour contact Sr. Cecile Gunelson at 636-293-8013.

Address: 204 North Main Street. O'Fallon. MO. **Directions:** Use the entrance at Main and 3rd street and take the first right. Parking is available on the south side of chapel. Chapel is handicapped accessible.



"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

2023 Fall Festival News

Save the date now and be sure to join us for another exciting lineup of music, food and fun at the **2023 Assumption Fall Festival, Saturday, Sept. 30, and Sunday, Oct. 1!** This year's festivities are happening two weeks earlier than last year's, so be sure to mark your calendar and do not miss it!



Packed with fun for all ages, the two-day festival features haunted hayrides on Saturday and traditional hayrides and chicken dinners on Sunday, plus so much more! The kids will enjoy inflatables, barrel rides and plenty of games. There will be games of chance, 50/50, quilt and other raffles, as well as beer, wine and other specialty drinks for the adults.

Back by popular demand, Almost Famous will return as our musical headliner attraction on Saturday, and The Bright Side, that incredible band that played at the Parish Appreciation Dinner last year, will play all afternoon on Sunday.

Festival sponsorships are available! If you want to get your business seen, consider supporting our fundraising efforts by becoming a festival sponsor of the grand event this year. In return for your generous donation, you will receive great exposure and publicity. Depending on the sponsorship level, this could include having the company logo printed on souvenir cups and the company mentioned in a news release that goes out to 140+ media entities including television, radio, print, and online publications. Contact Nancy Gomer, Director of Communications at 636-240-3721 x239 for all the details.

If you have any additional questions about this year's festivities, please contact Russ Schaller, our Fall Festival Chair, at 314-608-6551.

Altar Server Training Camp is Back this Summer!

Calling all Assumption School and PSR students in fourth through eighth grades! Whether you are new to serving or need a refresher, you are encouraged to sign-up for Altar Server Training Camp this summer, **June 5-8, from 8:30-11am at Assumption.**



Led by Msgr. McCumber, the four - day camp meets three hours per day and will include fun, hands-on activities and games geared towards assisting campers with learning the ins and outs of serving at Mass, weddings and funerals, as well as learning the history behind serving in the Church. At the end of the summer camp session, participants and their parents will get to enjoy a BBQ from 11am-12pm, on the last day of camp!

To enroll your child, please fill out the form under "Announcements" on the Assumption School website at assumptionbvmschool.org/ or email Pam Penning, Assumption Faith Formation Administrative Assistant, at ppenning@abvmtech.org.

	MONDAY 5.1.23	TUESDAY 5.2.23	WEDNESDAY 5.3.23
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Josephine Hager 8:00am Frank Keeven	6:30am Mary McCumber 8:00am Alma Pratt	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Jack Gierten
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 Including Vacation Bible School!



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, Vacation Bible School, 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"

Pray

Athletic Association News!

- ⇒ Please come join us for our Athletes Mass at 10:00am Mass on Sunday May 7th. Wear your favorite Assumption jersey!
- ⇒ For information, go to: <https://sites.google.com/view/assumptioncyc/home>



The Living Rosary ~ May 6th ~ 8:45am in the Chapel

Please meet in the Chapel for instruction and then we will begin at 9:00am with a blessing of our recently installed Pro-Life sign located in front of the Chapel. We will hold Pro-life signs, while facing Main St., praying the living rosary. We will have songs and prayer in honor of Our Lady. Wear light blue shirts (maybe the 150th Anniversary shirt) and bring flowers for our Blessed Mother. Questions, call Sylvia at 636-978-8803.



Queen of Peace Shrine Mass: May 10, 7:00pm

May, the month of Our Lady, our Mother Mary calls us to prayer – she says Pray, Pray, Pray. Please join us for the outdoor Mass at the

Queen of Peace Shrine, on May 10th at 7:00pm, located at Civic Park Dr. in O'Fallon, MO (weather permitting). Fr. Nick Kastenholz will celebrate this Mass. Please bring a chair and a rosary. All are welcome! Questions? Please call Sylvia at 636-978-8803.

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 6:15pm followed by Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction.

