

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

JULY 28, 2024



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

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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### SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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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Hello,

I will be back from vacation by the time this hits the bulletin, but I am writing it before I leave. While this year I am just going up to Milwaukee and then elsewhere in Wisconsin, where I have been many times before, last year I took a trip to Norway, where in addition to other things we can see on our vacations are different churches.



completed around 1300. But after several fires and other aging through the years major reconstruction was begun in 1868 and some work continues today. This cathedral would have been a Catholic church for centuries, but is currently the Cathedral of the Church of Norway.

In Tromso they have a few cathedrals. The Cathedral of Our Lady is the Catholic cathedral and is the northernmost Catholic cathedral in the world. It seats about 150 people and was started in 1861, the same year they started building the Lutheran Cathedral of the Church of Norway in Tromso a few blocks away.



Stave churches are probably what we more distinctly consider with a church in the land

of the Vikings. Not quite as grand as the Nidaros Cathedral, but the Stave church I visited in Borgund was built in 1180. It doesn't seat quite as many either, but I'm sure the upkeep was a little cheaper through the years. They built a new church next door that has been used since 1868. Like the Nidaros Cathedral, it is described as originally a Catholic Church but it's current denomination is the Church of Norway and they describe the 'Churchmanship' as Evangelical Lutheran.



Peace,

Fr. Nick

## 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 [bulletin.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.assumption@gmail.com).

## 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 [assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com](http://assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com) 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.



## RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS

- ◆ Do you know of someone who has expressed an interest in the Catholic church?
- ◆ Do you/they want to become Catholic but feel confused about where to start?
- ◆ Are you/they thinking about attending RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) but want more information first?
- ◆ Do you/they feel hesitant or intimidated to go to Mass?
- ◆ Do you/they wish for a Catholic friend to help answer all your questions?

If you are interested, please contact Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983.

## HOSPITALITY SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 4



Join Us August 4  
**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!

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.



## MISSION APPEAL SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners of the Assumption Parish

On behalf of Bishop Jose Slaby and the people of Prelature of Esquel in Argentina (Patagonia), I want to thank you for your prayers and generous support last weekend. Your donation to the Mission Appeal will help ensure that the Gospel is spread and reaches even to "the end of the earth." Thank you for helping build from scratch Prelature of Esquel. Thanks to your support the poor and underprivileged can experience the joy of the Gospel that brings true hope in their very challenging life. Be assured that you will be always remembered in our prayers. May God bless you all!

Fr. Andrzej Szorc

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL DONATION BINS



St. Vincent de Paul blue donation bins are no longer available on Parish grounds. We thank everyone for their donations and encourage you to bring contributions directly to one of the eight SVdP Thrift Store locations including the SVdP Thrift Store in St. Charles. For the store locations, visit [www.svdpstl.org/locations](http://www.svdpstl.org/locations).

Your donations make a significant difference in the lives of those in need, so we ask that you please still give. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support that help our area Neighbors in Need.

## ASSUMPTION RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE (PRO-LIFE) MINISTRY

The Assumption Respect Life Apostolate (Pro-life) Ministry will meet on Wednesday, August 7 in Hall A after the 8am Mass. We meet every two–three months and we invite you to come and be a part of prayer and ministry in helping to save a baby from abortion. We are the body of Christ here on earth.

Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803.



## O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269

### Queen of Hearts | Every Tuesday

Our O'Fallon Knights of Columbus welcome you to take a chance in the weekly Queen of Hearts every Tuesday.

Doors open at 5pm with drawing at 7pm. Food and beverages available for purchase.



**The jackpot has climbed to \$23,085 with only 11 cards remaining in the deck!**

## ASSUMPTION BLOOD DRIVE JULY 30, 3-7 PM | PARISH CENTER

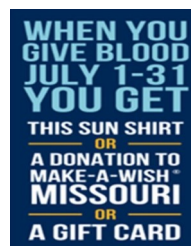


If you have not donated blood since June 4, it's time to schedule your appointment for the next Assumption Blood Drive, **Tuesday, July 30, 3pm–7pm.**

To schedule an appointment, you can visit [bloodcenter.org/group](http://bloodcenter.org/group), using group code 9007, scan the QR Code, or contact ImpactLife at 800-747-5401. Parish coordinator, Mary Anne Robinson, also can be reached at 636-541-2823 to assist with scheduling.



