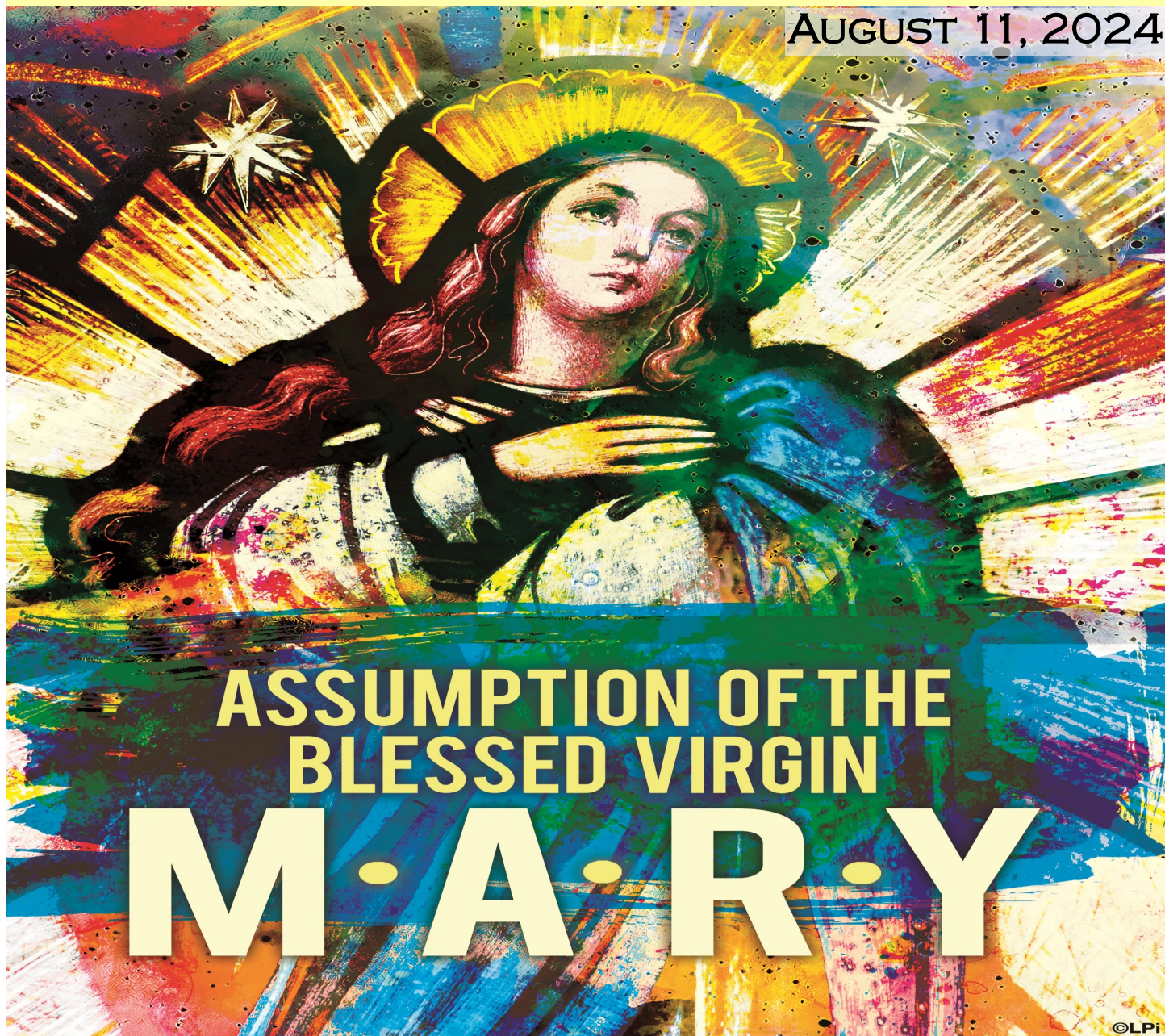


Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

AUGUST 11, 2024



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN M·A·R·Y

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,

This week we celebrate the feast day of St. Jane Francis de Chantal (1572-1641), the foundress of the Congregation of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary, or the Visitation order. I have to admit that I probably didn't know who she was until I was in Annecy, France on a vacation, when we had to walk way around a church because it was the cloistered grounds where she founded the Visitation order and you couldn't go in most of it—so we had to walk all the way around. We could go into the chapel, and in the chapel they had her tomb.



