

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



MY SOUL IS
thirsting
FOR YOU,
MY GOD.

PSALM 63

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Sacraments and Parish Information

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office at 636-240-3721. You can leave a message after hours.

BAPTISM

Baptism is scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call Angie at the Parish Office, 636-240-3721, ext 235.

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, ext 235.

CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30–7:50am;
Saturdays 4:00–4:45pm;
or by appointment.

CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 8th grade.
For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2nd grade.
For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

FUNERALS

Please call Debbie Orf at the Parish Office at 636-240-3721, ext 221.

RITE/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.

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Hello,

This Tuesday, September 5, we celebrate the memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta, or as many of us remember her, Mother Teresa. She was only canonized a saint seven years ago, having only died 26 years ago. In my lifetime, (which I'm reminded recently is getting kind of long), I have to believe she is the one person who worldwide, across different cultures and faiths, was respected for her work, her faith, her sincerity, her love, more than anyone I can think of. This little woman living in a slum in India could get the attention of the world and world leaders. Receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 probably brought her more notoriety and attention than she would have had without it, yet while her work for the poor and dying was being honored it needs to be recognized that many would just ignore her when she said things they didn't want to hear.



Reading through her acceptance speech for her Nobel Prize I was surprised to see how much of it was focused on what she described in her speech as "the greatest destroyer of peace today—the cry of the innocent unborn child." Reading over numerous reviews and comments about Mother Teresa there would often be some comment about her views on abortion as conservative or problematic. It is interesting to read how so many may honor and respect her for the great work she did for the poor and dying, showing honor and respect herself for those society would dismiss or consider a burden. And then these same people would not understand why she would be against abortion.

Some other critiques also questioned some of the people she accepted donations from and the method of care used in her hospices. While I don't want to focus too much on these comments, I also don't care for the version of saints' lives where they appear perfect their entire lives, and we don't question anything they did because they are a saint. The title of an article in the New York Times at the time of her canonization was "Mother Teresa's Canonization Is a Recognition of Holiness, Not Perfection" where Kathleen Sprows Cummings stated, "Mother Teresa, despite her faults and even her sins, lived a life of extraordinary holiness and is worthy of veneration and imitation."

Just last week we celebrated the feast of St. Augustine, a great saint and theologian, but by his own words in his "Confessions" he told us clearly of many of his faults and sins. As we consider the many works of Mother Teresa, I think it is good to see all of her good works, and consider how this may challenge us to extend more charity and mercy to others in need. But we should also hear criticisms of her (as most of us also face), that she did have faults and sins (as most of us have), but was also criticized or ignored for good things she did that challenged others (which we may also face). Hopefully the lives of the saints, and of Mother Teresa, help us see how to live holy and faithful lives amidst the challenges and problems in our life and the world. St. Teresa pray for us.

Peace,

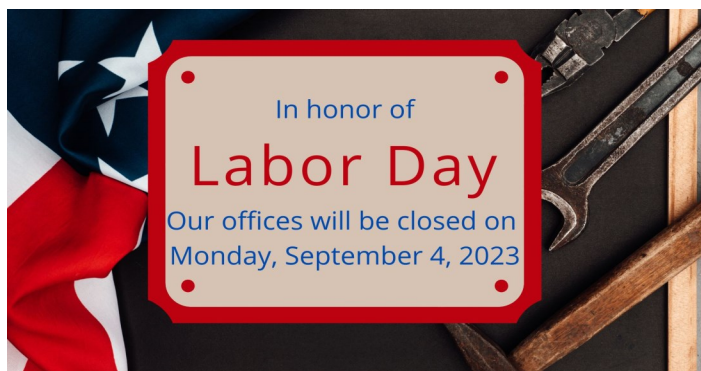
Fr. Nick

FORMER ST. BARNABAS PARISHIONERS

I am seeking your participation in our Parish for Finance Councils

It is about a month since Assumption Parish subsumed St. Barnabas parish, making Assumption the territorial parish for people in the combined parish boundaries. I realize we don't always strictly follow parish boundaries, and over the last year numerous families have registered at Assumption who live in the geographic boundaries of St. Barnabas. Actually, last year, 585 families that lived in St. Barnabas parish boundaries were registered here at Assumption, and only 33 families that lived in St. Barnabas parish boundaries were registered at St. Barnabas. I am interested in getting parishioners who had been a part of St. Barnabas in the past five or so years, but are now here at Assumption, to share input in our parish decisions as members of the Parish or Finance Council. Please contact me at nicholaskastenholz@archstl.com if you feel called to serve our parish in this manner.