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 types O-Positive, O-Negative and B-Negative.** Please consider making a donation of the Gift of Life.



## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are the remaining 2024 experiences at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters.

- ♦ August 2-4
- ♦ September 27-29
- ♦ December 6-8

Sign up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry and Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

### Mass Times and Intentions

### Reconciliation

#### SUNDAY 7.28.24

8:00am Darlene Winklemann  
10:00am Elise Scott  
12:00pm Jorge Neira  
5:30pm People of the Parish

By Appointment

#### MONDAY 7.29.24

6:30am Phil Thomann  
8:00am Rose Peery

7:30–7:50am Church  
or by appointment

#### TUESDAY 7.30.24

6:30am Mark Stelzer  
8:00am Tommy Hobday

7:30–7:50am Church  
or by appointment

#### WEDNESDAY 7.31.24

6:30am Priests Intention  
8:00am Millie and George Dames  
(special intention)

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.



## GOLF SPONSORSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Assumption Golf Tournament is **SOLD OUT** at the Falls Golf Club in O'Fallon!

If you want to get noticed, become a sponsor!

#### There are so many levels available including:

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



For more information about sponsorship benefits, you can contact Mike Bigler at [michael.bigler@bjc.org](mailto:michael.bigler@bjc.org) or call 314-915-5968.

#### THURSDAY 8.1.24

6:30am Richard Scholten  
8:00am Jim Adkirson

7:30–7:50am Church  
or by appointment

#### FRIDAY 8.2.24

6:30am Vocations to the Priesthood  
and Religious Life  
8:00am Blanche Nanney

7:30–7:50am Church  
or by appointment

#### SATURDAY 8.3.24

8:00am Elizabeth Luetkenhaus  
5:00pm Patricia Jarosz

4:00–4:45pm Church  
or by appointment

#### SUNDAY 8.4.24

8:00am People of the Parish  
10:00am Heavenly Father  
12:00pm Heavenly Father  
5:30pm Heavenly Father

By Appointment



## **THANK YOU FOR DONATING YOUR TIME AND TALENT**

These parishioners got caught giving back during an impromptu Beautification Day on Saturday, July 19. A special thanks for helping to make our 34-acre campus look so spectacular! We are so blessed to have you and all our loving parish families!

If you'd like to help with any upcoming Assumption Beautification Days, contact Russ Schaller at 314-608-6551. **It sounds like there is another being planned on Saturday, August 3.**









## ASSUMPTION FALL FESTIVAL NEWS



The Fall Festival Committee is in dire need of two tractors and a flatbed for the Haunted Hayride this year! Jason Szachnieski is generously donating use of his tractor and trailer, and Gary Williams is offering use of his flatbed again, but is selling his tractor at an upcoming auction. This leaves us short of the three wagons and three tractors we would like to have to run an efficient Haunted Hayride at the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 5. If you have a flatbed trailer or tractor, or know someone who does, please... please... please... contact Russ Schaller, Fall Festival Chair, at 314-608-6551.



The music for the two-day festival, Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6 is booked! The festival committee is excited to announce Polly and the Pocket is the headline band on Saturday night and will play from 6:30-10:30pm, and Whiskey Bent will entertain from noon-4pm on Sunday.

We are also in need of donations of premium bottles of booze for a new, fun adult game. If you can help, please drop off donations at the parish office.



New this year, we will be raffling off one-year Assumption School tuition valued at \$6,385! The winner can choose to take the free tuition or a cash prize of \$5,000. Tell your family, friends and neighbors to take a chance and win! Tickets are \$50 each and we are only selling 350, so your odds of winning are much higher.

### Here's how to enter:

- ♦ Cut out the raffle ticket(s) from the bulletin
- ♦ Fill out your name and number
- ♦ Turn in the completed raffle ticket(s) with check (made out to Assumption Church) or money to the Parish Office during regular business hours or drop it in the mailbox near the Parish Office door.

