## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



#### JULY 2, 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.



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#### 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



Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 8th grade. Please contact Holly Woytus at 636-240-1020 for more

information.

CONFIRMATION



#### FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering  $2^{nd}$  grade. Please contact Holly Woytus at 636-240-1020.



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

# Welcome

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School Board abvmschoolboard@gmail.com Hello,

This last week, along with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we also celebrate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. While our first thoughts when we think of Thomas may be "Doubting Thomas" or "Thomas,

else whenever I first think of St. Thomas, India.

whose name means twin", but a few years ago I began thinking of something



Since most of us don't think of India as being a heavily Christian or Catholic country, I learned from someone else's mistake when I heard them ask someone from India when they or their family converted to Catholicism. Their answer was not in the last generation or two as the questioner expected, but rather when Thomas came to India. I'm not sure when the first of my ancestors became Catholic, but I don't think we can do much better than that. Since then I've learned that in certain parts of India Catholicism is normally traced back to Thomas, in some other areas they may trace it back to St. Francis Xavier and the Jesuits who first came there in 1542. I have to admit before overhearing the question my inclination would have been the same as the person who asked the question.

I also mention that this week as we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the freedom that we have in our nation an opportunity to just be a little more aware of what we do know, and what we might mistakenly presume at times. About the freedoms we have in our country, about how we, or our ancestors first got here. About others who might have immigrated recently or desire to. I remember reading some letters that one of my sister-in-laws found in a book that an ancestor who had immigrated was writing back to relatives in Germany and telling them of how good things were going for them here, but not to bother coming if you aren't willing to work really hard to make it. It was particularly interesting to me at the time as it made me see my ancestors a little more like a friend who came here from Vietnam in the 1970's and how their family really worked hard to establish themselves here and then to sponsor other members to come. Seeing some similarities and differences in our families' stories, and not all where I expected them to be.

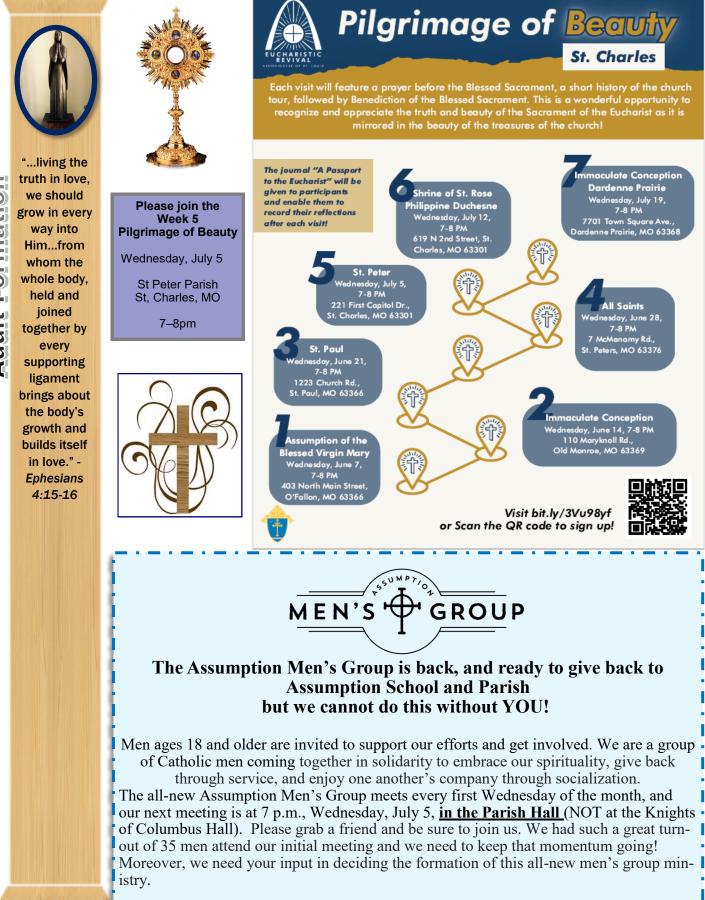
We can take so much for granted or consider that we have a right to, we need to be grateful for so much that we have. This could be in our immigrant ancestors who endured hardships so we could be here. It might be for ancestors who suffered persecution or hardships to hand down their faith to us. We can be grateful to them, and also supportive of those who are facing those challenges today, and open to go beyond our presumption and hear what the truth is.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