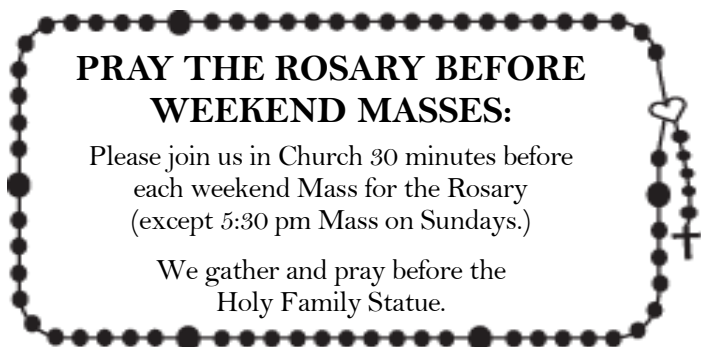
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ASSUMPTION ADORATION CHAPEL

Adoration is available 24/7 in the Chapel (the old church) by using the code at the north transit entrance. EXPOSITION is on Tuesday after 8 am Mass, and is 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. Please sign up at: assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com



IN LOVING MEMORY

Dolores Enriquez, mother of Jonas Enriquez

Cyril Jansen, wife of Theresa Jansen

Judy Sigmund, sister of Dotty Schulte

PARISH SECRETARY NEEDED AT ST. THEODORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Theodore Catholic Church is seeking to hire a full-time Parish Secretary. This position includes welcoming people in the parish office, keeping sacramental records, and assisting with the many responsibilities of the parish.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Mary Belarde: mbelarde@sainttheodore.org.

RSVP's DUE TODAY

Harvest Moon

Parish Appreciation Dinner & Dance

Saturday, Sept. 9

DOORS OPEN immediately following 5PM Mass
Enjoy a complimentary turkey & sausage dinner with all the trimmings, beer & wine, and live music performed by The Bright Side - the same band that played last year!
MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND

Detach & return to collection basket, parish office, or call Carol Woerheide at 636-240-2691.

PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN SEPT. 3

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

#OF PARISHIONERS ATTENDING: _____

Please bring non-parishable food items for Assumption SVDP Food Pantry

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM



Assumption Parish would like to bring back our Children's Liturgy of the Word program at the Saturday Vigil Mass and the 10am Sunday Mass, and we need your help! These sessions are not arts-and-crafts activities or babysitting during Mass. Rather, **children ages 3 years through 1st grade will hear the same Mass readings as adults—but in simpler terms that are easier to grasp.**

We are looking for volunteers to help share these readings with the children during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. All materials will be provided. Teens looking for service hours can also sign up to help in the classroom.

Interested? Please reach out to Holly Woytus at hwoytus@abvmtech.org or 636-240-1020. Thank you for your consideration for such a worthy cause!

ASSUMPTION GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP | BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7



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 7** 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.

To register or for any additional information please contact: Lynn Crews at 636-294-0821, 314-578-0741 or lynn.assumption@gmail.com. Please register by this Tuesday, September 5.



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE SHRINE MASS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7PM

Please join us for an outdoor Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine located at 301 Coronation Drive, O'Fallon, MO. (The Shrine actually faces Civic Park Dr.)

Mass will begin at 7pm, followed by the rosary (**weather permitting**). Fr. Lawrence Brennan will preside. Please bring a lawn chair. This will be our last outside mass until May 2024. Thank you to all who came this summer.

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

ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH:



Men, join us September 9 in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building as we start our Fall 2023 Sessions of TMIY. Our start time is **7:15am** with breakfast, a short video, and table discussion. We'll have you on your way by **8:30am**. We will continue learn how to be better men of God, better husbands, better sons, better fathers and to be Men after God's own heart!

Our Church and our World needs you, man of God!

This week's session is titled, "Thy Kingdom Come"

- ◆ Speaker Mark Hartfel will discuss the following:
 - ◆ The Capuchin Crypt! Aka-The Bone Church
 - ◆ Memento Mori-Eternal Perspective
 - ◆ The mindset of the Saint and the mindset of the Average Man
 - ◆ Fear of Death vs. Fear of Sin
 - ◆ Four Characteristics of Kingdom Living
 - ◆ Anxiety and the Kingdom of God
 - ◆ The Father's Good Pleasure to Give You The Kingdom

For more information, contact Deacon Richard at DeaconRichard@charter.net or at 314-397-2433.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST HOSTED BY THE MEN'S GROUP SEPTEMBER 17

Join us for a pancake breakfast after the 8 am and 10 am Mass on Sunday, September 17 in the Parish Center.

We will have pancakes, sausage links, orange juice, chocolate milk, and regular milk.



