

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid; you  
are worth more than  
many sparrows."  
- Mt 10:31

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### JUNE 25, 2023

## Sacraments and Parish Information



### BAPTISM

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



### CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should contact the parish office six months in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie at the Parish Office, xt 235.



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



### 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 Holly Woytus at 636-240-1020 for more information.



### FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Please contact Holly Woytus at 636-240-1020.

# Welcome

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MO 63366**

[www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org)

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**School Board**

[abvmschoolboard@gmail.com](mailto:abvmschoolboard@gmail.com)

*Hello,*

This last week we celebrated the first day of summer on June 21st. I always think that seems a little strange since next week is the 4th of July, which feels like the middle of summer. Officially summer isn't the collection of the longest days (the time the sun is visible in the sky) of the year, but only starts on that longest day. Just like New Year's seems like it comes in the middle of winter, as opposed to just a few days from the start. There are two other holidays we can make this comparison with and I'm sure you've thought of the one that comes just a week before New Year's, and that is Christmas. But have you realized that just yesterday, a half year away from Christmas, we celebrated the birth of John the Baptist on June 24th?

This was one of the earliest feast days to get set on a particular day since even in Scripture it tells us when it is, "In the sixth month, [since Elizabeth had conceived John] the angel of Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary." (Luke 1:26) So six months after John was conceived, Jesus is conceived, so the births should also be six months apart. The furthest away from Jesus that he could get in a year, or maybe we should look at it as the furthest away from Jesus that we could get, and that is why John is there, to lead us to Christ.

Another one of the classic Scripture quotes regarding John the Baptist that fits this calendar scenario well comes late in John's ministry as Jesus begins his, "He must increase, I must decrease." (John 3:30) As we recognize the longest day of the year was just a few days before John's birthday, and the shortest day of the year just before Christmas. At Christmas the light is coming into the world, Christ. But John, in his humility, while pointing to the light to come considered that it was only his role to direct us to the light, thus he would decrease, just as the days get shorter. Now we don't want to over compare this, but if it can help us to remember Christ, and John the Baptist, and how we need to be focused more on doing God's will than our will, and leading others to Christ instead of being focused on ourselves. That seems like a good thing to be reminded of now and then on a hot summer day.

So I hope we are all enjoying our summer, but let John remind us to not just be focused on ourselves, but also remember, it is only 6 months until Christmas.

*Peace,*

*Fr. Nick*



**Men's Group Meeting—Wed. July 5th**

Attention men 18 and up! The next Men's Group meeting is Wednesday, July 5th at the O'Fallon KC Hall at 7pm.

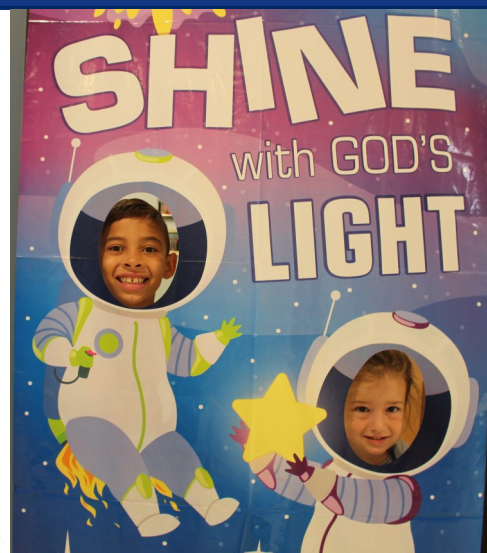
We had a great turnout of 35 men at our initial meeting and we want to keep that momentum going. Please grab a friend and be sure to join us.



“...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



Our **Vacation Bible School** was an out-of-this-world adventure at Assumption School this summer! Children in preschool through fifth grades had the opportunity to experience community and faith at this exciting half-day camp, June 12-16, while exploring God's word through music, crafts and many fun activities. Mark your calendar now and be sure to join us next year for another exciting weeklong adventure!



### Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine Mass!

PLEASE JOIN US for Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine located at 301 Coronation Dr, O'Fallon, MO 63366. (The Shrine actually faces Civic Park Dr.) Masses are held the second Wednesday of the month, and the next will be **July 12th** at 7:00pm.

