Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

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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Hello,

Another Memorial Day weekend and hopefully, we don't just consider it a three-day weekend but also recognize on Monday that this is Memorial Day, and consider what that should mean to us and why we celebrate it. I think one of the things some can get a bit confused with at times is they really don't look at it as we are supposed to see Memorial Day, the remembrance of those who died serving in the country's armed forces, but rather as Veteran's Day. Both are important, but also distinct. Alike, but not exactly the same as, the difference between martyrs and saints. It is not to place one higher or lower than the other, but to recognize the distinction.

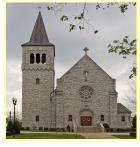
The line I copied above that describes Memorial Day as the "remembrance of those who died serving in the country's armed forces" is distinct from other descriptions that are more restrictive in describing "those who died serving their country in war," or even a later change to "serving their country in any war or military action." Actually, it started just honoring Union Soldiers who died during the American Civil War, but through the years would be extended, and the way in which it has been extended I think helps us to recognize what we wish to honor. At first those from the one war were what was most obvious to people since it had so many fatalities and was so recent in their minds, but as the years went on, they recognized that it wasn't just the dying in that war that was a concern, but in any war, or any military action.

If someone is in a war or military action, they know that they are at mortal risk for their country. They may have volunteered or have been drafted, but they are there. If they die in this situation, we don't consider that they wanted to, but recognize that death is one of the results of wars and military actions. Honoring these deceased, we recognize the seriousness of what they were fighting for by what we lost to protect it. Hopefully, not only does this make us more aware of the importance of each life that was lost, but also of the real price of wars and military actions. As a result, we not only honor those who have died directly, but also indirectly by how we value the lives of those who are currently in the armed forces by only considering new armed conflicts when there are the gravest of necessities.

One of the first activities that was identified with Memorial Day was in 1866, when a group of women in the South was putting flowers on the graves of Confederate soldiers and they also placed some on those of the Union soldiers. If we are to truly consider the price of wars and military actions, we not only consider our dead, but all who died in a conflict. The Civil War was able to make that understood more obviously than most in that at times not only did people know those on both sides, but they were friends or even relatives. Our faith challenges us not just to value our own life, or just that of our friends' or those who fight for us, but also our enemies,' to value all life. God has given us this great gift, and also our freedom in how we use it.

Peace,

Fr. Nick



DAILY MASSES IN CHAPEL

Starting Tuesday, May 28, our 6:30am and 8am Masses, Monday–Friday and 8am on Saturdays, will be held in the Chapel.

Weekday Confessions (Monday-Friday), 7:30-7:50am will also be in the Chapel.

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>assumptionbym.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.

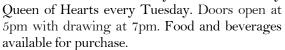


O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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

#2269 welcome you to the weekly





CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION ST. JUAN DIEGO TO ASSUMPTION

Assumption and St. Juan Diego Parishes are called to come together, Sunday, June 2, to celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Feast of Corpus Christi. Parishioners of all ages are invited to participate in a one-mile procession to celebrate the importance of the Real Presence in the Eucharist, while publicly affirming their faith.

Those interested should meet at noon at the front doors of St. Juan Diego Parish (St. Barnabas Church). We will join their parishioners as they begin the procession coming from their 11am Mass to process as a group down Main Street towards Assumption, singing Eucharistic songs and hymns before stopping twice to pray. Altars will be set up at the Jehling's Hardware parking lot and Len's Auto Repair, as we proclaim the Word of God and give a Eucharistic blessing. The procession ends with benediction in our Chapel, where the Blessed Sacrament is reposed and placed in the tabernacle.

After the procession, everyone is encouraged to stay for Hospitality Sunday and enjoy donuts and bagels in the Parish Center.



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY SUNDAY, JUNE 2



Join US JUNE 2

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
IN THE PARISH CENTER
FOLLOWING 8 AM, 10 AM & NOON MASS

Join us in the Parish Center after the 8am, 10am and noon Mass for donuts, milk, juice, coffee, bagels, and a huge dose of fellowship!