Prior to her religious life, she had married Christophe de Rabutin, baron de Chantal, when she was 20 and would have six children. Her three eldest children all died within a year of their birth, but they then had three more who survived. Unfortunately, her husband would die in 1601. A few years later she would hear St. Francis de Sales preach and ask him to be her spiritual director. He stressed her duties as a daughter, mother, and member of society, and she would spend most of her time caring for her children, but also visiting the poor, sick and dying in the area. Eventually she would desire to enter a Carmelite order, but St. Francis convinced her to instead, found a new order for women who, because of illness or age or some other reason, were rejected from other orders that were enclosed. This order would be open to work in the community.

Unfortunately, everyone wasn't ready for that, and they did have a cloistered convent. Although, as the mother of the order, St. Jane would take a few months to get her son off to college when her father died, and would be spending much time traveling and founding other convents. By the time of her death in 1641, there would be 85 convents in her order, although she had not visited all of them.

I mentioned I had the connection with St. Jane Francis de Chantal by having visited her convent and grave in France, but I also later would live at one of only two parishes with her name in the United States. When I went to study canon law in Washington D.C., I lived at St. Jane Francis de Chantal parish in Bethesda Maryland. When I left there, after two years, the pastor even gave me a small copy of a statue they had commissioned of St. Jane Francis de Chantal, that I have in my bookcase. I also happened to first arrive at the parish on her current feast day, August 12, as parish staff were having a feast day lunch. Her feast day used to be celebrated on Dec. 12 (the anniversary of the day before her death), but the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe eventually bumped her from that date and she got moved to August. I guess if you are a saint, you are usually humble enough to accept those kinds of things.

This week we celebrate our parish feast day, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I don't think we will be bumped from our date.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION HOLY DAY MASS

AUGUST 14 AND 15



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation and is celebrated on Thursday, August 15. On this day, we commemorate Mary being taken into Heaven. A solemn vigil Mass is celebrated in the Church at 5:30pm, Wednesday, August 14, and on the feast day of the Assumption, Thursday, August 15, Mass is celebrated at 6:30am, 8am, and 7pm in Church. Please join us!

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.

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 and Benediction to close.

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 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

Rosalie Iannicola
mother of Janet Allensworth

Joan Schwendeman
mother of Stacy (Tim) Stewart
Deb (Kevin) Call
Tina Schwendeman
Eric (Jill) Schwendeman

William Rebello Sr.
husband of Dorothy Rebello
Visitation, Monday, August 12 | 9:30am (church)
Funeral Mass, Monday, August 12 | 10:30am (church)

Del Carr
husband of Debra Carr

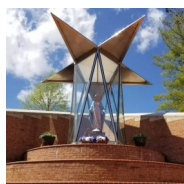
DAILY MASSES IN THE CHAPEL

During the summer, our 6:30am and 8am Masses, Monday–Friday and 8am on Saturdays, are held in the Chapel through Labor Day.

Weekday Confessions, Monday–Friday, 7:30–7:50am also are in the Chapel.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE SHRINE MASS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 7PM



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

Msgr. Dennis Stehly 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.



O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269

Queen of Hearts | Every Tuesday

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



Congratulations to Julie Puder on winning the \$24,454 jackpot last Tuesday! This week's jackpot is \$5,000.

ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL SEEKING CUSTODIAN

St. Dominic High School is seeking a full-time, evening shift custodian to join our facilities team. This position would work the evening shift, 2:30–10:30 pm, during the school year (August–May), and work the day shift during summer hours (June–July). This position offers a very competitive wage and excellent benefits. St. Dominic offers a great community to work within. This position is open for immediate hire.

Interested applicants can obtain an application from the St. Dominic High School main office, or by contacting the Facilities Director, Steve Wing at swing@stdominichs.org or 314-709-1439.



Join the Knights of Columbus #2269
and Ladies Auxiliary for a

Pro-Life Trivia Night!

Help us raise funds to provide a safe space in the O'Fallon
community for saving babies!

August 17, 2024

Doors  open at 6:00 p.m. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.

Assumption Parish Hall

Table of 8 is \$240. Individual tickets are \$30

Bring snacks for your table to share!

Draft beer, wine, soda and water provided.

Raffles and games. Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place.

Round Sponsors are \$100. Trivia Sponsors are \$250.

Assumption Parish Hall

403 N. Main St.

O'Fallon, MO 63366

(Enter from the lower lot at the Father Joseph Kempf Parish Hall)

For questions call Todd Kirchoff at (636) 262-4925 or

Beth Delano at (314) 520-0134

Please register online (preferred) at
www.KofC2269.com. Scroll down to the events page.

You may also call Todd or Beth for a table.

Payment at the event does not guarantee a table/seat.

Mass Times and Intentions

Reconciliation

SUNDAY 8.11.24

8:00am Darlene Winklemann
10:00am Betty Bruegenhemke
12:00pm Alan Kirn
5:30pm People of the Parish

By Appointment

MONDAY 8.12.24

6:30am Donna Maschmann
8:00am Tommy Hobday

7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment

TUESDAY 8.13.24

6:30am Beverly Hampton
8:00am Nancy Hoff

7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment

WEDNESDAY 8.14.24

6:30am Colette Sebacher
8:00am Alan Kirn
5:30pm Priests Intention

7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD STARTS AUGUST 25



All children ages 3 years to second grade, who have not had their first communion, are invited to participate in an interactive program where the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is presented to them at their age level.

CLW will be held every Sunday at the 10am Mass from August through May. It is free and no registration is required. Children will be dismissed after the opening prayer and asked to follow the Catechist downstairs to Rooms D & E. The children will return to Mass at the start of the offertory.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Catechists, Timekeepers, and classroom support to help keep the children focused on the Word. This is a perfect opportunity for young adults to help and earn service hours towards their confirmation goals.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Maria Tadlock, Shmilyrt@charter.net or 636-734-2817.

HELP SAVE GOD'S BABIES AND KEEP MISSOURI PRO-LIFE AUGUST 27

Missouri Right to Life is hosting a banquet August 27 at the St. Charles Convention Center with keynote speaker former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Tickets to the event are \$100. Full details and Registration are at MRLbanquet.com or by calling 314-434-4900.

ASSUMPTION GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP | BEGINS SEPTEMBER 5



It is hard to imagine that there could be any life at the other end of our grief. Assumption Parish's Grief Support Team cordially invites those of you, 18 years of age and older, who are grieving the death of a loved one, to our upcoming Grief Support Series.

Our first session will begin at 7pm on **Thursday, September 5** in the Meyer Room. Together we will share a Journey of Hope after the loss of a loved one. Remember that Grief Shared is Grief Diminished.

Please register by **September 3**. To register or for more information, please contact Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741 or lynncrews@abvmtech.org.

RETROUVAILLE-ST LOUIS WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 6-8

Healing Your Marriage: Retrouvaille (French for "Rediscovery") is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.

