# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



# 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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### **Pastor**

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School Board abvmschoolboard@gmail.com

Hello,

The 2024 Paris Olympics are now over, and while rule 50 of the Olympic Charter prohibits any type of religious expression, that isn't always the case. It seemed to start with some religious controversy in the Opening Ceremonies, but on a more positive note, many of the athletes were willing to express their faith in a grateful manner for what God had given them.



The gold medal winner, Novak Djokovic, for men's singles tennis, proudly displayed his Orthodox Christian faith by wearing a cross around his neck throughout the tournament. Then, when interviewed after winning the gold medal, he said God was the key to his success and stated, "I thank God for giving me his mercy, for giving me this blessing and this opportunity."

Brazil's top gymnast, Rebeca Andrade, also gave God credit for her gold medal in the women's floor final, recognizing that it is a combination of God's blessings and our cooperating with those graces. In an interview with CazéTV, Andrade stated: "This medal was not because I asked God for a medal; he gave me the opportunity to win it. I went through everything I had to go through: I worked, I sweated, I cried, I tried hard, I laughed, I had fun, I traveled. So I feel that I made this possible too and he was always there blessing me, protecting me and feeling proud of me, knowing that his servant was always giving her best."

One of the best pictures from the Olympics was of surfer Gabriel Medina (bronze medalist) standing a few feet above the water and pointing his finger in the air with his surfboard standing in the air a few feet behind him after making a great run on a wave, and then letting the wave send him flying into the air. Gabriel shared the photo on his Instagram site with the quote, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

The US Team also happened to finish off the Olympics with a Catholic sweep. Both of the flag bearers chosen for the Closing Ceremony for Team USA are Catholic–Katie Ledecky, the most decorated American female Olympian ever, and gold medalist rower Nick Mead. And in case you weren't aware, the Olympic motto, Citius, Altius, Fortius, (Faster, Higher, Stronger) was proposed by Pierre de Coubertin when the International Olympic Committee was formed. He borrowed the motto from a Dominican priest, Fr. Henri Didon, who was an athletic enthusiast.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

# HELP WITH WASHING, STAINING, AND SEALING OUR PEWS

This week Monday, August 19, Tuesday, August 20, and Wednesday, August 21 at 6pm, I am hoping a few volunteers will be able to help me wash, stain, and seal the top backs of our pews that have seen a rough time with all the sanitizing they experienced during COVID and have also seen a bit of wear too. I already tested this on the pews by the south entrance of the church. It doesn't take much time (especially if we have a few people), but it does take a little patience in waiting between stages, (thus the three days). Monday is just washing, so bring a bucket and rag if you can and we will have plenty of soap and water.

Thanks

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 <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 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 <a href="mailto:assumptionbym.weadorehim.com">assumptionbym.weadorehim.com</a> 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

Marie Schepker mother of Cheryl Michel

**Jason Cook** nephew of Charlene Yerion



# 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.

# RCA THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS 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?

Sessions begin August 29. If you are interested, please contact Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983.

# 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.



# 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.



This week's jackpot is \$5,490

# 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, <u>Shmilyrt@charter.net</u> or 636-734-2817.

# 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 <u>HelpOurMarriage.org</u>

Questions, contact Tom 314.409.4199 or Kerry Marsh 314.753.2022.



# 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.

We hope to see you at our Christmas Pageant! 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.



# Mass Times and Intentions

Reconciliation

# **SUNDAY 8.18.24**

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

By Appointment

# MONDAY 8.19.24

6:30am Donna Maschmann8:00am Tommy Hobday

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

# **TUESDAY 8.20.24**

6:30am Chris Scholten 8:00am Bill Rebello Sr.

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

# **WEDNESDAY 8.21.24**

6:30am Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:00am Robert Peirick

7:30-7:50am Church

# PRINCIPAL'S PEN 🔪



# Extracurricular Activities Available for Students



At Assumption, we are committed to providing a well-rounded education for our students, which includes opportunities beyond the classroom. We are excited to share the variety of extracurricular activities available for our students this academic year.

Extracurricular activities play a vital role in the development of our students, offering them opportunities to explore new interests, develop skills, and build friendships. These activities are designed to cater to a



wide range of interests and talents, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to participate in something they are passionate about.

This year we are offering the following extracurricular opportunities for our students:

JOY Club (religious based club that stands Pre-Ballet Rosary Club **NJHS** for Jesus, Others, Yourself) Student Council Martial Arts Mad Science Beginners Band and Advanced Band **Building Blocks Baseball Imagine Arts** Garden Club (through a St. Dominic's program) Chess Club Choir

Participation in these activities can help students develop important life skills such as teamwork, leadership, time management, and communication. Additionally, these experiences can enhance their academic journey and contribute to their personal growth.

This year we are committed to adding additional extracurricular opportunities, making Assumption a place where students can thrive both academically and personally.

Many Blessings, Jamie Burbridge, Principal

# IMPORTANT UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

September 2: No School

◆ Labor Day

September 3: Kingergarten-4th Grade Class Mass Begins

♦ 8am in Church

September 5: Picture Day

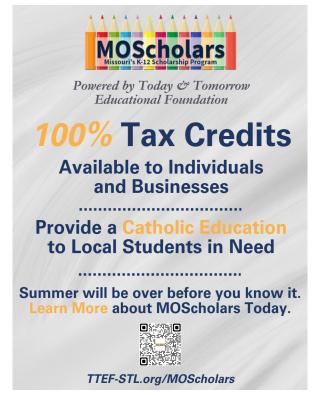
♦ Preschool—1st Grade

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

♦ 8am in Church

September 6: All-School Mass Begins

♦ 8am in Church



# **THURSDAY 8.22.24**

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

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

# FRIDAY 8.23.24

6:30am Special Intention 8:00am Charles Schneider

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

# **SATURDAY 8.24.24**

8:00am Priest Intention 5:00pm John Potts

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

# **SUNDAY 8.25.24**

8:00am Edwin L. Echelmeyer 10:00am **Denny Tiemeyer** 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm Donna Vaughn

By Appointment

# 2024 FALL FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIPS

Do you have a business or know someone who does, and want some great publicity? Secure a Fall Festival sponsorship and **GET NOTICED** by thousands of parishioners and the **O'Fallon community**.

