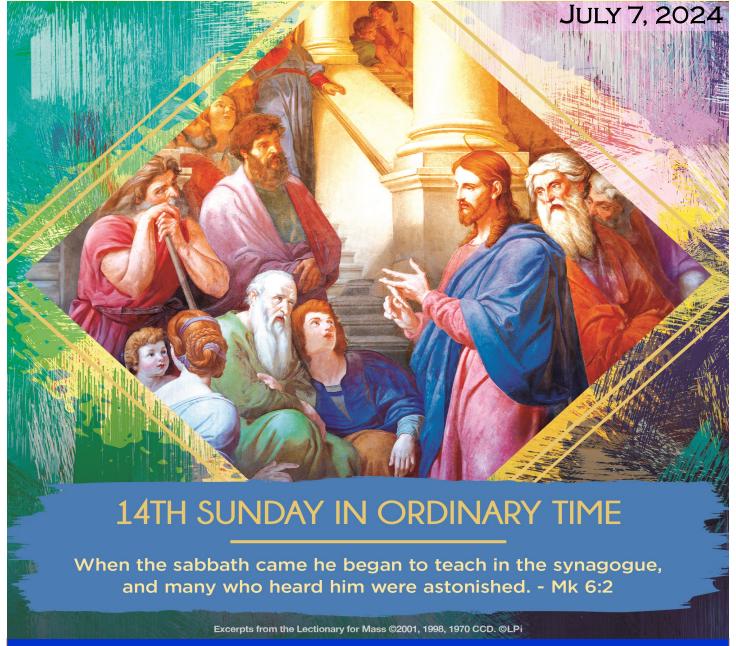
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

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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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Abvparishcouncil3721@gmail.com

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Hello,

As we come to the end of our 4th of July celebrations (I think I will still hear a few fireworks tonight), when we think about the 4th of July and the Declaration of Independence one of the words that we think of is Freedom. We celebrate the freedom from being ruled by a king (the British Crown) and another nation (the State of Great Britain) and declared that we are to be Free and Independent States. Freedom is something we identify very strongly with as a nation and can react strongly when we are aware that it is threatened, and that is why I think it is important to recognize how we use and understand the word Freedom.

Looking up definitions of freedom the primary concerns that are normally mentioned are the ability to act or choose and for this to be done without any constraint or coercion. It is common for us to think that anything that would bias our decision from choosing one thing over another would make that choice less free. However, the Catholic Church considers this word a little differently. I remember when I had my first class on morals in the seminary and telling my professor that he was using the word 'free' wrong, or at least differently then is standard for our culture and the English language. The difference was that he, and the Church, was defining a decision to be 'more free' if it was towards our good. It took me a little while to accept this use of the word, but I now not only have accepted it but also will clarify that I am using it in that context at times when talking to others.

I think this is an important distinction to make, not only to be able to more clearly communicate, but because at its root there is a fundamental difference that is becoming more pronounced between our faith and the general culture. In our faith, we believe there are absolutes such as God, sin, and truth. Whereas society is recognizing less and less absolutes as a larger percentage of people are atheists, or even more so agnostics and consider that we can't know if there is or isn't a God, we hear the phrases 'my truth' or 'your truth' used, and if there is no God, and no truths, there definitely can't be any sin. If we don't believe in any absolutes then it is hard to say that anything is good or bad for someone, and so we get back to the more common definition of freedom when any bias in a choice must make it less free, since there can't be something that is absolutely more or less good for someone.

However, this isn't what our Declaration of Independence says: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

I guess we do have some absolutes we believe in as a country: truths, a Creator, and even some unalienable Rights, things that sound worth celebrating. Maybe once we can agree on our definitions for Freedom and Life, we might even start to consider Happiness.

Peace.

Fr. Nick



DAILY MASSES IN CHAPEL

During the summer, 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 to availability). Requests will be reviewed and published as space allows.

Please 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.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

James Flebbe

husband of Diane Flebbe

Brenda McKinney mother of Steve McKinney





O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269

Queen of Hearts | Every Tuesday

Our O'Fallon Knights of Columbus welcome you to the weekly Queen of Hearts every Tuesday. Doors open at 5pm with drawing at 7pm. Food and beverages available for purchase.



PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE ASSUMPTION PARKING LOTS AND CHURCH



If you need assistance getting to and from your car before and after Mass, please consider catching a ride on the Assumption Golf Cart! Our golf cart drivers are always

safe and courteous, and are available to pick up passengers from the Chapel parking lot (Lot C) 30 minutes prior to Mass, and 15 minutes after Mass.