Donations will gladly be accepted. Everyone is welcome!

Got questions? Contact the Men's Group at assumptionmensgroup@gmail.com.

	SUNDAY 9.3.23	MONDAY 9.4.23	TUESDAY 9.5.23	WEDNESDAY 9.6.23
Mass Times and Intentions	8:00am Pauline Cox 10:00am Michael Salas 12:00pm Shirley Mackey 5:30pm Priest Intention	6:30am No Mass (Labor Day) 8:00am Priest Intention	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Pam Blaock	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Henry and Jane Sachs
Reconciliation	By Appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment

FALL BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Join the men of Assumption for a monthly Bible study **starting September 7** at 7pm in Hall B. Enrich your faith, grow in your knowledge of God's Word, become accountable in discipleship, and enjoy great fellowship. .

For more information, you can contact Harry Partl at 314-369-8730.

Becoming a praying person begins not with us but with God. In this 7-week series **starting September 12**, we will study six people of prayer whose stories are told in the Bible. Reading and observing how they became people of prayer in their circumstances may spur us to discover God's grace for becoming praying people in our situations. God does meet us where we are! Let us discover prayer as a deeper discovery of Christ in us. We can't wait to gather together once more!

To insure we have enough books, please contact Bob or Liz Allmeyer or Marlaine Wood with the time.

Tuesday mornings, 9-10:30am Meyer room. Marlaine Wood, 636-359-4699 or marsamsarwin@aol.com

Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30pm Room D/E Liz and Bob Allmeyer, 636-240-8638 or lizallmeyer@gmail.com

**** note new day of week for evening.**

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS #2269 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AUDITIONS SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20

This popular event will be held on Tuesday, December 12 and Wednesday, December 13. **All kids K-8 from the Parish are invited to audition for the show on September 19 and 20 from 5-6 pm in the School Music room.** Not sure if your child is a little Angel? We need tons of shepherds too!

If for some reason, you can't make one of the audition nights and you want your child to participate, or you have other questions, feel free to call, text, or email Ken Thornhill at 918-430-8035 or gocurtis28@gmail.com.

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING SEPTEMBER 21 | 7PM

What does it require to join the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus? The one and only requirement is that you are a Catholic woman!

Call Beth Delano at 314-520-0134 for more information or ask anyone you know who is in the Ladies Auxiliary.

ASSUMPTION RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE (PRO-LIFE) MINISTRY

The Assumption Respect Life Apostolate (Pro-life) Ministry is looking for new members. 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. If interested, please call Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED



- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Pancake mix and syrup
- ◆ Tuna with pull top lids
- ◆ Tuna Helper
- ◆ Canned beef stew
- ◆ Canned hams
- ◆ Canned Spam, any other canned meats
- ◆ Snack/Saltine crackers
- ◆ Sugar (no larger than 5lb bags)
- ◆ Taco shells and seasoning packets
- ◆ Breakfast bars
- ◆ Applesauce
- ◆ Canned peaches
- ◆ Canned pears
- ◆ Canned mixed fruit
- ◆ Sloppy Joes
- ◆ Rice sides
- ◆ Pasta sides
- ◆ Boxed potatoes
- ◆ Popcorn, cookies, snacks
- ◆ Men's disposable razors

Please check the expiration dates before donating. We are always in great need of gift cards to Aldi's or Walmart, to allow our neighbors in need to purchase fresh milk and eggs.

Thank you for your generosity,
Your St. Vincent De Paul Team

THURSDAY 9.7.23

6:30am Clyde Klump
8:00am Cecil Bess

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

FRIDAY 9.8.23

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

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

SATURDAY 9.9.23

8:00am Priest Intention
5:00pm Victor Shaff

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

SUNDAY 9.10.23

8:00am Marvin Birkemeier
10:00am Gerald Tabaska
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm James Barry

By Appointment



ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

September 30 and October 1



FALL FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Volunteers Needed

Please be sure to assist with this year's festivities, Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1. The opportunities are endless and include, assisting at the food tent, sandwich stand, hayride drivers, ticket attendants, raffle sales, kids games and inflatables, cake walk, barrel rides and much more!

Scan the QR code with your phone and choose the date, time, and festival activity you'd like to work! Registration sign-up is also available after mass!

Let's all work together to make this year's event the BEST! If you have any questions, contact Russ Schaller at 314-608-6551 or rgschaller1@gmail.com.



Raffles

Quilt Raffle: This year two quilts will be raffled off—a queen and a baby quilt. Both quilts were hand-quilted by the Assumption Quilters.

50/50 Raffle: Win big this year by purchasing tickets to this popular raffle.

