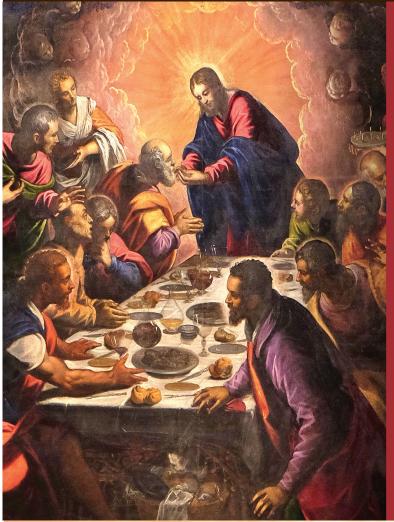
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MAY 7, 2023



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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Sacraments and Parish Information



BAPTISM

Scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



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.



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.



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.



CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30 - 7:50am Church Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment



FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2nd grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.



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Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721

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Hello,

In just a few weeks, on May 28th, the archbishop is going to be announcing what the changes are going to be to all of the parishes throughout the archdiocese as well as all of the priest moves to staff all of the parishes. We have seen maps and had many discussions regarding the parishes and probably have some idea what we might expect for them. Priests have been asked what they would desire or be willing to accept, and some possible moves have been discussed, but the final decisions have yet to be made and communicated. When a priest moves, that is often done by a phone call asking if the priest would be willing to accept a new assignment, like I did when I found out I would be coming to Assumption. I mention that this week because as the Easter season goes on, Jesus is preparing his apostles to be open to hear His call, to follow Him, and to be open to the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives. We don't know how or when it will come at times, but we need to be willing to listen to God's word to us as He speaks to us through the Holy Spirit. As a priest I can expect a call like this from the archbishop at times. As lay people you may not expect a call from the archbishop, but you might expect to hear the Holy Spirit in other ways, especially at times when you are going through changes in your lives.

Consider graduations. Whether it is from grade school, high school, or college, it marks a big change in your life. Where will you be going next? And what options do you have? Are we open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this decision or not? One way we can consider this is have we only been asking what we want to do, or have we also been considering what God is calling us to do? Sometimes the two will be very much in line with each other, but other times what the Holy Spirit is asking might be more challenging and a bit beyond what we might have been thinking ourselves. I remember one family I knew from a parish where one daughter was graduating from college and another from high school. The college graduate was planning to be going on to graduate school and the high school graduate was planning on heading to college, however both were delaying for a year and were going to work for the poor on another continent first. They were in a more favorable situation than some to be free to make this choice, but I know when I heard this I wondered if I would have been willing to do what they were doing if I was in their situation? And how would I make that decision?

While everyone isn't being asked to do that same thing, it can be a good example for us to consider if we are even open to such a possibility if the Holy Spirit were asking us. For this example, I would imagine a person that had never been on some type of a weeklong mission trip, or even helped on a regular basis with a charity, or given up a Saturday to help a group that feeds the poor or shelters the homeless. If they had never done any of these, I don't think they would hear or understand a call to a year of service to others in a distant land. How have we listened to the Holy Spirit on smaller matters if we are going to be clear about big ones? We need to consider what affects our decisions and what influences we allow in. Just like I don't think you should be applying to the Julliard School if you've never played a musical instrument or acted in a play, we should probably consider how the Holy Spirit may be guiding us in small decisions before we expect to hear Him clearly on the big ones.

Peace, Fr. Nick



"...living the truth in love, we should Adult Formation grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and ioined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love." -**Ephesians** 4:15-16

MAY 7th IS HOSPITALITY SUNDAY!





Thank you to everyone who generously donates every month to our donuts.

We will have Donuts today...After all Sunday morning Masses!

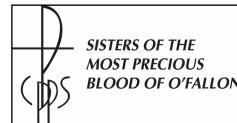
We hope that you will join us for fellowship and fun. If you are new to our parish and would like to register, there will be a table set up with people there to welcome you. We are grateful to be able to gather each month in this way and to be able to share fellowship! If you want to register OR if you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



First Annual Men's Christ Renews His Parish Alumni Weekend!