Please bring a lawn chair. Masses will take place "Weather Permitting." For information call, Sylvia at 636-978-8803.

IN  VING  
MEMORY

John "Jack" Reilly, Husband of Katie Reilly



## Feast of Corpus Christi Procession on June 11th, 2023



“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

*Assumption celebrated the Most Holy Blood of Christ during the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 11th. A special thank you to all who joined us for the procession from the Church to the Chapel. Maybe next year the weather will be nice enough to process through our beautiful campus.*



### Mass Times/Intentions

### Reconciliation

#### MONDAY 6.26.23

6:30am Henry & Jane Sachs  
8:00am Marvin Birkemeier

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

#### TUESDAY 6.27.23

6:30am Priest Intention  
8:00am Priest Intention

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

#### WEDNESDAY 6.28.23

6:30am Priest Intention  
8:00am Dale Frankosky  
Special Intentions

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



## PSR Registration is now Open!

Sessions available on:

Tuesdays 6:15-7:30 pm

Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 pm

Tuition Rates for 2023-2024:

1 Child.....\$250

2 Children.....\$365

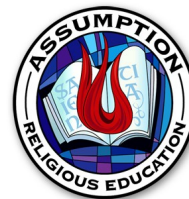
3 or more Children...\$485

Additional Sacrament Fee...\$25

Registration Enrollment Forms due by  
September 1st

PSR Class begins with All PSR Family Mass and  
Open House on September 5th.

Regular PSR Class Schedule begins on  
September 12th/13th



### PRAYER:

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

Prayer

## Come Grow with Us!



Secure your child's future  
today!

Assumption school tuition  
assistance and MoScholars  
Scholarships of \$6,375 are  
available to eligible students  
for the 2023-24 school year!



### You Can Give Your Child the **BEST** Education!

Assumption Catholic School O'Fallon offers  
MoScholars Scholarships & Tuition Assistance

**Register Now!**

[assumptionbvmschool.org](http://assumptionbvmschool.org)

Contact Assumption Principal,  
Dr. Patricia Hensley at  
(636) 240-4474 to tour our  
school today.



St. Dominic High School's Crusader Alumni Theatre Company presents

# Footloose

## THE MUSICAL



Performances are  
July 14 & 15 at 7 pm | July 16 at 2 pm

Get your tickets at  
[www.stdominichs.org/arts/alumnimusical](http://www.stdominichs.org/arts/alumnimusical)



FOOTLOOSE is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals - [www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com)

### THURSDAY 6.29.23

6:30am Priest Intention  
8:00am Betty Dick

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

### FRIDAY 6.30.23

6:30am Priest Intention  
8:00am Michael Galas

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

### SATURDAY 7.1.23

8:00am Priest Intention  
5:00pm Duane Manor

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

### SUNDAY 7.2.23

8:00am John Tucker  
10:00am People of the Parish  
12:00pm Shirley Mackey  
5:30pm Val & Harold Uttecht  
By Appointment





## From the Principal's Pen



### 2023 Auction Item: Principal for the Day

The Cook family purchased the Gala Auction item called: Principal for the Day, which allowed their daughter, Maria, to become the mini-me (Dr. Hensley) on May 12, 2023.

Ms. Cook, Principal, dressed down for the day with 3 of her chosen friends (Maria Koenig, Parker Clemens, and Rosalee Penn) who were the "faculty members for the day". That morning she did the Prayer, Pledge and Mission Statement over the PA. which was followed by asking teachers to take attendance and their daily lunch count.

At 8am, Ms. Cook ran the all-school Fire Drill, by announcing the drill, carrying the principal emergency bag, walkie-talkie, and school keys to the alarm box to watch as we turned on the signal- it was very loud! She also watched how the principal, secretaries and the nurse account for all people who were in the school prior to the drill.

After the drill, she thanked everyone, and went about handing out "No Homework Passes" or Detention slips for those who didn't behave. She chose to give her older brother an In-School Suspension, since he "deserved one!"

Around 9:30, Ms. Cook served her 4th grade classmates fudge bars. Her "students" really enjoyed their morning surprise treat!

Of course at 11:15, she and her friends were driven to her lunch "meeting" location- the Olive Garden- where she hosted the luncheon including the two "sidekicks," Dr. Hensley and Mrs. Gomer. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal- with LOTS of breadsticks- and then a to-go smoothie. We couldn't help to mention how the waiter, Andrew, looked like Harry Potter!