For more information, please contact Jim O'Loughlin at 314-606-0048 or email joloughlin55@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN PARISH OFFICE



Are you outgoing, a people person, and love serving others? Then we need you in the Parish Office. Our volunteers play an important role in helping with answering phone calls. We are always in need of volunteers, especially in the summer months,

when the office is open from 8am-4pm, Monday-Thursday, and 8am-2pm on Friday. We welcome any time you may be able to offer! and welcome any time you may be able to offer.

If you are interested in volunteering with our church staff, please contact Angie Gloriod at 636-240-3721, ext. 235 to learn more.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE SHRINE MASS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 7PM



We hope you can join us for an outdoor Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine located at 301 Coronation Drive, O'Fallon, MO. (Corner of Civic Park Dr and Imperial Dr, passed Sigmund Auto Service)

Fr. Joe Detwiler, from St. Patrick

Catholic Church in Wentzville, will preside the Mass, followed by the rosary and divine mercy rosary (weather permitting). Please bring a lawn chair.

For more information, call Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803.

Be There When God *MOVES*COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE. JULY 14-21



MAKING HISTORY

The First National Eucharistic Congress in 83 Years, July 17-24 in Indianapolis, Indiana

God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts. The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it.

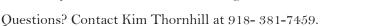
Whether you can come for one day or all five, join us for this generational moment. Every day at the Congress is designed to facilitate this life-changing encounter with Jesus, regardless of where you are on your faith journey. Attendees will select their preferred series of **impact sessions** for the morning and **breakout sessions** for the afternoon. Then, gathered together as one, the whole assembly will experience the powerful **revival sessions** in Lucas Oil Stadium each evening.

To register for this once-in-a-lifetime experience, and for more information about the National Eucharistic Conference, visit <u>eucharisticcongress.org/</u>.

50+ CLUB | ICE CREAM SOCIAL JULY 22



The 50+ Club will have an ice cream social for members on Monday, July 22 at 6:30pm in Hall C. We will have plenty of chocolate and vanilla ice cream on hand. If you'd like to, bring your favorite ice cream topping to share! Chocolate syrup, strawberry, caramel, butterscotch, Magic Shell, and more would be great!





ASSUMPTION BLOOD DRIVE JULY 30, 2024



Assumption Parish will be hosting another blood drive. You are encouraged to consider making a donation of the **Gift of Life**. There is always a need for blood in our community, but the summer months bring an increased need for all blood types at area hospitals. Currently there is an urgent need for O Positive and O Negative. ImpactLife will be in the Parish Hall on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>July 30</u>, <u>3-7pm</u>. We look forward to welcoming you there! If you have not donated blood since June 4, you are eligible to donate at this drive. **Donations must be by appointment only**.

To schedule your appointment, you can scan the QR Code, visit <u>bloodcenter.org/group</u>, using group code 9007, or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401 for assistance in scheduling. Our parish coordinator, Mary Anne Robinson, can also be reached at 636-541-2823 to assist with scheduling.

Mass Times and Intentions
Reconciliation

SUNDAY 7.7.24

8:00am Frank and Betty Ryan 10:00am People of the Parish 12:00pm Mary Kelly 5:30pm Val and Harold Uttecht

By Appointment

MONDAY 7.8.24

6:30am Lynn Lord 8:00am Ramona Moyer

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

TUESDAY 7.9.24

6:30am Martin Everding 8:00am Vince Scully

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

WEDNESDAY 7.10.24

6:30am Dennis Schepner

8:00am Vince & Donna Rawlings (special intention)

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

BLINGO THANK YOU

Another amazing BLINGO on the books. The generosity of these women is amazing! We were able to raise over \$2,500, the highest yet, for the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary #2269.

A shout out to Marilyn and Jerry Rufkahr, Kevin Jeff, Sara Chinnock, Kim Lake, Catherine Stamper, Stacey



Paschall, Margie Prinster and the women of the KC Ladies Auxiliary. You always bring the BEST crowd. Thanks for giving everyone this opportunity to come back each year. What a fun and great evening!









THURSDAY 7.11.24

6:30am Phil Thomann 8:00am Frank Sitar

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

FRIDAY 7.12.24

6:30am Delphine Droste8:00am Norbert & John Rothermich

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

ST. VINCENT de PAUL DONATION DAYS SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8



Attention all parishioners who are cleaning, reorganizing, looking for more space, or downsizing, and looking for a convenient place to donate—You are in luck!

The Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Conference is having a donation drive with two SVdP trucks parked on the north side of church, September 7 from 9am until after the 5pm Mass and September 8 before and after all morning Masses and ending at 2pm.