THURSDAY 5.4.23	FRIDAY 5.5.23	SATURDAY 5.6.23	SUNDAY 5.7.23
6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am John Rothermich	6:30am Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life 8:00am Nick Brock, Spec. Int	8:00am Victor Shaff 5:00pm Ed Schoenherr	8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am Henry Prinster 12:00pm Shirley Mackey 5:30pm Priest Intention
7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment	By Appointment

**FORMATION**

Continuous
conversion
of mind and
heart

"Following
Jesus is the
work of a
lifetime"

Youth Formation



From the Principal's Pen



If you happened to miss the performances of **Seussical the Musical** at Assumption on April 14, 15, and 16th – it was amazing, fun, and what a cast and crew! The music was bright and cheery, and the message was, “People are people, no matter how small”. This musical is based on several Seuss books, but Horton Hears a Who, was center stage.

Under the direction of Mrs. Patti Stoltzman, students Piper Bishop, Laney Pescarino, Nora Bertel, Audrey Meyer, Cooper Gonzalez, Maria Cook, Bella Enriquez, and Rosalee Penn sizzled the stage with song, dance and theatre.

The behind the scenes crew Justin Dowdy, Charlotte Thomas, Maria Thessen, Vaida Gruenloh whose scenery, stage props, lighting, music, and make-up developed a believable land of “Who-ville” where Horton finds his tiniest friend (the size of a speck of dust) with a voice no one else can hear – yet, Horton knows that it doesn’t matter how small a person is, she or he is still a person.

Congratulations to all who were involved in making the performances a great success!



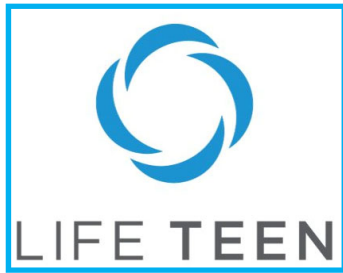
**‘Crime Scene Investigation’
Assumption Middle School
Social Studies**

Again, this year, Mrs. Stacy Chassaniol is hosting her annual CSI component for Social Studies for Middle School students. Students are presented with a crime field (using the lower level of the “new” building) where artifacts are strewn about. There was a crime committed, and now it is the responsibility of the students to determine the person responsible.

Adults within the building have volunteered to be suspects – with one being the actual criminal. As suspects, we might be questioned by the police detectives (students) or might have to give a hair sample, fingerprints, or writing sample for the forensic scientists (students) to investigate, or might be put on the stand during the courtroom case.

It’s an exciting time and we are waiting to see if any Middle School students can crack the case!

Thanks for reading about our School! *Pat Hensley*



Happy Easter Season

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!

Congratulations to our 8th graders on receiving their Confirmation this Saturday!

We are so excited to see how the Holy Spirit moves in your hearts and what God has for you in High School, especially with the Life Teen Community. Come, Holy Spirit!

Sunday, April 30

Life Teen: XLT - Declare Victory, 6:30-8:45pm, in the Parish Center

All high school teens are invited to join us for a night of fun, worship, and powerful prayer in Adoration. Expect dinner, community, and an invitation to consider how Jesus is truly victorious over all things-- and what happens when we live our lives from that knowledge.

Tuesday, May 3

EDGE: End of Year Celebration, 6:15 - 7:30pm, in the Parish Center

All 7th and 8th youth are invited to join us for our final Spring Edge Night! Middle school youth, expect fun, community, and powerful prayer.

2023 Save the Dates:

June 26-30:

Life Teen Leadership Conference

July 7-10:

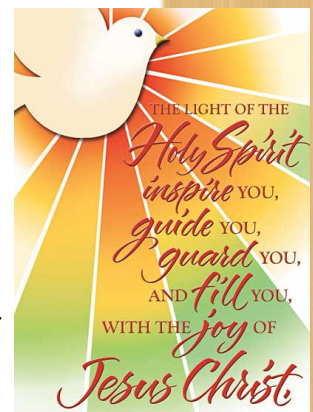
Steubenville Youth Conference

July 23-29:

Life Teen Camp Covecrest



Youth Formation



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



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 - November 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. 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.

Along with Baue, we will be hosting **Family Bingo Night** at our May 22nd meeting.

Any questions please call Bob or Liz Allmeyer 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

Established 1935
Baue



Family BINGO Night is FUN for the Entire Family! Monday, May 22nd ~ 6:30-8:30pm

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

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



Run for Life and Learning – June 3 – Creve Coeur Lake Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 3 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FRED BIRD®. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves

and their families. For sponsorship opportunities or more info, email run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.

