# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

## SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call the Parish Office, 636-240-3721. Select Option #2.

BAPTISM

Baptism is scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call Angie, ext 235.

#### CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office six months in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie at the Parish Office, ext 235.

CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30-7:50am; Saturdays 4-4:45pm; or by appointment.

#### CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for students entering eighth grade. For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for students entering second grade.

**FUNERALS** 

Please call Debbie Orf at the Parish Office at 636-240-3721, ext 221.

#### **RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)**

Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. Contact Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983.

## Welcome

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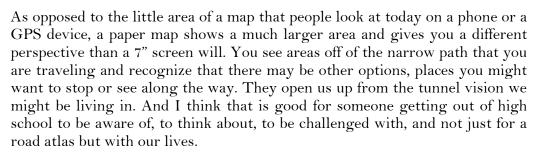
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### Hello,

It is the time of year when we have high school graduations. A tradition I had for my nieces and nephews was that one of the things I gave them for their high school graduation was a road atlas. Now for my oldest nieces and nephews when they were graduating from high school, in a time not that long ago, paper maps were still being used, so it isn't as strange of a gift as it was for the last of them (5 years ago now—I'm getting old). But in some ways, I think it was even more important for the later ones.



We celebrate the Feast of Pentecost this weekend and it seems like a good time to consider how open we are to recognizing and going out to the world around us. Jesus sent out his disciples before he ascended to go out to all the world, to bring them His word and now they have been given the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help. But sometimes we seem to just be staying put in our same spot, or even when we venture out, it is on a very narrow path that doesn't even recognize anything that might be off of it. As with the Apostles, and with high school students, there is a time that you need to be clearly and fairly strictly directed, but eventually we are expected to put what we have been taught to use, keeping it as our firm foundation but taking it out to others to share it with them, so that they and we can grow in seeing how it didn't just apply to the more isolated life we lived in, but how it applies to the whole world. Not only is this for the good of others but it is also how we can continue to grow in our understanding and knowledge of what we were taught. To realize the broadness of the world, and the depth of what we have been taught that applies to all of this. The Apostles had a lot of questions when faced with sharing their faith with the Gentiles, what rules are required and which are not, and we face that ourselves when going out into the world, even when we aren't moving, and the world is just changing around us.

So as we celebrate Pentecost, and consider how we are going to go out to the whole world, consider looking at a broader map of the world sometime. It should at least give us an appreciation for the variety of people and cultures out there, and it might let God suggest a few different turns from the path we may have had in mind.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

## **BULLETIN NOTICE**

Bulletin articles need to be **submitted to the editor by 9am on the Tuesday before Sunday's edition** (five days prior). Requests will be reviewed and published as space allows.

Send article to <u>bulletin.assumption@gmail.com</u>.

## **ASSUMPTION PRAYER CHAPEL**



Adoration is available 24/7 in the Chapel (the old church) by using the code at the north transit entrance. You can call or come to the Church Office to receive the code.

EXPOSITION is on Tuesdays after the 8am Mass, and available through the Rosary at 6:15pm, followed by our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions.

During Eucharistic Exposition, when the Eucharist is in the monstrance and exposed, an adorer must be present. If you are interested in being an adorer, please sign up at <u>assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com</u> and choose a time during the day. Thank you!

## PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

Please join us in Church 30 minutes before each weekend Mass for the Rosary (except 5:30 pm Mass on Sundays.)

We gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Blanche Nanney mother of Ken (Sue) Nanney and Dennis Danney

> Darlene Winkelmann mother of Mary Ziegemeier

**Rose Peery** sister of Carol Phillips and Kathy Pyke

> Robbyn Edman sister of Missy Lowrey



## O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Queen of Hearts | Every Tuesday Our O'Fallon Knights of Columbus

#2269 welcome you to the weekly Queen of Hearts every Tuesday. Doors open at 5pm with drawing at 7pm. Food and beverages available for purchase.



The jackpot has climbed to \$15,035!

## CALLING ALL MINISTRY COORDINATORS

We are in the process of updating our Ministry Directory and we need your help! From ushers, to our welcoming committee, to our wedding assistants, church cleaners and decorators, golf cart drivers, and the many other organizations within our parish, together we are all called to "find Christ here... and bring Christ to the world." Thank you for being a part of our beautiful mission. If you are currently coordinating one of our AMAZING ministries or organizations, please email Nancy Gomer, <u>ngomer@abvmtech.org</u> or 636-240-3721 ext. 239, and provide your current contact information before Monday, May 27. This is also the perfect time to look at your ministry description and decide if it needs tweaking. The ministry directory will go to print in July, and mailed to parishioners in September.

For more information about the Assumption Ministry Directory, scan the QR Code or visit our website at <u>assumptionbym.org</u> and go to "Stewardship" at the top menu.



## ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP



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

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

The demand for assistance continues to increase and we are asking for you to consider using a new online method to donate. Please scan the QR code to link directly to the churches online giving



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

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

## **50+ CLUB ANNUAL** FRIED CHICKEN DINNER MAY 20, 6:30PM | HALL C



Join us for a night of fellowship at our fried chicken dinner annual event! Homemade cookies and desserts will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share! Consider bringing cole slaw, fruit salad, lettuce salad, baked beans, macaroni and

cheese, potatoes, green bean casserole, jello salad, or cooked vegetables. Any side you enjoy with fried chicken would be a welcome addition!

Not a member? You can join the night of the meeting if you'd like to participate. Dues are \$15 per person.

Ouestions? Contact Kim Thornhill at 918-381-7459 or thornhillproductions@gmail.com.



## SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 24 **GOLFING FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Calling all golfers! Get your team together and support Catholic education. Join us for the 24th Annual Assumption Golf Tournament, Saturday, August 24, at the Falls Golf Club in O'Fallon. Registration and sponsorships available soon!

The Assumption Men's Group is proud to sponsor this exciting fundraiser to benefit the Assumption Day School and Parish School of Religion (PSR).

For more info, please contact Mike Bigler at michael.bigler@bjc.org or call 314-915-5968.





**Priests Intention** Rosemary Popp Shirley Mackey People of the Parish

By Appointment

**MONDAY 5.20.24** 6:30am Delphine Droste 8:00am Jerry Schoenherr

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

**TUESDAY** 5.21.24 6:30am Jake Jakubowski Special intention 8:00am Betty Townsend

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

WEDNESDAY 5.22.24 6:30am Matt Everding 8:00am Fred Bethmann

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

## RUN FOR LIFE AND LEARNING JUNE 1 | CREVE COEUR LAKE



Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 1 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD.

Scan the QR Code with your cell phone camera to register or donate. Or you can visit <u>runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning</u>.



Proceeds benefit Birthright Counseling of St. Louis that enables women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families.

## ASSUMPTION FALL FESTIVAL NEWS



The chair and co-chair of the 2024 Fall Festival, Russ and Mary Ann Schaller, are already getting things organized for the big event planned, Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6. **This year, we are extending Saturday** 

hours from noon–11pm, and Sunday kicks off with 10am outdoor Mass under the big tent, followed by festivities from 11am–4pm.

New this year, we will be raffling off one-year free school tuition! The winner can choose to take the free tuition or a cash prize. We are also securing the music for the two-day event, and tossing around the idea of bringing back BINGO!

Currently we are in need of the following:

- Donations of premium bottles of booze for a new, fun adult game. If you can help, please drop off donations at the parish office.
- Use of tractors, flatbed trailers, and hay bales for the haunted hayride

If you want to volunteer at the event, contact Russ Schaller at 314-608-6551. Watch for additional festival updates, as we get closer to the event dates.

## RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

As the Catholic Church prepares to celebrate Pentecost, which marks the establishment of the Catholic Church, many new converts to the faith at Assumption are marking their 50th day as Catholics. Some were drawn to the Church by the quiet example of others; some have had more dramatic encounters. Pentecost is a fitting time to welcome new members into the Church, as scripture records that "about three thousand people" were baptized on that day (Acts 2:41). It also is an occasion for those of us who are already members of Christ's body to commit ourselves anew to life in the Spirit. The feast of Pentecost is a day of thanks giving for the coming of the Holy Spirit and for the establishment of the sacrament of confirmation. It is a day on which we place a joyful and grateful trust in the operation of the Holy Spirit within us, and thank him for His inspiration and guidance. On this day, we again place ourselves in the hands of the Holy Spirit with complete confidence.

Today marks the close of the final phase of RCIA but the beginning of a lifelong journey. At the 8am Mass, the neophytes (a new convert) and their families will be sent out as disciples to share the light of Christ. The symbolism of the light of Christ began in their first meeting when a candle was lit and continues to be lit at each meeting.

Christians are continually called upon to consider what it will cost them to live according to the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, into which they have been initiated through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This sacramental union with Christ also beckons all of us to go into the world "to carry out the mission of the entire people of God in the Church and in the world."

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the Faithful; and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

### THURSDAY 5.23.24

6:30am Samuel Huffman 8:00am Fred Bethmann FRIDAY 5.24.24

6:30am Priests Intention

8:00am All Assumption Funeral Luncheon Volunteers Special Intention

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

#### **SATURDAY** 5.25.24

8:00am Priests Intention5:00pm People of the Parish

4:00–4:45pm Church or by appointment

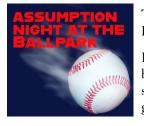
#### SUNDAY 5.26.24

8:00am	Priests Intention
10:00am	Ed Echelmeyer
12:00pm	William "Bill" Uthoff
5:30pm	Arturo Gavier

By Appointment

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

## ASSUMPTION NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK WAS A HUGE HIT!



There were 238 guests registered for the game this year. A special thank you to the Assumption PTO for sponsoring this fun group activity.