Arriving back to "work" at 1:00pm, the principal and her 3 "faculty members" went back to their classrooms and enjoyed sipping on their smoothies while working.

During the 2:40 Prayer Service, the Principal for the Day and her faculty members sat together to pray and when the service was over, Ms. Cook went to the front of the church to thank all of her "students and teachers" and dismissed them from the church.

A good time was had by all.  
Thank you Principal, Ms. Cook!



### Assumption Grads Honored at SDHS Awards Night



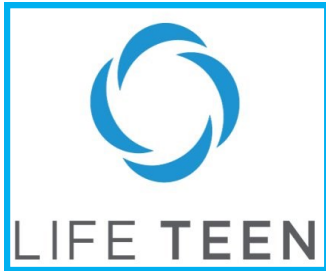
Nothing makes a school more proud, than seeing its graduates excel! We would like to congratulate our 2022 Assumption grads, who started St. Dominic with a bang! Each of the four students were honored as the highest student, in a subject area for the 2022-2023 school year!

Caitleen Doriman: Spanish Award for Freshman  
Ava Grossman: Science Award for Freshman  
Makenna Swier: Math Award for Freshman  
Madison Hoff: French Award for Freshman

Thank you for making Assumption so proud!

Thanks for reading about our School! *Pat Hensley*





## Happy June from Assumption Youth Ministry!

Baptism for Baby Ephraim at the 5:30 Mass was amazing. It was wonderful to see the congregation be a part of the beautiful Sacrament.

Teens make sure you look at GroupMe and Flocknote to see when we are having HQ and Mass-B-Fast.

Looking forward to all the retreats and field trips coming up. Make sure you put Save the date at the bottom in your calendars. Hope you enjoyed Fathers day with the family.

**Know of our prayers for you!**

**Alejandro DeHerrera and Becky Whitaker**



**June 26 –30– Life Teen Leadership Conference**

**July 7 –10—Steubenville Youth Conference**

**July 13—LT Camp Parent & Teen Meeting**

**July 23– 29 —Life TeenCap Coverest**



Youth Formation

Connect with us on Social Media:

**Instagram:**

@assumption\_life\_teen // @assumption\_edge

**Facebook:**

Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

**QUESTIONS?** Contact **Becky Whitaker**, Dir of Youth Minister  
636-240-3721 ext. 243 or [becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com](mailto:becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com)  
**Alejandro DeHerrera** - Middle School Youth Minister, ext. 333  
[edgelifeteenalejandro@gmail.com](mailto:edgelifeteenalejandro@gmail.com)



## Thank You!!

The Knights of Columbus thanks everyone for the support of our Inaugural Charity Sporting Clay Classic! We look forward to seeing you again next year!

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a food collection drive this summer...stay tuned for more details!

Take advantage of our summer hall rental special pricing. Contact Gerry Prinster at (636) 577-5548 for more details.



Celebrating 19 years  
of Catholic Retreats  
for Mid-life Singles  
2004 – 2023



**Mid-life Singles:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at La Salle Retreat Center, Wildwood, MO (35 min from downtown St. Louis), on July 21-23, 2023. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Early bird cost is \$240 including meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call (314) 283-0044 for details.



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

- 1 Peter 4:10

Hospitality

## Our Gifts to God and Parish

### Weekly Offertory

	June 11, 2023	YTD 7/1/22 - 6/11/23
Actual Collections	\$ 44,329	\$ 1,917,971
Budget Target	\$ 36,000	\$ 1,931,500
Surplus / (Shortfall)	(8,329)	(13,529)

### Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

Original Loan	\$ 3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$ 835,019
Monthly payment	\$ 20,923

Last expected payment, August 2026

STEWARDSHIP  
*a way of life*

### Thank You for Your Generosity

We collected **\$16,431.66** to support Missionary Msgr. Luis Mesa and the Messengers of Peace.

*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

## 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!**



Please keep us in mind when getting rid of garage sale items. New or very gently used items are needed to resell at our Country Store, Décor and More festival booths this year! These items are 100% profit for the Parish, and your donations are kindly needed. Donations can be placed in the plastic totes located in the pre-function area of the Parish Center, or make arrangements with Lisa Serino at (314) 479-1097 or Sue Snyder at (314) 496-7790.