#### St. Monica . . . Pillar of Hospitality

#### July 2, 2023



# Adult Formation

#### St. Francis . . . Pillar of Prayer



"For thus savs 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

#### The Knights need your help! 202 West 3rd Street O'Fallon

#### **Oueen of Hearts Drawing**



We are currently in Round 8. Jackpot is more than \$19,000! This is our largest jackpot ever! Doors open at 5 p.m. and drawings are held at 7 p.m. each Tuesday. This round, all three of our raffles have given out \$13,451 in cash and gift cards. \$8,366 came from the 50/50 alone. A couple of reminders.

First, when we have a winner, everyone in attendance that night will be given a ticket for a thank-you meal. This meal will be provided the following week to show our appreciation for your support! Second reminder: there will be no Queen of Hearts on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.

Big thanks to all those who come every week and to those who volunteer to help. Plan to attend and be there when we have a winner... it could be you!

#### ..... Heritage and FreedomFest 23

We are going to work this event over the course of three days. Council members, spouses, and friends are welcome to sign up. We are still in need of volunteers to assist with the O'Fallon Heritage Festival Booth - especially on July 4th.



Sign up at:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1i 9dpbB-8MfL69s-

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If members have old kitchen towels please donate them for use at the event. The hall has a few big repairs on the horizon and all profits from this 3-day event will go toward these repairs. If you have problems with this link and you would like to sign up, call or text Ron at (314) 276-7609 or email at fs2269@mac.com.

We will work the event: Sunday July 2nd from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday July 3rd from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., and For more information or to register, call Tuesday, July 4th from noon to 10 p.m.



Everyone is invited to join in the fun of putting together a float for the O'Fallon Heritage & Freedom Fest Parade.

If interested in participating, decorating the float or donating water, please contact Bill Bequette at knightshelp2269@gmail.com.

The Knights also invite active military, veterans, and first responders to hand out giveaways and ride on the float!

#### **Retrouvaille-St Louis** 2023 weekend

Oct.13, 2023 - Oct. 15, 2023

The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples Facing Difficult Challenges in their Relationship

- A Marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.
- A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.
- Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect.
- Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

Questions? Call Tom or Kerry Marsh 314.753.2022 / 314.409.4199

314.453.0110 Helpourmarriage.org

	MONDAY 7.3.23	TUESDAY 7.4.23	WEDNESDAY 7.5.23
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Amon Owens 8:00am Jack Gierten	No 6:30 Mass —4th of July 8:00am Priest Intention	6:30am Jane Frick 8:00am Betty Dick 7:30 - 7:50am Chapel Or by appointment
Reconciliation	7:30 - 7:50am Chapel Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Chapel Or by appointment	

#### St. Francis ... Pillar of Prayer

# **PSR Registration is now Open!**

Sessions available on: Tuesdays 6:15-7:30 pm Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 pm

<u>Tuition Rates for 2023-2024</u>: 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

Please contact Director of Religious Education, Holly Woytus with questions or to register at (636) 240-1020 or hwoytus@abvmtech.org

### **3rd Annual SVDP Backpack Drive!**



#### **OUR WONDERFUL ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY** would like to be able to provide our neighbors in need with backpacks and school supplies to start the 2023-2024 school year!

#### We NEED your help!

Christmas Trees will be set up in the Narthex of Church, now through July 23rd.

During the backpack drive we are asking parishioners to take a tag with 'school' items of need. The tags are broken into categories, Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Tags will have a list of the supplies needed for each specific age group. We ask you to purchase and fill a backpack with the needed supplies and then *attach the tag* **TO THE BACK PACK** and then return them to church the weekends of July 23rd and 30th.