Fully Confidential and affordable. Space is limited. Register early. For more information or to register, call 314-453-0110 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org

Questions, contact Tom 314.409.4199 or Kerry Marsh 314.753.2022.



retrouvaille
a lifeline for married couples

THURSDAY 8.15.24

6:30am Marines on the USS Wasp (special intention)
8:00am Shirley Mackey
7:00pm Priests Intention

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

FRIDAY 8.16.24

6:30am Vincent Pohlman
8:00am Blanche Nanney

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

SATURDAY 8.17.24

8:00am Tommy Hobday
5:00pm People of the Parish

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

SUNDAY 8.18.24

8:00am Darlene Winklemann
10:00am Karl Schalk
12:00pm Shirley Mackey
5:30pm Steven Uttech

By Appointment

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS #2269 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AUDITIONS SEPTEMBER 18

Auditions for this year's Christmas Pageant are set for **Wednesday, September 18**. The auditions will be held in Assumption School classrooms from 5-6pm. All kids of the parish from kindergarten to eighth grade are invited to be in this year's show. If casted as a named character, your child will have the opportunity to memorize lines. Everyone else will be part of the chorus as a shepherd or angel. Multiple solo opportunities also will be available for chorus members. The Knights of Columbus Council #2269 is sponsoring the event and participation is **FREE**.



Children will learn traditional Christmas carols and act out the story of the birth of Jesus Christ according to the gospels. Practices will be held every Wednesday from 5-6pm in the lower classroom area of the Day School by the elevator. Additional practices begin on Mondays in October from 6:30-8pm in the main Church.

Shows will be **Sunday, December 15** at 1:30pm and **Wednesday, December 18** at 6:30pm.

Questions? Contact Ken Thornhill at 918-430-8035 or gocurtis28@gmail.com.

HERE'S SOME **WELCOME.** NEWS FORMERLY CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH



We are very excited to announce that world-renowned Catholic author, Matthew Kelly has updated the Christ Renews

His Parish retreat process **CRHP**, and so have we at Assumption. Whether you are new to **Welcome.** or are a **CRHP** veteran, we hope you will join us for some spiritual renewal and fellowship at upcoming events.

Men's Alumni Weekend: Rekindle the fire you felt at your first **CRHP** retreat! Join us for some spiritual energy and an evening bonfire at LaSalle Retreat Center in Wildwood, September 7-8. It's coming up fast, so make your reservations now through Kelly Gessert at 636-728-8840, kelly.gessert@gmail.com or Ray Gerard at 847-638-5242, rgerard@hush.com.

Women's Welcome. Weekend: October 12-13. We have a team formed to **Welcome.** you on your spiritual journey. We pray you will join us; it won't be the same without you! For information, contact Jamie Burbridge at jburbridge@abvmtech.org.

Men's Welcome. Weekend: The team is currently forming for the upcoming **Welcome.** retreat March 22-23, 2025. For information, contact Jonas Enriquez at 314-413-0125 or Mike Vohsen at 314-951-4733.

Keep your eye out for upcoming **Welcome.** and Alumni events.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP AND MANDATORY COMPLIANCE



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
Office of Child and Youth Protection

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 participate in your ministry work. This is MANDATORY!

To be in compliance, you must be registered in the Prevent and Protect system where you will submit an updated background check and sign and submit all the Mandatory Reports and Code of Conduct sections. Attending a Protecting God's Children Workshop is also needed to complete Compliance. If you have already completed a workshop, this information will roll over into the Prevent and Protect system and you will not have to redo the workshop for your Compliance.

If you are not in compliance, please go to our website at assumptionbvm.org, and go to "Faith Formation" tab on the top menu, and then scroll down to "Protecting God's Children." Click on the link to begin the process. Instructions are also available on how to register into the Prevent and Protect system.

If you have any questions or concerns about your status, please contact Assumption Child Safety Coordinator, Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741 or lynncrews@abvmtech.org.



ASSUMPTION FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

Get ready for another exciting lineup of music, food, and fun at the 2024 Assumption Fall Festival from noon–11pm, Saturday, October 5 and 11am–4pm, Sunday, October 6!