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

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

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

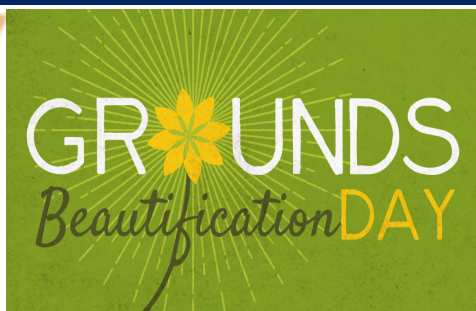
Last expected payment, August 2026

*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



ASSUMPTION CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

PLEASE Save these Dates!

Attention volunteers of all ages! Grab your garden tools, rake, shovel, wheelbarrow, bucket, yard waste tub and pitchfork - it is time to come together as a "green team" to spruce up the Church and School campus this spring. The Men's Group is hosting the annual Assumption Spring Beautification Days in May, and everyone is invited to help!

Save the dates! We will need plenty of help pulling weeds and spreading mulch!

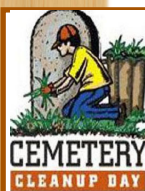
Thursday, May 4, 5:30 - 8:00pm -- Pre-mulch weeding of flower beds.

Saturday, May 6, 9:00am-12:00pm -- Weeding, pruning, and spreading mulch.



We are looking for MANY volunteers of all ages!

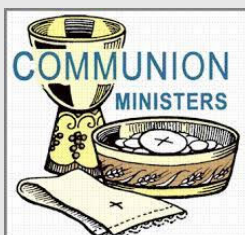
If you are interested in volunteering you can sign-up online (or just show up!) and then meet the members of our Men's Group on the patio in front of the Parish Center on the day of the event. Questions...call Mark Vogt in the Parish Office, 636-240-3721, ext. 225.



The cemetery committee will conduct the Spring Cemetery Cleanup on Saturday, May 6th at 9am. We will be removing broken and weathered items from the gravesites, so that everything looks nice for the spring, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day. If you have new items, those will be left. Cleanup takes less than an hour, and we greatly appreciate the community's help. If you are interested in helping, please contact Angie Bauman at 636-578-2185 (call/text) or email, Bauman.est.2008@gmail.com. This is the same day as the Spring Campus Beautification Project, so you are welcome to help with both!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion NEW and CURRENT Training ~ May 20th at 10:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis) Mission Statement: As Assumption Ministers of the Holy Eucharistic at the Table of Life, we reverently distribute the Body of Christ to all the faithful that we may become one as the Body of Christ for the entire world. Is God calling you to participate in the distribution of the Body of Christ to our parish community that we may become one as the Body of Christ for the entire world? There is a great need/opportunity to become a part of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion ministry. Training will be provided, and we welcome current ministers who wish to have a review of training as well as new ministers. The training will be provided in the church on Saturday, May 20th, from 10:00-11:00. If you would like to participate in the training, please contact Mary Keen at 636-699-0407 or at mlkeen155@icloud.com.



St. Vincent De Paul NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:



Tuna and Chicken Helpers, saltine crackers, other snack crackers, all canned fruits (pears, oranges, mixed fruit, pineapple, etc), jelly, ketchup, canned pasta with pull top lid, canned meats, canned tuna or chicken with pull top lids or in pouches.

NEEDED NON-FOOD ITEMS: liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, facial tissue, toilet paper.

We are always in need of grocery store gift certificates and gas cards!

*Thank you
For your support!*



Assumption Auction Was a Success!

Gala: A Night to Remember For All



The silent and live auction items and raffles have all been purchased, and the king and queen crowned. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who made the 10th Annual Assumption Gala: 'Prom through the Decades' such a success! We could not have done it without your support and the support of these generous sponsors: STL Custom Cartz, El Tio Pepe, Lou Fusz, Frontier Mortgage, Ad Pages, etrailer.com, Sparks Tire and Auto, Stldigital, St. Dominic, CBC, IWA, Twin Oaks, Spec Group Concrete, Maggie Welby Foundation and Sisters of the Most Precious Blood. Here is a look at the night's festivities. To see more photos, go to our Facebook page @assumptionbvmschool.



OFFICE INFORMATION

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636.240.3721 Parish Office

Hours - Mon-Thu 8:00am-4:00pm

Fri 8:00am-3:00pm

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ASSUMPTION SCHOOL: 636.240.4474

BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office

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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.