# Gold Level: \$350 Sponsorship Fee

- Company name on **one sponsorship banner** featured on the festival grounds for the entire weekend.
- Company listed as a GOLD SPONSOR on the front cover of the Parish bulletin.
- Company recognized on the Assumption Parish Facebook and Instagram pages.

# Event Sponsor: ONLY 6 AVAILABLE! \$1500 Sponsorship Fee BEST VALUE!!

- Company logo displayed on 250 souvenir cups (plastic reusable take home cups) throughout the weekend.
- Recognition prior to each band starting on Saturday and Sunday.
- Company name displayed on **2 sponsorship banners the entire weekend:** 1 featured inside grand band tent and 1 on the grounds.
- Company listed as an EVENT SPONSOR on the front cover of the Parish bulletin seen by 3.3k families.
- Company listed as an EVENT SPONSOR on the Assumption Parish Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Company listed as EVENT SPONSOR on the Assumption Parish website.
- Company name mentioned in news release sent out to 140+ media entities, including television, radio, print and online publications. Media Release publication deadline is Friday, Sept. 1, 2023.
- Company mentioned in parish eNewsletter sent to 2.2k individuals prior to event.
- Company receives festival entertainment package including, 8 sandwich stand tickets, 2 VIP parking passes and 8
  youth bounce house wristbands good for the entire weekend.

In-kind donations—always welcome! Please complete the form and return with the donation by Friday, September 6.						
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Sponsorship Level :	Amount Enclosed:					
	on the sign):					

Please make checks payable to Assumption Church. Return payment and completed Sponsorship form to:

Assumption Church c/o Nancy Gomer 403 North Main Street O'Fallon, MO 63366

Or call Nancy Gomer, Assumption Director of Marketing and Communications, at 636-240-3721 ext. 239 to make other delivery arrangements. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

All sponsors will need to provide a digital copy of their company logo in a high-resolution (300 dpi or greater) format for the sponsor banners. Please email your logo to ngomer@abvmtech.org by Friday, September 6.



# ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

# DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!

This year we have the Mega Raffle where you could win \$5k or one year free Assumption School tuition – you choose! Also, the Assumption Quilters are donating two quilts. Take a chance to win one of these beautiful quilts, which can be viewed on our website at <u>assumptionbym.org</u>. Turn in the completed raffle ticket(s) with check (made out to Assumption Church) or money to the Parish Office during regular business hours. You can also place the ticket(s) and money in an envelope and drop it in the mailbox near the Parish Office door or 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  Name: Phone:	
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# Assumption Fall Festival (2) Quilt Raffle! **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024** \$5 Each OR 3 for \$10 Win a Queen Size Quilt or Twin Quilt Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Assumption Fall Festival (2) Quilt Raffle! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 \$5 Each OR 3 for \$10 Win a Queen Size Quilt or Twin Quilt Name: Phone: Assumption Fall Festival (2) Quilt Raffle! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 \$5 Each OR 3 for \$10

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# LOOK WHO GOT CAUGHT GIVING BACK

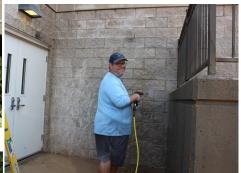
Stewardship is a way of life, a way that begins with acknowledging God as the creator and giver of all and responding with generosity and the responsible management of our resources. A special thank you to Russ Schaller for leading us and to these parishioners and Father Nick for assisting over the past couple weekends with Assumption Beautification Day 3 and 4! We are so grateful for the offering of your time and talent to make our 36-acre campus look so pristine.



























# 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! Most recently, 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!





This weekend, we begin our annual Big Board Fundraiser at the 5:30pm Life Teen Mass. In choosing the dates that are most sacred to them, donating the corresponding amount and partnering with us, our parishioners make it possible for us to lead teens closer to Christ. Raised funds are primarily used to keep retreat costs low and make it possible for us to have a ministry—wide "no teen turned away" policy. We will open the fundraiser to all Masses next week, continuing until September 8. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Life Teen and EDGE programming 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!

# **2024-2025 SAVE THE DATES:**

September 4: EDGE Open House and PSR Mass

September 15: Life Teen Kick Off

November 15-17: Life Teen Fall Retreat

March 7 – 9: Luke 18 Retreat



## 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

# 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.

# **OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH**

Weekly Offertory	July 21, 2024	July 28, 2024	YTD 7/1/24 - 7/28/
Actual Collections	\$27,827	\$32,110	\$145,314
Budget Target	\$40,000	\$40,000	<u>\$160,000</u>
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$(12,173)	\$(7,890)	\$(14,686)

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our schoolOriginal Loan\$3,306,127Current balance owed\$524,192Monthly 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 QR Code and create an account.



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# **OFFICE INFORMATION**

# ADDRESS/PHONE/HOURS

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> ASSUMPTION SCHOOL 636-240-4474

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 636-272-4758 (Helpline)

## **BULLETIN NOTICES**

Submit to Parish Office <a href="mailto:Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com">Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com</a>
by 9am on the Tuesday before Sunday's edition (five days prior)

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Website: assumptionbvm.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.