This two-day community favorite is packed with fun for all ages, and includes live entertainment with

Polly and the Pocket from 6:30–10:30pm Saturday, and Whiskey Bent from 12–4pm, Sunday. We'll have games and inflatables for the kids, BINGO and other adult games, sandwich stand, Brisket Dinner on Sunday, variety of spirits, a Mega 5k Tuition Raffle, quilt raffles, cake walk, funnel cakes, cotton candy, barrel rides for the little ones, and haunted hayrides on Saturday night with three tractor-pulled hay wagons traveling through three different "scare zones" in the woods.

The Country Store is back! Shop a variety of seasonal décor, handmade crafts, as well as homemade breads, jams and tasty treats inside the parish center and outside on the festival grounds.

For the entire lineup of festival activities, scan the QR Code with your smartphone or visit our website at assumptionbvm.org.



If you didn't get your Mega Raffle ticket, do so soon! You could win \$5k or one year free Assumption School tuition – you choose! 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.
- ◆ Place completed form with money in an envelope and drop it into the offertory basket at Church.



Assumption Fall Festival

1 year Free School Tuition or \$5k

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

\$50 Each ~ Only 350 Raffle Tickets Available

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The Assumption Quilters have been hard at work. This year, they are donating two quilts to be raffled off at the Fall Festival. Take a chance to win one of these beautiful quilts, which can be viewed on our website at assumptionbvm.org.

- ◆ Queen: the fall colored "Thankful" quilt made by the Assumption quilters has beautiful leaf squares embroidered by Ruth Bauer.
- ◆ Twin: Mary Ann Pilsing of our parish donated the quilt top of this elegant quilt. She painted colored flowers on white squares surrounded by a yellow checked background. The quilt top was then quilted by the Assumption Quilters.

Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10, and can be purchased the same way you purchase Mega Raffle tickets.

Assumption Fall Festival

(2) Quilt Raffle!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

\$5 Each OR 3 for \$10

Win a Queen Size Quilt or Twin Quilt

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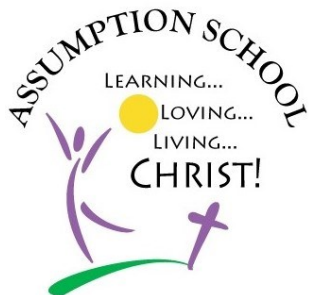
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PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Prayers and Blessings this New School Year



As we get ready to start our 2024–2025 school year with new and returning faculty and staff on Wednesday, August 14, for kindergarten–eighth grades, and Monday, August 19 for preschool, I wanted to share the prayer that we say during our in-service days:

Thank you, Lord, for allowing me to teach. To meet another group of students and to spread your love through my actions yet again. Thank you for my students and their parents.



Thank you for my colleagues and thank you for my school. As this new year arrives, LORD, please grant me the wisdom to lead righteously, the discernment to best be able to live above reproach and the energy to make it through each day with a smile.

I pray for my students, that their minds are being prepared to learn, and that their hearts may be opened to learning life-lessons as well as the lessons I will teach in class. I pray that you protect them from the dangers of this world—both physically and emotionally.

Be with the overachievers, the socialites, the athletes and the popular students. Stand with them as they face the pressures of school and social life and help them to see the impact that they can make by reaching out and helping others.

And, LORD, please be with the studious, more quiet, meek and mild ones... the ones who struggle in the classroom and the ones who struggle in the lunchroom. Help them to find their voice, their inner beauty and to love who they are. God, I pray that they see you in their struggles and in their successes and that they feel your presence. I pray that they all find an adult who can show them your grace and can walk alongside of them through the year, whether or not that person is me. I pray for them in general and I pray for them as individuals... They are more than deserving of my love in that way. Amen.

I'm looking forward to seeing students, faculty and staff after 10am Mass on Sunday, August 11, at the Back-to-School Open House. Everyone will enjoy complimentary hotdogs and chips, a bounce house and slide inflatable combo and Bubble Van fun for all ages! A variety of \$1 drinks and Kona Ice treats will be available for purchase to help combat the heat.