Attention men of Assumption Parish: If you've attended a CRHP weekend, we have an opportunity for you! Whether that weekend was a year ago, 10 years ago, or longer, here is your chance to get to know each other, renew, refresh and relax. The first annual CRHP alumni weekend will be held at the Pallottine Retreat Cen-

ter in Florissant, on October 14-15, (subject to post-deposit confirmation). We'll gather from 8am Saturday through Noon on Sunday. The activities will be wholly organized by men here at Assumption who have also been through CRHP, and will include a social evening on Saturday. Cost is \$127 for a double occupancy room and \$145 for a single (all meals included). For information contact, Kelly Gessert, 636-728-8840 or kelly.gessert@gmail.com or Rick Schenk at 314-486-2337 or Rwschenk3@gmail.com. Reservations are limited, please reply by May 17, to reserve a spot.



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.

DESERT DAY: I really need a day of prayer and quiet! Desert Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the sisters of the Most Precious Blood are just that. Come to the quiet and beauty of St. Joseph Chapel at 204 North Main, O'Fallon, MO on May 18, June 20 or July 19 from 9:15 am - 3:15 pm. The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. The opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is also available. Lunch is provided and we ask a free will offering. For more information or to register contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636-293-8013 or by email at mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org



"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

In order to become progressively aware of mystery, we need to learn (and teach) the art of asking questions of life—questions that do not lead to easy answers but rather to a deeper appreciation of the mystery of life. The

practice of mystagogy involves reflecting on an experience in our life and asking questions. As we continued reflecting with the neophytes the questions on Eucharist from the previous week, we opened the discussion by asking them to share if they had experienced an opportunity to do something kind for someone they may not particularly like since our last meeting.

One person shared how they were able to find a way to forgive someone and be open to spending time with them. Another shared that they really work hard to avoid judgment of others This was pretty powerful for the group to hear and these comments dovetailed nicely into our discussion of the Communion Rite: Lord's Prayer; Lamb of God, Eucharist.

We shared some comments about how the Lord's Prayer asks us to forgive others as we want God's forgiveness and what that looks like in our lives. Our questions to you: are we authentic when we share the sign of peace? Have we forgiven? Are we right with our neighbor? Receiving Eucharist should be filled with joy somewhat like a family reunion where we are excited to be with the Lord and participating in this beautiful Sacrament. The session ended by reminding everyone to take in their new faith, don't be eager to jump into a ministry so soon. Pray for guidance and you will find where God needs your talents.

So our mission for you, our faith community, would be how will you live out your Eucharist mystagogy this week?

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 assumptionbymschool.org/ or email Pam Penning, Assumption Faith Formation Administrative Assistant, at ppenning@abvmtech.org.

	MONDAY 5.8.23	TUESDAY 5.9.23	WEDNESDAY 5.10.23
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Mary McCumber	6:30am Priest Intention	6:30am Priest Intention
	8:00am Nick Brock, Spec. Int	8:00am Mary McCumber	8:00am Kevin Hale
Reconciliation	7:30 - 7:50am Church	7:30 - 7:50am Church	7:30 - 7:50am Church
	Or by appointment	Or by appointment	Or by appointment



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*.



Queen of Peace Shrine Mass Wednesday, May 10th at 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 the corner of Civic Park and Coronation 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.



Pro-Life: Every third Saturday of the month (May 20th), we will go to the Cathedral for 8:00am Mass to pray for an end to abortion and for every child's right to life. If a ride is needed, please call Sylvia at 636-978-8803.



PRAYER: A heart to heart with God "Our strength comes from the Eucharist"



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.