New this year—Electric Bike Raffle: Win a pair of Trek Bicycles!



DONATIONS STILL NEEDED

CAKE WALK Donations:

We need many store-bought snack cakes for the Cake Walk! Some favorites include Cosmic Brownies, Zebra Cakes, Entenmann's, and Hostess cupcakes. **Drop off donations at the Parish Office between 8am-4pm, Monday through Thursday or 8am-2pm on Friday. Homemade cakes and baked goods can be dropped off at the Parish Center, Friday, September 29–Sunday, October 1.** Questions? Please call Ann Gessert, 314-322-5696.

LIQUOR AND GIFT CARD Donations:

Drop off popular liquor bottles and your favorite gift cards at the Parish Office during office hours!

KIDS GAME PRIZE Donations

Three ways to donate!

- **Shop the Assumption Amazon Wish List page** and have your purchased items delivered directly to the Games Captains. For all the details, click on the QR code:
- **Purchase full-size candy bars** and drop them off at the Parish Office.
- **Donate cash** and we will do the shopping for you!

Questions? Call Vanessa Markelz at 618-980-8817



COUNTRY STORE DÉCOR AND MORE Donations:

We are always looking for NEW and VERY GENTLY USED seasonal decorations, household items, home goods, and other nice items to resell at the country store. Just place these items in the orange bins in the pre-function area of the Parish Center any time before the Festival. **Also, keep in mind that if you make tasty treats, breads, and jams, we will need plenty of them, but not until the Friday before the festival.** Got Questions? Please call Lisa Serino, 314-479-1097 or Sue Snyder, 314-496-7790.

DESSERTS Donations:

As in year's past, we are asking each household to donate two pies or desserts for weekend dinner. **Drop your delicious donations at the Parish Center anytime Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30.**

Return the tickets and money to the Parish Office or drop in collection basket

Assumption Fall Festival
Raffle: Win 2 Electric Bikes!

SUNDAY ~ October 1, 2023

\$15 Each; 4 for \$50; or 10 for \$100

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PRINCIPAL'S PEN

ACADEMIC GROWTH TESTING AT ASSUMPTION

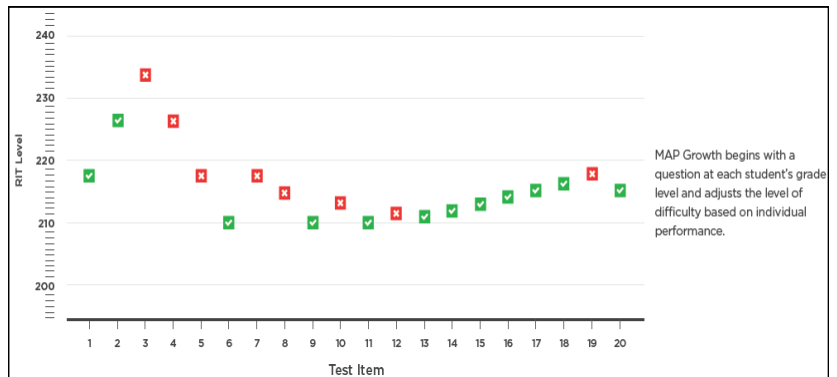
Children learn better—and faster—when teachers have a clear picture of what students know and how they are growing academically. Again this year, Assumption will be doing periodic testing of its students (K–8) to see individual growth in Math and Reading over the course of one year. The test is known as MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) by North West Association (NWEA), and it is NOT the same test that is given to public school students. Testing is held in August, January, and April, with individual reports being sent to parents after each testing. The Parent Report will show the strengths and weaknesses of each student. This data also provides teachers information to drive their instruction to best meet the needs of every student.

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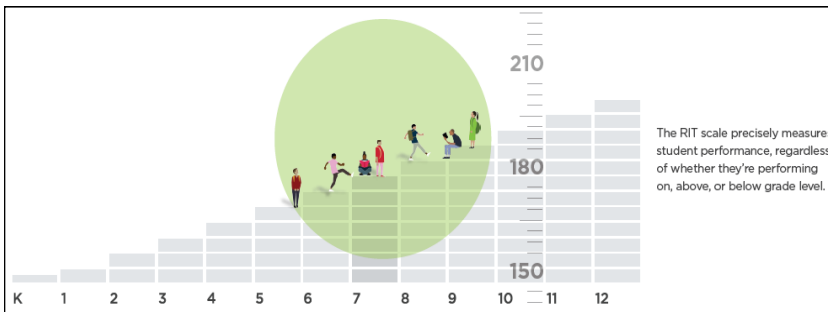
How it Works

MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test. If a child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level. MAP Growth begins with a question at each student's grade level and adjusts the level of difficulty based on individual performance.