And if you are new to the parish, don't

forget to visit our hospitality table and register at Assumption or pick up a Welcome Packet. We are so excited you are here! Scan the QR Code with your smartphone to learn more about registration.



GIVE YOUR GIFT ONLINE

For those parishioners who prefer to give their weekly offering online, please check out our new online giving pew cards. E-Giving is EASY! Just grab a card on your way into the pew and follow these simple instructions.

- ◆ Scan the QR Code on the card using your smartphone (this takes you to the Assumption website where you will need to click on the Online Giving link)
- ♦ Sign in or create an account
- ♦ Choose "Give Now"

Thank you for choosing to donate online. Your generous contributions to the general offering supports our mission, the operations of our church, the school, and our various ministries.





MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intention is a specific petition for which the Mass is offered. Mass intentions can be requested on behalf of another living person or in remembrance of a loved one. If you would like to have a Mass intention in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please visit the Parish Office. Mass intentions are \$10 each. We offer Mass Cards you can send to your family or friends to let them know of the intention.

GOLFING FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION | AUGUST 24

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 lunch begin at 11am; shotgun start 1pm.

Get your team Signed up soon, spots fill up quickly! Signup at app.tekconsultingllc.com/datacollect/collect

Support Our Assumption School and PSR programs by being a Sponsor! Many different levels are available to choose from! See Sponsorship details at app.tekconsultingllc.com/datacollect/playerpay.html#!/Sponsor/c/24198441!

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.



Mass Times and Intentions

SUNDAY 5.26.24

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

By Appointment

MONDAY 5.27.24

No Mass at 6:30am 8:00am Alois and Judy Orf

By Appointment

TUESDAY 5.28.24

6:30am Delphine Droste8:00am Arturo Gavier

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

WEDNESDAY 5.29.24

6:30am Priests Intention 8:00am Norbert Rothermich

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

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 contact Nancy Gomer, ngomer@abvmtech.org 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.



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.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now am found Was blind, but now I see

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

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

THURSDAY 5.30.24

6:30am Priests Intention8:00am Rick and Christine Phillips

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

FRIDAY 5.31.24

6:30am Priests Intention8:00am Frank and Betty Ryan

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

50+ CLUB | THANK YOU

Thanks to all the 50+ Club members that brought salads and side dishes for our annual Fried Chicken Dinner. We had more than 55 people at our event.

Thanks also to Bob, Eileen, Ruth, and Nancy for helping with setup and cleanup. Everyone seemed to enjoy catching up with friends while enjoying the delicious meal!

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 also are tossing around the idea of bringing back BINGO!

The music for the two-day festival is booked! Back by popular demand, the festival committee is excited to announce **Almost Famous** is the headline band and will play Saturday night from 6:30–10:30pm, and **Whiskey Bent** will entertain from noon-4pm on Sunday.

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
- ♦ Volunteers

Please contact Russ Schaller at 314-608-6551, if you have the equipment for the haunted hayride or you would like to volunteer at this year's event. Thank you in advance for your dedication and support.

SATURDAY 6.1.24

8:00am Karl Schalk 5:00pm Jane Schane

4:00–4:45pm Church or by appointment

SUNDAY 6.2.24

8:00am Priests Intention
10:00am Val and Harold Uttecht
12:00pm Steven Uttecht
5:30pm People of the Parish

By Appointment



RUN FOR LIFE AND LEARNING BENEFITING BIRTHRIGHT COUNSELING



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. You can also visit



runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning.

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.

For sponsorship opportunities, please email run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.

INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE ASSUMPTION BOARD OF EDUCATION

The votes have all been counted, and we would like to congratulate the following members of the 2024-2025 Assumption Board of Education. We look forward to a great year! Thank you to all our nominees for your willingness to serve!