If we do it again, there is talk about attending a September game and possibly renting a charter bus to take participants to and from the ballpark. We are also in line to have a student or group sing the National Anthem, God Bless America or Take Me Out to the Ballgame during the game.

### Congratulations to these Cardinals' raffle winners:

- **BOB ADAMS** won the four (4) pregame field passes to watch the Cards batting practice before the game
- **STEVE HORSTMAN** won the Marty Passes for four (4) to a 2024 game Cardinals game
- LAURA ILLY won the Cardinals Tote with Mike Shannon T-shirt
- **KATHY PYKE** won the Nolan Arenado Bobblehead and Mike Shannon T-shirt
- MSGR. DENNIS STEHLY won the Ryan Helsley Bobblehead and Mike Shannon T-shirt
- DANICA WILLIS won the Elf Bobblehead and Mike Shannon T-shirt
- MINDY SAXBURY won the Elf Bobblehead and Mike Shannon T-shirt
- DORIAN AIELLO won a Mike Shannon T-shirt



## MASS SLIDE OPERATORS NEEDED

We are in need of additional people to help project the slides with the prayers and lyrics during Mass. You will be instructed on the specifics of running the Powerpoint or ProPresenter slides that will be ready for each weekend. This is a great service to our worship, and you will probably grow in your understanding of the structure of the Mass as you have to pay attention. No tech skills are necessary.

Contact our Music Director, Parker Bishop <u>music@abvmtech.org</u>, if you are interested or have questions.



## BRING COMFORT AND COMPANIONSHIP TO SOLACE HOSPICE CARE PATIENTS



Join the Solace Hospice Care team as a patient–visiting volunteer! You will brighten the days of those living with a terminal illness and help our team provide exceptional care. Our patients live in private homes, nursing facilities and assisted living facilities in O'Fallon, St. Peters, St. Charles, and

St. Louis City and County. No healthcare or hospice experience is required and visiting schedules are flexible. We look forward to collaborating with you!

For more information, contact Sharon Christopher at 636 -220-4050 or <u>schristopher@solacehospicecaremo.com</u> or or visit us online at <u>solacehospicecaremo.com</u>.

## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE **STOPS IN ST. LOUIS**

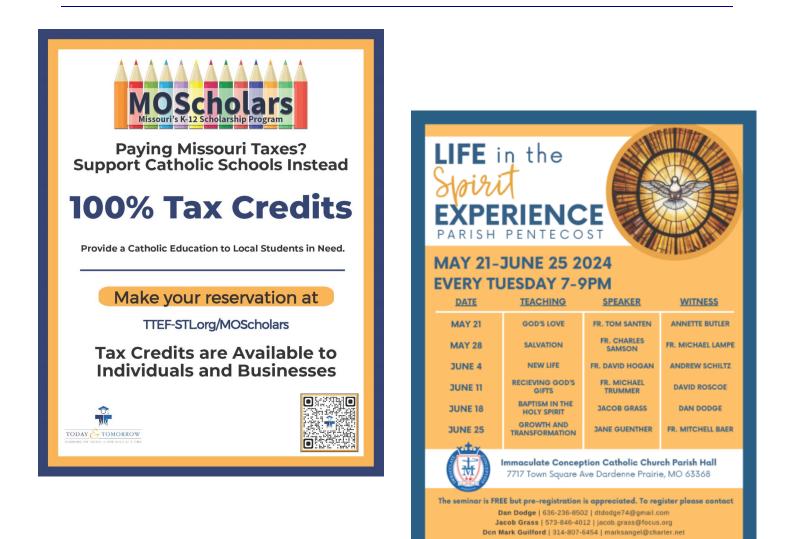


While we realize not everyone will be able to attend the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Indianapolis, July 14-21, we hope you will join in the events planned in St. Louis, July 5-7, when the pilgrimage with the Eucharistic procession heading there Pilgrimage arrives in our area.

A special thank you for the generous BOXES OF MERCY donations. Your gifts will go to St. Louis families in need during the pilgrimage stop in St. Louis. Here is the lineup of events planned:

- ◆ July 5, 3–9pm, St. Charles Borromeo, 601 N 4th St., St. Charles: Meet for the Divine Mercy Chaplet and then walk to the Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne and then processing with the blessed Sacrament alongside the pilgrims to St. Peter Catholic Church in St. Charles for a meal.
- ◆ July 7, 10am Mass with Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski at the Cathedral Basilica, 4431Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, and then processing to St. Stephen Protomartyr 3949 Wilmington Ave., St. Louis.