It's easier to list what we WILL NOT TAKE:

- ◆ Any items that are ripped, stained, broken, or otherwise in unsellable condition. Furniture must be in good, usable working order, no breaks, rips, stains, or pet hair.
- ♦ Weapons, mattresses and box springs, infant car seats, cribs, gas appliances, swing sets, pianos, organs, sleeper sofas, futons, car parts, mirrors without frames, desks over 8 ft. wide, Encyclopedias, armoires over 6ft. tall/wide, waterbeds, hospital beds, pool tables, or anything marked flammable, appliances over 10 years old, building supplies (i.e. doors, cabinets, sinks, toilets, fluorescent lights

If you have any questions please call our Hotline at 636-272-4758 and leave a message for Tom. You will receive a call back within 24 hours.

If you have large items to donate at anytime, you can call 314-881-6038 for a pick-up.

We appreciate your support! All donations are sorted and sold through the SVdP Thrift Stores. Proceeds from the Thrift Store Sales are used to fund programs sponsored by the St. Louis Council.

SATURDAY 7.13.24

8:00am Blanche Nanney 5:00pm Nancy Hoff

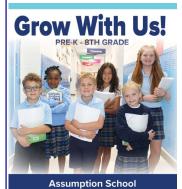
4:00–4:45pm Church or by appointment

SUNDAY 7.14.24

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Denny Tiemeyer
12:00pm Alan Kirn
5:30pm Carmela Bamert

By Appointment

PRE-K-8th GRADE NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT OPEN



assumptionbvmschool.org

Every parent wants the best for their child, and enrolling them in the perfect school community is certainly something that crosses the minds of parents with children getting ready to enter kindergarten. Let Assumption School O'Fallon grow your child's academic success! New student registration is open throughout the summer!

Children who will be 5-years-old before Aug. 1 are eligible to attend kindergarten for the upcoming 2024-25 school year. Your child could be one of the newest students to join our loving Assumption family. This year's theme is Be the Light.

Providing a Catholic School learning environment not only allows children to become closer to God, it offers a faith-based, private school education with smaller class sizes at an affordable price. Financial assistance and scholarships are available for students in K-8th grades based on financial needs.



Schedule a school tour by calling 636-240-4474 and scan scan the QR Code with your smartphone to visit our school website to learn more about why you should choose Assumption School for your child's academic future.

GOLFING FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION **AUGUST 24**



Spots are filling up fast for the 24th Annual Assumption Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 24 at the Falls Golf Club in O'Fallon. Registration and lunch begin at 11am; shotgun start at 1pm. Don't miss out on all the fun! Get your team together now!

Register online at https://bit.ly/AssumptionGolf2024 and get noticed by supporting Assumption School and PSR programs and become a sponsor! There are so many levels available., including:

- ♦ Friend of Assumption \$50 or \$100
- ♦ Prize Sponsor \$150
- ♦ Eagle Sponsor \$250
- ♦ Double Eagle Sponsor \$500
- ♦ Drink Sponsor \$1,000
- ♦ Golf Ball Sponsor \$2,000
- ♦ Food Sponsor \$3,000
- ♦ Contest and Flight Winner Sponsor \$3,000

For more information about sponsorship benefits, contact Mike Bigler at michael.bigler@bjc.org or call 314-915-5968.

SATURDAY, AUG. 24 Registration & Lunch 11AM **Shotgun Start 1PM** The Falls Golf Club, E'Fallon **4 PERSON SCRAMBLE INCLUDES** Golf • Cart • Mulligans • Skins • Beer Lunch • Dinner • Water/Soda • Awards \$125 per player/\$500 per team Online Registration Open! https://bit.ly/AssumptionGolf2024

PART-TIME ACTIVITY ASSISTANT NEEDED AT ABBEY SENIOR HEALTH



Abbey Senior Health in O'Fallon is seeking a part-time Activity Assistant. Must be flexible, 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.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Aliesa Moore at 636-240-5754, ext. 381.

QUILTS OF VALOR | THANK YOU FROM ASSUMPTION QUILTERS

Quilts of Valor was held at Assumption on June 25th. There were 87 quilters who attended and helped in completing several quilts. Eight veterans were honored for their service:

- ♦ Ty Bingaman / Army
- ♦ John Blank / Air Force
- ♦ Jim Hellard / Marines
- ♦ Shannon Holdahl / Army-Airborne
- ♦ Dave Mackey / Navy
- ♦ Michael Saxon / Army
- ♦ Rick/Roderick Saunders / Army
- ♦ Lonnie Willis, Sr. / Navy

A special thank you goes to the following people who helped make this event a success:

Msgr. Stehly for his beautiful invocation, Nancy Gomer for coordinating media coverage, Mark Vogt and the Assumption maintenance staff for all their help with setting up the room, the O'Fallon KC Ladies Auxiliary #2269 for providing and serving the delicious food for breakfast and lunch, and to the Assumption Quilting Group for bringing additional delicious sweets and dishes.