### Assumption Fall Festival

**1 year Free School Tuition or \$5k**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

**\$50 Each ~ Only 350 Raffle Tickets Available**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Country Store is in need of new or gently used seasonal items, and new or gently used

décor. The seasonal and décor items can be dropped off in the bins in the Prefunction area of the Parish Hall no later than Friday, October 5.



If you make jams, jellies, or tasty treats, we also will need plenty of them! These items can **only be dropped off on Friday, October 5** in the Prefunction area.







## HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

Summer ministry is drawing to a close with Assumption Youth Ministry. We had an incredible summer, between Life Nights, the Life Teen Leadership Conference, Steubenville Conference and Field Trips! This past Sunday was the Life Teen Olympics—an night of water games, fun, and fierce competition for the teens to enjoy! We had a great time! We still have a few Life Nights left, as well as our trip to Camp next week, but summer is quickly drawing to a close. We are so grateful for how the Lord continues to move in our teens and core team!



### Sunday, July 28 | Life Night: Senior Send-off 6:30-8:45pm | Parish Center and Outdoor Classroom

All teens are invited to join us for a night of community as we send off our seniors in style! Teens can expect dinner, prayer, the sage advice of our graduated seniors and affirmations. We can't wait to see you there!

### Monday, July 29–Saturday, August 3 Camp Hidden Lake and Camp Covecrest

Please pray for nearly 50 members of our middle school and teen communities as we head to the beautiful state of Georgia for a fun and powerful week of camp at Hidden Lake (middle school) and Covecrest (high school). Our young people will spend the week entering into community, participating in fun camp activities, attending daily Mass, playing outside and discovering God's heart for them. Please pray for us! Know that we will be praying for you!



### COMING UP:

#### Thursday, August 8 | Field Trip to Six Flags | 10am–8pm

Join us for our final field trip of summer—a day at Six Flags! We'll meet at HQ at 10am to carpool, then head to Six Flags for a day of fun, roller coasters, community, water slides and so much more! We will return around 8pm.

#### Connect with us on Social Media:

##### Instagram:

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

##### Facebook:

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#### QUESTIONS? Contact Becky Whitaker,

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## A NOTE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER (cont'd from July 21)

As our church building nears its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary next February, I want to continue to share some observations on how well it is holding up. In many respects, this building has aged well, but a few more areas need some attention.

**Sound system:** Many parishioners have commented that they cannot understand what the priest or the lector is saying in church. The loudness is adequate, but the words are hard to understand. We have consulted with audio experts, and they identified two main factors that contribute to the lack of clarity.

The first is the location of our main speaker cluster at the top of the ceiling over the center aisle. Those speakers serve everyone seated under the vaulted ceiling, but they are 40-50 feet away from the people. The larger the distance, the greater risk of distortion of the sound.

The second factor is the abundance of hard surfaces in the center of the church, such as the tile floors, wooden pews, stained glass windows, and the glass wall of the narthex. The sound from the center speaker cluster bounces from one hard surface to another, creating echoes that distort the sound.

In addition, some of our microphones were picking up background noise, especially the microphone at the altar. We replaced three of these microphones in April. Fr. Nick and I believe that the new microphones have made a significant improvement, but we still receive complaints about distortions of the sound. Until we find a better solution, please sit in a pew where the ceiling is low and flat. The speakers in those areas are much closer to you, and the distortion is minimal. Another option is to use one of our portable hearing devices. You can ask an usher to assist you with those when you arrive.

**Sidewalks:** Several of our concrete sidewalks have suffered chips, cracks and spalling, mostly because of the heavy salt used for melting ice and snow over the past 19 years. Our focus is on repairing the trip hazards to keep you safe.

Thanks for your patience as we work on these challenges. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me at 636-240-3721, ext. 225, or [business@abvmtech.org](mailto:business@abvmtech.org).

Sincerely,  
Mark Vogt  
Business Manager

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	July 7, 2024 and YTD
Actual Collections	\$36,668
Budget Target	<u>\$40,000</u>
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$(3,332)

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school	
Original Loan	\$3,306,127
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:  
[assumptionbvm.org/Our-Parish/Online-Giving](https://assumptionbvm.org/Our-Parish/Online-Giving)  
or scan the QR Code and create an account.



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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
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