8:00am Mary Ann Owens 7:30 - 7:50am Church

6:30am Priest Intention

FRIDAY 5.12.23

8:00am Mary & Richard Lindemann 5:00pm People of the Parish

SATURDAY 5.13.23

4:00 - 4:45pm Church
Or by appointment

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By Appointment

SUNDAY 5.14.23

8:00am Marvin Birkemeier 10:00am Kathy Kinkead 12:00pm MaryAnn Salas 5:30pm Nick Brock, Spe. Int.

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

Or by appointment

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

Youth Formation

From the Principal's Pen

👗 Fine Arts, Science and Robotics NIGHT – with an ICE CREAM Social

Assumption will again sponsor its Fine Arts, Science and Robotics Night on Thursday, May 11th from 6:30 - 8pm. ALL are welcome. Of course we will also have ice cream for everyone - yes, parents and students get a free fudge bar or red/white/blue bomb popsicle! Come and see what amazing work our students have done throughout this year! The entire Main Building of the school will be filled with things to see and do. We look forward to having our ENTIRE parish family come visit our school on May 11th!

Offering Financial Literacy for Middle School, starting 2023-2024

Assumption has teamed up with the MassMutual Foundation and EVERFI by introduction a new component to our Middle School Social Studies program: Financial Literacy. Assumption knows that as our students move into their teen years, they are impacted by money, costs, and opportunities to spend (or save). Ultimately, understanding finances can dramatically help in planning for a future life. In addition, we also know that by the time students reach middle school, they have already developed the capacity to understand complex economic concepts, make financial judgments, and assign value to purchases and brands. Yet the majority of today's students don't have the money management skills they need to navigate the modern financial world.



Thanks to Mrs. Chassaniol, beginning in August, 2023, our Middle School Social Studies curriculum will introduce and include financial literacy. It will follow curriculum standards for the State of Missouri and empowers students to effectively manage their finances, make sound decisions, and become financially responsible. Through a digital story-based narrative and interactive exercises, students learn to make real-life decisions about their personal finances, as well as how

to achieve important goals around saving money, education and career planning, and budgeting. Here are the lessons:

Lesson 1: Students are introduced to the course storyline and participate in their mayoral inauguration! Students also take a "Financial Personality Test," and reflect on their own personal financial priorities, habits and mindsets.

Lesson 2: Students learn the importance of budgeting as they help a character redecorate his room on a limited budget.

Lesson 3: Students learn both the importance of saving and how to manage day-to-day expenses. Students help a character find a job, review his paycheck and credit card statement, and decide when to utilize different payment types.

Lesson 4: Help a character explore different career path options and narrow her interests by examining required skills and interests, income potential, and education and training requirements.

Lesson 5: Students learn all about business growth as they help a business owner with various tasks. Students learn how to open savings and checking accounts and make monthly transaction decisions.

Lesson 6: Send students through a "life simulation" and learn to make important insurance and investment decisions.

Lesson 7: The FutureSmart program comes full circle in this final lesson, as students utilize their newfound knowledge to set their own financial goals and plans for the future. Students create a portfolio piece, known as their "Blueprint," which details future career interests, plans for higher education, and next action steps.

Assumption is looking to the future and planting the seeds of financial literacy to our students!

Assumption Rocks at the SDHA Math Festival –

SCORES are IN! The following students attended the SDHS Math Festival in late February. They did amazing! Overall, this group of 'mathletes' earned 9 Good, 28 Superior, and 8 Excellent ribbons. Congratulations to these students for qualifying for the Elimination Round: Noah Kleckner, Sam Molitor, Daniel Duffy, Sena Akpovo, Timothy Dang, Colby Arnold, Ben Heckart, and Luke Gandolfo.



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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!



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Congratulations to all of our 8th graders on receiving their Confirmation last 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, May 7 Life Teen: Game Night 6:30-8:45pm in the Parish Center

All high school teens are invited to join us for a night of fun and community! Bring your favorite board game.

This is our final Life Night of Spring -- we will resume in June.

Wednesday, May 10 ~ No EDGE

We have reached the end of our PSR/EDGE year. EDGE will resume in September.