A very warm thank you to all!

Mary Pieper











Care for the Caregiver at MERCY CONFERENCE AND RETREAT GENTER



WHEN

Saturday, August 3, 8:30 AM Check-in and coffee. 9:00 AM-3:30 PM Program

COST

Cost: \$30 in-person; lunch included. This special price is possible since this program is being underwritten.

REGISTRATION

Register at: mercycenterstl.org by Friday, July 26. In-person space is limited for this workshop.

DESCRIPTION

Caregiving for persons with dementia can be both rewarding and depleting - an act of love cushioned in feelings of burnout, despair, and loneliness. The question becomes: who cares for the caregiver?



If you are concerned that you will not be able to attend in person, please phone and leave a message for Rita O'Dea 314.909.4663.

DETAILS

This workshop will focus on exploring support for the caregiver, support that will come both from the caregiver him- or herself and from the community.

- Dr. Kaori Sakurai, a gerontologist with expertise in dementia care, will share thoughts about healthy approaches to caregiving that take into account the needs of the caregiver as well as the person being cared for.
- Cheryl Kinney, LCSW, a licensed social worker with expertise in dementia care, will share a person-centered approach to communicating with and providing support to individuals with dementia.
- Coke Hennessy, a Mindfulness Teacher certified through U C Berkeley and certified in dementia care through the Alzheimer's Association, will share ideas of self-care available to refresh and replenish the caregiver physically, emotionally, and mentally.
- Maria Miskovic, MSW, LCSW, from Care Choice Care Management, an organization which works with families of persons with dementia to find optimal care for everyone involved, will discuss resources available in our community to support caregivers.



HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

Summer ministry is fully underway with Assumption Youth Ministry! We have an incredible summer of Life Nights, Field Trips, and Retreats planned for our community. We can't wait to see what God has in store for us! Praise the Lord for how He is

continuing to move in the young

Church.

Sunday, July 7 | No Life Teen: Independence Day Weekend

Thursday, July 11 | Summit Bible Study 7-9pm in HQ

Our teen Bible Study is back! Join us for fun, community, and prayer around the upcoming Sunday's readings.

Friday, July 12–Monday July 15 Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference Missouri State University in Springfield, MO

This weekend, about 45 members of our Life Teen Community, including teens, core members, and youth ministry staff, will join in with other Catholics from all over the country at the Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference, held at Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri. This dynamic weekend of prayer, community, and discipleship features daily Mass and the Sacraments, powerful talks from some of the best Catholic speakers around, and the challenge to our teens to truly be the young Church in

action—along with up to 7,000 of their closest friends! Please pray for us this weekend and know that we will be praying for you!







SAVE THE DATES:

July 17: Hidden Lake and Covecrest Parent and Camper Meeting

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 beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org

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

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING JULY

As stewards of the monetary gifts that God has bestowed on us, we should give back to His Church and to other worthy causes. During the month of July, please support the general needs of the parish through the Sunday offertory, and consider the following specific causes and needs:

Debt Reduction—Donations to this collection will pay down the balance of Assumption's loan from the Archdiocese, which we borrowed in 2013 to fund the expansion of the school building.

Mission Co-operative—Each year, we invite a missionary priest to spend a weekend in our parish to explain his efforts to serve the needy in his community. You may support his work with your generous gift.

St. Vincent de Paul—Your contribution provides direct help to the poor in our local community. Since 1845, Vincentians have met face-to-face with individuals and families in poverty to provide support and help them through the most desperate times. Through your generosity, you help people struggling to survive, providing: clothing, shelter, food, medicine and more.

If you use online bill payment through your bank, please send a separate payment for the fund(s) of your choice and specify the name of the cause in the memo field of your payment instructions.

Thank you.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory **Actual Collections Budget Target** Surplus / (Shortfall)

June 16, 2024 \$31,347 \$35,000 \$(3,653)

YTD 7/1/23 - 6/16/24

\$2,098,854 \$2,011,500 \$87,354

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school \$3,306,127 Original Loan Current balance owed \$542,007 Monthly 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 OR Code and create an account.



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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 9am on the Tuesday before Sunday's edition (five days prior)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: assumptionbym.org Instagram: @abvmofallon Facebook.com: @assumptionparish Youtube: @assumptionmedia1

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