***The Festival Committee is in need of a Captain to oversee Traditional Hayrides and a Captain of Haunted Hayrides! Please contact Fall Festival chair, Russ Schaller, at (314) 608-6551 for more information.***

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

Festival sponsorships are available now! If you want to get your business seen, consider supporting our fundraising efforts by becoming a festival sponsor of the grand event this year. Those interested should contact Nancy Gomer, Director of Communications and Marketing at (636) 240-3721 x239 for all the details.

### DONATIONS NEEDED

Knights of Columbus is collecting water bottles for the 4th of July parade. Donations can be left at the Knights Hall, across the street from Assumption.



### 23rd Annual Golf Tournament

The Falls Golf Club | Saturday, August 26th, 2023

Event starts at 11:30am with registration and lunch. Team registration is \$125 per player/ \$500 per team. Registration includes Golf, Cart, Mulligans, Skins, Lunch,

Dinner, All Beer, Water, and Soda throughout the event.

Registration due by August 15th on the Assumption website under "Activities"

Please contact Michael Bigler with any questions at mb22417@bjc.org or text/call (314) 915-5968

**All proceeds benefit Assumption Catholic education programs**



**Please join us** to view the fun-loving musical 7 Brides for 7 Brothers or Wild Hogs, an amusing hysterical story of four frustrated middle aged men who decide to go on a motorcycle road trip only to encounter a fierce biker gang. With Tim Allen, Peter Fonda, John Travolta and others we know so well. Monday, June 26th at 6:30pm. Movie theater snacks of popcorn, candy, and cookies will be shared. Any questions please contact Bob or Liz Allmeyer at (636) 240-8638 or lizallmeyer@gmail.com



### Assumption Adoration Chapel

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



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS  
Office of Child and Youth Protection

### Attention New Hires, New Teachers, and All Sport Volunteers

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 continue participation in your ministry work. This is **MANDATORY!**

Please go to our website; [www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org), select "Resources" and locate Protecting God's Children link to find instructions on how to register into the Prevent and Protect system.

If you have any questions or concerns about status, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn Crews at (314) 578-0741 or [lynn.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.assumption@gmail.com)

### St. Vincent De Paul NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

Canned peaches, canned oranges, canned pears, canned mixed fruit, applesauce, canned hams, corn beef hash, SPAM, Vienna sausages, jelly, vegetable oil, raisins, Pop Tarts, canned pasta with pull top lids, canned chicken with pull top lids.

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!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next three weekend experiences are listed below. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at (314) 649-7317.

8/4/2023—8/6/2023 - St. Peters, MO  
9/29/2023—10/1/2023 - St. Peters, MO  
12/1/2023 - 12/3/2023 - St. Peters, MO



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

Abbey Senior Health in O'Fallon, MO is looking for help!

### Part Time Activity Assistant:

Must have a cheerful disposition and a compassion to work with the elderly. Duties include helping with parties, games, crafts, happy hours, bingo, and wheelchair transportation to a variety of events and activities. Some parts of the job are physical. No experience required.

Please contact Aliesa Moore (636) 240-5754 ext. 381



Birthright  
St. Charles

### Call for Volunteers

Have you felt like doing more for the pro-life cause? Helping mothers? The Unborn.

Birthright of St. Charles will be training volunteers to do just that— here in your community. Could you be the one the Lord is calling to support a mom in need and help save a baby from abortion. Please prayerfully consider attending a training to find out more. Our time requirement is one half day each week. Simply complete a volunteer application at [www.birthrightstcharles.org](http://www.birthrightstcharles.org), under the "How You Can Help" tab and we will follow up.

### OFFICE INFORMATION

403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366  
636.240.3721 Parish Office  
Hours - Mon-Thu 8:00am-4:00pm  
Fri 8:00am-3:00pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL  
636.272.4758 (Helpline)

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL: 636.240.4474

### BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office  
([Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com))  
by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE: [www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org)  
[facebook.com/@assumptionmedia](https://facebook.com/@assumptionmedia)  
[assumptionparish](http://assumptionparish.com)

### 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.