

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

**Come to me, all you who
are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.**

– Matthew 11:28 –

heartlight.org

JULY 9, 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.



ORDER of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

(OCIA) 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.



CONFIRMATION

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



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.



CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30 - 7:50am Church
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45pm Church
Or by appointment



FIRST COMMUNION

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



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721

Welcome

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MO 63366**

www.assumptionbvm.org

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Hello,

Tuesday is the feast of St. Benedict, who wrote the Rule of St. Benedict that has helped guide monastic life for the last 1500 years. I thought this prayer of St. Benedict might be of use for us even if we are not living in monasteries.

Peace,

Fr. Nick



Prayer of Saint Benedict

O Lord,

I place myself in Your hands and dedicate myself to You.

I pledge myself to do Your will in all things:

To love the Lord God with all my heart, all my soul, all my strength.

Not to kill, not to steal not to covet, not to bear false witness, to honor all persons.

Not to do to another what I should not want done to myself.

Not to seek after pleasures.

To love fasting.

To relieve the poor.

To clothe the naked.

To visit the sick.

To bury the dead.

To help those in trouble.

To console the sorrowing.

To hold myself aloof from worldly ways.

To prefer nothing to the love of Christ.

Not to give way to anger.

Not to foster a desire for revenge.

Not to entertain deceit in the heart.

Not to make a false peace.

Not to forsake charity.

Not to swear, lest I swear falsely.

To speak the truth with heart and tongue.

Not to return evil for evil

To do no injury, indeed, even to bear patiently any injury done to me.

To love my enemies.

Not to curse those who curse me but rather to bless them.

To bear persecution for justice's sake.

Not to be proud.

Not to be given to intoxicating drink.

Not to be an overeater.

Not to be lazy.

Not to be slothful

Not to be a detractor.

To put my trust in God.

To refer the good I see in myself to God.

To refer any evil I see in myself to myself

To fear the day of judgment.

To be in dread of hell.

To desire eternal life with spiritual longing.

To keep death before my eyes daily.

To keep constant watch over my actions.

To remember that God sees me everywhere.

To call upon Christ for defense against evil thoughts that arise in my heart.

To guard my tongue against wicked speech.

To avoid much speaking.

To avoid idle talk.

Not to seek to appear clever.

To read only what is good to read.

To pray often.

To ask forgiveness daily for my sins, and to seek ways to amend my life.

To obey my superiors in all things right-ful.

Not to desire to be thought holy, but to seek holiness.

To fulfill the commandments of God by good works.

To love chastity.

To hate no one.

Not be jealous or envious of anyone.

Not to love strife.

Not to love pride.

To honor the aged.

To pray for my enemies.

To make peace after a quarrel, before the setting of the sun.

Never to despair of your mercy, O God of mercy.



"...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



Please join the Week 6 Pilgrimage of Beauty

Wednesday, July 12

Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
St. Charles, MO



Pilgrimage of Beauty

St. Charles

Each visit will feature a prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a short history of the church tour, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and appreciate the truth and beauty of the Sacrament of the Eucharist as it is mirrored in the beauty of the treasures of the church!

The journal "A Passport to the Eucharist" will be given to participants and enable them to record their reflections after each visit!

6 Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Wednesday, July 12,
7-8 PM
619 N 2nd Street, St. Charles, MO 63301

7 Immaculate Conception Dardenne Prairie

Wednesday, July 19,
7-8 PM
7701 Town Square Ave., Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368

5 St. Peter
Wednesday, July 5,
7-8 PM
221 First Capitol Dr., St. Charles, MO 63301

3 St. Paul
Wednesday, June 21,
7-8 PM
1223 Church Rd., St. Paul, MO 63366

4 All Saints
Wednesday, June 28,
7-8 PM
7 McMenamy Rd., St. Peters, MO 63376

1 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, June 7,
7-8 PM
403 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366

2 Immaculate Conception
Wednesday, June 14, 7-8 PM
110 Maryknoll Rd., Old Monroe, MO 63369



Visit bit.ly/3Vu98yf
or Scan the QR code to sign up!



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



FOOTLOOSE is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals - www.concordtheatricals.com



"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

Are You Celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or over 50 Years of Marriage during 2023?

Annual Silver and Gold Wedding Jubilee Mass

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis

2:30 p.m.



For details or to register

archstl.org/jubilee or call 314.792.7171.



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, 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

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: Tom & Kerry Marsh
314.753.2022 / 314.409.4199

For more information or to register, call 314.453.0110 Helpourmarriage.org

Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

MONDAY 7.10.23

6:30am Priest Intention
8:00am Henry & Jane Sachs

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

TUESDAY 7.11.23

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

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

WEDNESDAY 7.12.23

6:30am Frank Sitar
8:00am Mary Jane Schalk

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

Children's Stewardship

Do Your Children See You Give?

Every parent wants to raise children who share and give generously. When our children someday meet God face to face we want to know that they will hear Jesus say to them the same words the master said to those who used their talents wisely, *"Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your master's joy."* (Matt 25:21)

However, raising a generous child is a challenge in a society that constantly teaches children to want more and more things for themselves. One of the key factors in teaching children to be generous is to let them see you giving. After all, children mimic what they **see**, *not* what they **hear**.

Today many donations to the parish Offertory may be made electronically, monthly, quarterly, or via mail. Thus, children may never actually see their parents give. A child who never sees a parent place an envelope in the Offertory could grow up thinking, *"My parents never gave any support to the Church. Why should I?"*

Therefore, it is important that parents talk with children about the charitable gifts the family makes. We have cards in the pews that can be put in the collection basket stating that you Give Online. Using these may be a reminder for your children or a way that younger children can participate. If you would like to increase your giving, you might even ask your kids about ways the family budget could be adjusted so that there is more to share with God. Their suggestions might surprise you!