Katie Burle



Philip Heiss



Carrie Hopkins



Derek Menne



Tina Meyer

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP AND MANDATORY COMPLIANCE

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Office of Child and Youth Protection

All those who work, volunteer or coach, in any way, with our children, the vulnerable or elderly at Assumption Parish must be in Compliance with the Archdiocese in order to participate in your ministry work. This is **MANDATORY!**

To be in compliance, you must be registered in the Prevent and Protect system where you will submit an updated background check and sign and submit all the Mandatory Reports and Code of Conduct sections. Attending a Protecting God's Children Workshop is also needed to complete Compliance. If you have already completed a workshop, this information will roll over into the Prevent and Protect system and you will not have to redo the workshop for your Compliance.

If you are not in compliance, please go to our website at <u>assumptionbym.org</u>, and go to "Resources" in the top menu, and then scroll down to "Protecting God's Children." Click on the link to begin the process. Instructions are also available on how to register into the Prevent and Protect system.

If you have any questions or concerns about your status, please do not hesitate to contact Assumption Child Safety Coordinator, Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741 or lynncrews@abvmtech.org.

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>.





PRINCIPAL'S PEN 👤



The last six years have been one dazzling joyride that included those crazy days of COVID, digital learning, and students on a tv screen!

I vividly remember when we had a "Finding Jesus" activity for our entire school community, where 300 miniature Jesus figures were hidden throughout the school. When all of the figures were found (and yes, I did find one of the little Jesus figures), I could not help but think of how often I have "found Jesus" while being at Assumption!

We believe that everyone is made in the image and likeness of God, and I have seen (and found) Jesus in each child's face, every toothless smile, graduating every grader, incoming preschooler, every faculty and staff member. I found Jesus in the non-descript moments of my dayspopping into a classroom and seeing moments of "I get it" in a student's eyes, or seeing a teacher chuckle because one of



her students said, "We were almost late today, so Mommy just went through a red light."

I have been blessed by being included in 47 years of students' lives. My life has value because of these students, because of how each experience with them made me a better person. In truth, I was the learner—and with each lesson I became more understanding and reflective about what the purpose of life really is. It is all found in Assumption's mission, "May you find Christ here; May you bring Christ to the world."

Because of Catholic Education, I have been witness to His glory through others' lives. What a rich and wonderful life I have had as a Catholic educator!

My life will be much quieter, with fewer people entering from day to day, but "taking it easy," sounds delightful! Therefore, my mantra has now become, "Memories make a fine cushion for old age," and boy, I have many awesome

Thanks for letting me "find Jesus" through each of you at Assumption.

God Bless! Dr. Pat Hensley

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ASSUMPTION PSR **EIGHTH GRADERS**

As we look ahead to summer, those of us here at Assumption PSR would like to congratulate and pray for our outgoing eighth grade students. These students recently celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, as well as finished their final faith formation classes at Assumption. While their time in the PSR classroom may have ended, their faith journey is just beginning. May God's love and gentleness surround them always, and may they continue to know Him, love Him, and serve Him in all that they do.

Jeffrey Abegg Addison Arpasi Logan Bass Julia Bostic Ainsley Bross Aubrey Buckman Makenzie Byrne Colin Carrell Aidan Compardo Daniel Culian Cole Dawson Collin Dawson Madison Duncan Rocco Durbin Valeria Fuentes Caroline Goeke Jacqueline Gonzalez Robert Grosch Jessica Heath Clark Hughes

Keira Lemoine Geneva Longo Natalie Margerum Tyler Mathis Annabelle McDaniel Adam McGrath Chloe McLeod Dalton Milner Jackson Mulvenna Danny Pautz Jacob Penning Mason Pollard Patrick Shepard Noah Smith James Tubb Leah Tubb Leasha Tubb Madison Welch Joseph Wood Drake Youngman





HELLO 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

Director of Youth Minister; Life Teen Youth Minister 636-240-3721 ext. 243 or beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org

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

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-K4–8th grade Soccer and 3rd–8th 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)

May 5, 2024 \$38,051 \$41,000 \$(2,949)

YTD 7/1/23 - 5/5/24 \$1,889,886 \$1,785,000 \$104,886 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:

assumptionbym.org/Our-Parish/Online-Giving
or scan the QR Code and create an account.



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> ASSUMPTION SCHOOL 636-240-4474

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

BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office

<u>Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com</u>

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 or to register.

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.