To register and for more details about the St. Louis events and the National Eucharistic Congress in Indiana, visit archstl.org/eucharistic-revival.



## PRINCIPAL'S PEN 🔪

### **May Crowning**

On May 3, our second graders and eighth graders led the procession before Mary was crowned. The Mass was as beautiful as Mary! Congratulations to Addison Markelz and Colin Sullivan who were chosen from the eighth grade to crown Mary.





## Science, Music, Theatre, and Art Night

On May 2, Assumption hosted our annual Science and Fine Arts Evening, where parents and students could walk our halls and see all of the art projects from students throughout the year, experience some exciting experiments in our Science lab, visit the Music room to see our PreK



through 4th grade students singing and/or playing their recorder, or catch a scene of our Musical, Aladdin, in the gymnasium during the Dress Rehearsal.

Thanks to Mr. Gonzalez, Art teacher, and Mrs. Stotltman, Theatre Director, Mrs. Schenk and Mrs. Cronin, Science teachers, and Mrs. Penn, Music teacher, the Science and Fine Arts Fair was a success!

As a treat, all students received either a popsicle or fudgesicle during the evening – and what a great night for all!

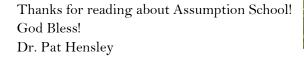




## Field Day

Field Day 2024 was a re-imagined Olympics! With 8th graders leading the games, and lower classmen partaking of the meets and events, the day was filled with excitement and thrilling moments! Of course, the end of the Olympics requires the ULTIMATE in matches, "Faculty vs. 8th graders" volleyball game on the field. Serving, jumping, and reaching for the ball provided the audience with visual feats of greatness and despair (most of the despair held by the faculty and staff!). A special thanks to Ms. Katilyn Carter who produces and directs the day with precision and planning. Another great day had by all!







## HAPPY PENTECOST FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

It has been an incredible year of community, prayer, and ministry. Please pray for our teens as they finish out their academics and for our team as we prepare for summer ministry! Praise the Lord for how He is continuing to move in the young Church .







## SAVE THE DATES:

June 2: Life Teen Summer Kickoff

July 12–15: Steubenville Youth Conference

July 29–August 3: Life Teen at Camp Covecrest and EDGE at Camp Hidden Lake!

Connect with us on Social Media: Instagram: @assumption\_life\_teen // @assumption\_edge

Facebook: Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE **QUESTIONS?** Contact **Becky Whitaker**, Director of Youth Minister; Life Teen Youth Minister 636-240-3721 ext. 243 or <u>beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org</u>

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

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

A couple of things have changed—CYC is moving from 5 regions to 2. We are considered part of CYC Northwest.

All St. Charles CYC families <u>MUST</u> register on the Northwest Site (<u>teamsideline.com/cycnorthwest</u>.) Add <u>ALL</u> family members that will be registering for a 2024–2025 program or any that should receive communication (all parents needing to receive emails). ENTER THE GRADE THE PLAYER WILL BE IN FOR THE 2024–2025 SCHOOL YEAR.



Registration for Pre-K4–8<sup>th</sup> grade Soccer and 3<sup>rd</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball is open through June 2. This is a short turn around due to the switching of servers. Select Assumption O'Fallon on the CYC Northwest Team Sideline page to see the fall registrations. Coaches need to sign up separately for each coach registration. Sports will be broken up into competitive and recreational on a team by team basis.



If you have any questions, please email <u>assumptioncyc@gmail.com</u>

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory Actual Collections Budget Target Surplus / (Shortfall)

April 28, 2024 \$30,630 <u>\$38,500</u> \$(7,870) YTD 7/1/23 - 4/28/24 \$1,851,835 <u>\$1,744,000</u> \$107,835 Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our schoolOriginal Loan\$3,306,127Current balance owed\$651,868Monthly payment\$20,923

Last expected payment will be in August 2026, thanks to our annual Ensuring Parish Viability grant of \$75,000 which was renewed by the Archdiocese in March 2024.



The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12) We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36) God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20) TITHING We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation, and your financial support of Assumption Parish.

If you would like to give online, please go to: <u>assumptionbvm.org/Our-Parish/Online-Giving</u> or scan the QR Code and create an account.



## **OFFICE INFORMATION**

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> ASSUMPTION SCHOOL 636-240-4474

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

### BULLETIN NOTICES Submit to Parish Office

Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com by Tuesday 9am

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: assumptionbvm.org

facebook.com: @assumptionparish @assumption media

#### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call 636-240-1020 for information

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#### MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

For one–on–one grief support, or information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741.