2023 Save the Dates:

June 4: Life Teen Summer Kick Off June 22: Steubenville Parent & Teen Meeting

June 26-30: Life Teen Leadership Conference

July 7-10: Steubenville Youth Conference July 13: LT Camp Parent & Teen Meeting

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











good stewards of God's varied grace."

> - 1 Peter 4:10

Family BINGO Night is FUN for the Entire Family

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 our 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.



PLEASE NOTE: HOME BAKED GOODS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF ON BINGO NIGHT, MAY 22, IN THE PARISH CENTER BY **3PM.** For more information call Bob or Liz Allmeyer at 636-240-8638.

Slots are filling up for our trip to Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg. And the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee! October 30 - November 3: Cost: \$665/person. \$75. deposit /person is needed by May 22. Open to 50+ members first. 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.





Cin loving memory

Mary McCumber, Sister of Monsignor William McCumber Henry Sachs, Father of Eric Sachs Catherine Waidmann, Of Our Parish Family Marylyn Carl, Sister of Paula LeGrand

Our Gifts to God and Parish

Weekly Offertory

Actual Collections Budget Target Surplus / (Shortfall) **April 2, 2023**

YTD 7/1/2022 - 2/2023

38,877 \$ 43,500 (4.623)

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

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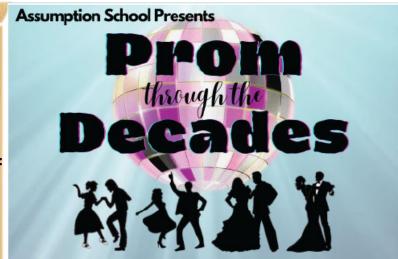
Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school Original Loan \$ 3.306.127 Current balance owed 957,301 20,923 Monthly payment Last expected payment, August 2026

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We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation, and your financial support of Assumption Parish.



Christian kindness "We are ALL hospitality ministers"



Thank You to Our Auction Sponsors!

Our hearts are filled with gratitude! Thank you to all our generous **Gala Sponsors** for helping to make the event such a success! Stay tuned...The grand total from the event will be announced in next weeks bulletin.

Thank You 2023 Sponsors!



















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Crucifixion and Resurrection Painting that was in the Chapel

In Case You Missed It... A special thanks to parishioner and artist, Evelyn Astegno, for displaying her beautiful religious artwork in the Assumption Chapel during the week of Easter. Our hope was that the *Crucifixion* and *Resurrection* paintings would help those praying in the Chapel to be open to speaking to God and hear his words.

PREVENT AND PROTECT UPDATE:

ALL VOLUNTEERS at Assumption Parish that work with CHILDREN, the VULERABLE or the ELDER-LY, must be registered in the Prevent and Protect site, have an updated background check and Code of Conduct to show Compliance with the Archdiocese. This is *MANDATORY*. You can go to our website; www.assumptionbvm.org, click on Resources, it will take you to the Protecting God's Children. Follow directions to begin registration.

If you have started this registration but have NOT received your CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION, that means you are not in Compliance with the Archdiocese, so please go back into your P&P account and double check your requirement checklist to see what needs to be completed and submitted.

After you have completed your registration into the P&P site, but have not taken a PGC workshop, scroll down where you can pick a session and click to register. If you have any questions or concerns about your Compliance status, please contact Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741 or lynn.assumption@gmail.com.

Assumption Adoration Chapel

Adoration is available 24/7 in the old church by using the code at the north transit entrance. EXPOSITION on Tuesday begins after the 8:00am Mass and through Rosary at 6:15pm, followed by Perpetual Help Devotions. Please sign up at assumptionbym.weadorehim.com.



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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

Athletic Accordation Newsl

Signups for Volleyball and Soccer will open Monday, **May 8th through June 30th**. Signups are on the Team Sideline page.

For information, go to: https://sites.google.com/view/ assumptioncyc/home





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 FREDBIRD®. 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.

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

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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.