Blessings to all as we begin another successful school year!
Jamie Burbridge, Principal

IMPORTANT UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

August 13: Orientation

- ◆ 6-7pm: Preschool Orientation
- ◆ 7-8pm: 5th Grade and New Middle School Orientation
- ◆ 7-8pm: Kindergarten Orientation

September 2: No School

- ◆ Labor Day

September 3: Kindergarten–4th Grade Class Mass Begins

- ◆ 8am in Church

September 5: Picture Day

- ◆ Preschool– 1st Grade

September 5: 5th Grade–8th Grade Class Mass Begins

- ◆ 8am in Church

September 6: All-School Mass Begins

- ◆ 8am in Church

September 6 and 7: Picture Day

- ◆ 2nd Grade–8th Grade

Follow us on social media and visit our website for information about upcoming events and fundraisers, our school calendar, cafeteria menu, uniforms, policies and more!



Facebook: [assumptionbvmschool](https://www.facebook.com/assumptionbvmschool)



Instagram: [assumptionbvmschool](https://www.instagram.com/assumptionbvmschool)



X: [kidsfirst_ABVM](https://twitter.com/kidsfirst_ABVM)

website: [assumptionbvmschool.org](https://www.assumptionbvmschool.org)



HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

Summer ministry has drawn to a close with Assumption Youth Ministry. We had an incredible summer, between Life Nights, the Life Teen Leadership Conference, Steubenville Conference, Field Trips, and Life Teen Camp! This past week we journeyed to Life Camp Covecrest and Hidden Lake encountering the Lord through natural beauty, the Sacraments, dynamic programming, and community! Our teens were a beautiful witness to the faith and grew in holiness. It was incredible to see! We are so grateful for how the Lord continues to move in our teens and core team!

Life Teen and EDGE will return in September. In the meantime, we are resting up from all our summer ministry, planning for the upcoming year, and working with our Core Teams. Please pray for us!



SAVE THE DATE:

September 15:
Life Teen
Kick-off



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 alejandroderrera@abvmtech.org

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE: REFLECTION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

On August 14, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, who was a Franciscan priest living in Poland when the Nazis invaded. He was arrested in 1941 and sent to Auschwitz concentration camp, where he was beaten and humiliated. Father Kolbe, prisoner #16670, was able to hear Confessions and secretly celebrate Mass.

One day, when three prisoners escaped, the camp commandant, wishing to teach a lesson, chose 10 prisoners to be starved to death in an underground bunker. Fr Kolbe volunteered to take the place of Franciszek Gajowniczek, who was a husband and father. After two weeks, on August 14, finding Fr Kolbe was still alive, the guards injected carbolic acid into his veins to kill him. Franciszek was present in 1982 when Pope John Paul II canonized Maximilian Kolbe as a martyr.

In Missouri, we also kill by lethal injection. We are one of five states that have executed people in 2024. But sometimes we get it wrong. In the US, since 1973, 199 former death row inmates have been exonerated and released. Four of these were in Missouri. Marcellus Williams is scheduled to die on September 24 by lethal injection. There is credible DNA evidence of his innocence. We pray that this new evidence can be considered and Marcellus can be exonerated before the sentence is carried out.

It is important we know that the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that **“the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person”**, and as the Church works with determination for its abolition worldwide, may we choose to live our faith and do the same.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	July 14, 2024	YTD 7/1/24 - 7/14/24
Actual Collections	\$48,709	\$85,377
Budget Target	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$8,709	\$5,377

<u>Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school</u>	
Original Loan	\$3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$524,192
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 second collection on July 20–21 for the Mission Appeal for the Prelature of Esquel in Argentina raised \$20,801.75.

Fr. Andrzej Szorc and Fr. Nick thank you for your generous support.



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
 or scan the QR Code and create an account.



SCAN ME

OFFICE INFORMATION

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403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366
 636-240-3721 Parish Office
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ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

636-240-4474

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

636-272-4758 (Helpline)

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

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