Using an Allowance To Help Teach Stewardship

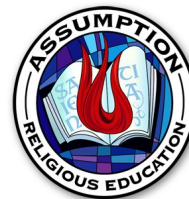
We all know that money can't buy happiness. Wealthy people can be just as unhappy as poorer people. Rather, happiness comes from being content with what we have and feeling like we are making a difference in the world. We can put our children on the path to a happy and successful life by teaching them how to use and manage money so that it brings them contentment, fills their needs and allows them to help others.

Financial experts suggest that children should be taught to divide their allowance into three or four sections – to spend, to save, to invest and to donate. **Spending** covers basic needs and wants. **Saving** teaches patience and planning. **Investing** looks to the future. For children this might mean future educational needs. **Donating** gives kids satisfaction by allowing them to be a part of something important, like the Offertory.

Our Lord calls each of us to share what we have. He tells us, *"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much and even more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."* (Luke 12:48) Children who learn to give away a portion of their financial blessings not only are following the Lord's command but they also begin to discover that sharing part of their money can be very satisfying.



PSR Registration is now Open!



Sessions available on:

Tuesdays 6:15-7:30 pm

Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 pm

**Registration Enrollment Forms due by
September 1st**

Tuition Rates for 2023-2024:

1 Child.....\$250

2 Children.....\$365

3 or more Children...\$485

Additional Sacrament Fee...\$25

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



PRAYER:

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

Prayer

3rd Annual SVDP Backpack Drive!



'Christmas In July'

OUR WONDERFUL ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY would like 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, **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
Deborah Meyer at 636-293-2643 or email
dmeyer1143@gmail.com**
- ♦ **We thank you for your generosity to
make this a success!!**



THURSDAY 7.13.23	FRIDAY 7.14.23	SATURDAY 7.15.23	SUNDAY 7.16.23
6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Gene Henthorn	6:30am Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life 8:00am Carmela Bamert	8:00am Henry Prinster 5:00pm Henry & Jane Sachs	8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am Paul Politte 12:00pm Priest Intention 5:30pm JoAnne Fewell
7:30 - 7:50am Chapel Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Chapel Or by appointment	4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment	By Appointment



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



The Quilts of Valor of Eastern Missouri event, which honors local Veterans, was held at Assumption on June 28th. There were 99 quilters who came together to complete several quilts that will be donated to our military.

A special thank you goes to the following people who helped make this event a success: Fr. Nick for his beautiful invocation and for making everyone feel welcome, Nancy Gomer for coordinating media coverage, Mark Vogt and the Assumption maintenance staff for all their help with setting up the room, Kathy Niehaus, Beth Delano and the O'Fallon KC Ladies Auxiliary #2269 for providing and serving the delicious food for breakfast and lunch, and to Goodcents Deli on Bryan Road in O'Fallon for donating sandwiches for the four military honoree recipients and their families.

A very warm thank you from the Assumption Quilting Group!

**Come Grow
with Us!**



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

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

Register Now!

assumptionbvmschool.org

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!

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



Mama's NIGHT OUT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 @ 7 PM

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH - WENTZVILLE



guest speaker
Kelsey Gillespy

Author of "In the Trenches:
Finding God through
Parenting Littles"



worship leader
Sean Feltz

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF PRAYER, PRAISE & WORSHIP,
& FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL MAMAS!
(IN ANY STAGE OF MOTHERHOOD)
RECEPTION IN THE SOCIAL HALL TO FOLLOW.

QUESTIONS? CALL OR TEXT KRISTINA RADLEY @ 573 433 0363



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Individuals and Businesses

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IN LOVING MEMORY

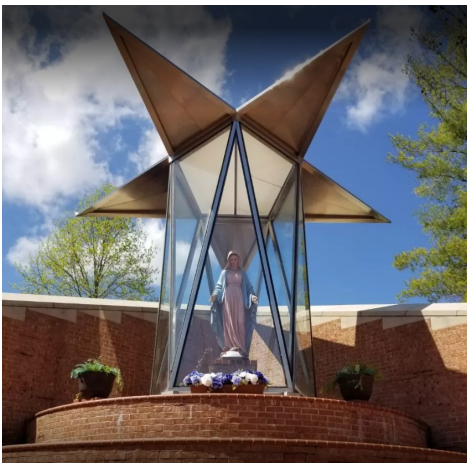
Josie Calloway,
sister of Peter Bommarito



"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 Lady Queen of Peace Shrine Mass! Wednesday, July 12th at 7pm

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 held the second Wednesday of the month, **July 12th** at 7:00pm.

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

Our Gifts to God and Parish

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

Weekly Offertory

	June 25, 2023	YTD 7/1/22 - 6/25/23
Actual Collections	22,782	\$ 1,969,749
Budget Target	\$ 33,500	\$ 2,000,000
Surplus / (Shortfall)	<u>(10,718)</u>	<u>(30,251)</u>

The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)
We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)
God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

TITHING

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

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 dates 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

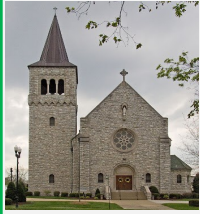


Celebrating 19 years
of Catholic Retreats
for Mid-life Singles
2004 - 2023



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



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, 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.



Adult Formation

"...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



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, 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

Pray the Rosary Before Weekend Masses:

Please join us in Church 30 minutes Before each weekend Mass for the Rosary. We gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.

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!



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, 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-2:00pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

636.272.4758 (Helpline)

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL: 636.240.4474

BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office

(Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com)

by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE: www.assumptionbvm.org

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.