- The idea is similar to that of the Giving Tree at Christmas time, but in July
  with School Supplies!
- If you have questions, please contact Gina Ostermeyer at (314) 913-9601.
- We thank you for your generosity to make this a success!!



#### THURSDAY 7.6.23

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

7:30 - 7:50am Chapel Or by appointment FRIDAY 7.7.23 6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Priest Intention

7:30 - 7:50am Chapel

Or by appointment

#### SATURDAY 7.8.23

8:00am Priest Intention 5:00pm Ethan Allen

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



8:00am Vince Scully 10:00am Marvin Birkemeier 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm Ron Hanebrink By Appointment

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#### Holy Family...Pillar of Formation



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

#### From the Principal's Pen

FORMATION Continuous conversion of mind and



higher grade level, capable of working more difficult math problems than before, and they can speak with a confidence they didn't possess in August. But what is most important is their transformation through the "power of faith and knowledge."

I hope Assumption students always know that we cared and loved them; more than they learned how to write a thesis statement and more than they knew how to write a coherent essay! Of course, we hope that we prepared them for what's ahead and made their transition to the next grade easier – but more than anything, we hope that we prepared their heart to grow in faith, understanding, and hope. To realize that we are all created in the image of God, and should be treated as such.

May God bless you this summer, give you time to enjoy life outside of school, and when it is time, to come back happy, healthy and enthusiastic to build HIS Kingdom!

Thanks for an awesome year! Looking forward to 23-24 ;-) Dr. Pat Hensley



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#### Happy June from Assumption Youth Ministry!

We had a great Life night getting ready for our upcoming Steubenville retreat. We played a Catholic version of ninja warrior consisting of. An obstacle course while pulling luggage

and a sleeping bag. Then JIFE TEEN bag and saying a Hail

Mary then going back through the obstacle course. Teens had a great time.

The growth and Spiritual direction continues in our teen leadership. The teens that have taken leadership roles will just have come back from LTLC. We can not wait to see the knowledge and spiritual growth flow over in our other teens.

Mass and the Muny turned out to be Picnic at Forest Park and the Muny. The teens had a great time in the park and watching the show. Big Thank You to an anonymous donor that bought tickets for

the show Beauty and the Beast. Happy 4th of July. No Life teen this Sunday.

Know of our prayers for you!



#### Save the Dates:

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

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



#### St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service

#### July 2, 2023



Monthly payment \$ 20,923

Last expected payment, August 2026

your participation, and your financial support of Assumption Parish.

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HOSPITALITY: Christian kindness "We are ALL hospitality ministers"

#### 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.



#### 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



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

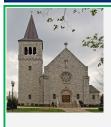


**Mid-life Singles:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at La Salle Retreat Center, Wildwood, MO (35 min from downtown St. Louis), on July 21-23, 2023. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Early bird cost is \$240 including meals and a single room.

Visit <u>www.ReflectRetreat.com</u>, e-mail <u>reflect.stlouis@gmail.com</u>, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

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#### St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service



#### Assumption Adoration Chapel NO Eucharistic Exposition in the Chapel on TUESDAY JULY 4th

Adoration is available 24/7 in the Chapel (the old church) by using the code at the north transit entrance. EXPOSITION on Tuesday, back July 11th, 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*.



#### 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, 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

#### 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!

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

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worldwide marriage encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next three weekend ex-

periences are listed below. Sign-up no! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at (314) 649-7317. **8/4/2023—8/6/2023** - St. Peters, MO

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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

/ & Eric Engholm at (314) 649-3 - St. Peters, MO 3 - St. Peters, MO 3 - St. Peters, MO

> BULLETIN NOTICES Submit to Parish Office (Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE: www.assumptionbvm.org

facebook.com/@assumptionmedia assumptionparish

#### **Call for Volunteers**

Have you felt like doing more for the pro-life

cause? Helping mothers? The Unborn.

Birthright

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.birthreightstcharles.org, under the "How You Can Help" tab and we will follow up.

#### 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.