What it Measures

MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track a child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Once a child completes a MAP Growth test, they receive a RIT score. The RIT scale precisely measures student performance, regardless of whether they're performing on, above, or below grade level.



In math, as an example, a score on an August test for a student was 227 (70th percentile), but in January it changed to 240 (87th percentile). When the graph is created, it is obvious the growth of the student's knowledge and the data driven instruction which focused on improvement.

RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. If a fourth-grade student and an eighth-grade student have the same RIT score in reading, then they are testing at the same level in that subject. This stable scale allows teachers to accurately measure each student's academic growth throughout the school year and over time.

Common Questions

How do schools and teachers use MAP Growth scores?

Teachers can use the scores to identify learning areas that their class should focus on, as well as monitor the growth of individual students. Principals use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level and the school.

Can MAP Growth tell me if my child is working at grade level?

Yes, BUT MAP Growth scores are just one data point that teachers use to determine how a student is performing.

What types of questions are on MAP Growth tests?

The MAP Growth tests include multiple choice, drag-and-drop, and other types of questions. Questions focus on critical thinking and the application of knowledge, not memorization.

God bless you and yours, and thanks for reading about Assumption,
Pat Hensley

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Volleyball and Soccer are slowly beginning their seasons and will be out in full force after Labor Day! Congrats to all the teams who have placed in tournaments so far!

As you walk along the fields, take a look at the wonderful paint job on the soccer concession stand. Thanks to all the volunteers who painted and cleaned up the area. It looks fantastic!

Signups for basketball will opening soon. Signups will be on the Team Sideline page: teamsideline.com/sites/cyosaintcharlesmo/current-programs.

For more information, check out our website at: sites.google.com/view/assumptioncyc/home

SAVE THE DATE: LADIES AUXILIARY QUARTER AUCTION OCTOBER 15



\$10.00 at time of reservation or at the event.

RSVP is appreciated and reserves your table/seat. To RSVP, contact **Margie Prinster, 636-577-1369**.

If you have questions call:
Margie Prinster, 636-577-1369 or
Beth Delano, 314-520-0134.



RCIA/OCIA: THE RITE/ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



History of RCIA

In the Gospel of Matthew, we find the Great Commission. Christ sends forth of the Apostles as missionaries with the command "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19; NASB).

Beginning with Our Lord's earliest command that "all nations" be initiated into His Church and throughout the history of that Church that followed, it is natural that many coming to faith and entering the Church would be adults. Very early in Church history, therefore, there were established processes of instructing and ministering to adults as they journeyed toward baptism and the other sacraments. The term "catechumen" is used today to mean exactly what it meant in biblical times when St. Paul writes to the Galatians regarding "the one who is taught the word (Greek: catechumens)" (Gal. 6:6; NASB). Church Fathers St. Justin Martyr (2nd century A.D), Tertullian (3rd century A.D.), St. Augustine (5th century A.D), and many others reference periods of instruction and preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, the Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation) during the period known as the "catechumenate."

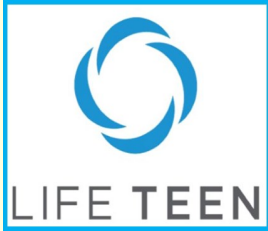
So, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) tells us: "From the time of the apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and initiation in several stages. This journey can be covered rapidly or slowly, but certain essential elements will always have to be present: proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel entailing conversion, profession of faith, Baptism itself, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and admission to Eucharistic communion." ⁽¹⁾

The catechumenate was especially important and prominent in the early Church since, first, as previously mentioned, many (perhaps most) entered the Church for the first time as adults; and second, the early Church experienced several periods of severe persecution and it was critical that those entering the Church be well instructed in the faith for which they risked their lives. As time progressed, infant baptism became more common and the persecution of Christians was lifted, the catechumenate appears to have received a bit less dedicated attention and development. That is not to say that it disappeared—as a missionary faith, the Church has always had some method of providing instruction and preparation for the sacraments. However, the conscious and focused development of a universal approach to the catechumenate faded somewhat following the Middle Ages.

The CCC acknowledges that the catechumenate was reinvigorated and RCIA established much later when "the second Vatican Council restored for the Latin Church "the catechumenate for adults, comprising several distinct steps." The rites for these stages are to be found in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)." ⁽²⁾ This initiative of Vatican 2 has resulted in the RCIA programs, the pathways into the Church for adults seeking after Our Lord, that we have in our parishes today. **"The Mystical Humanity of Christ Publishing"**

It's still not too late for anyone interested in this program to join us.

For more information, please contact Missy Lowrey, RCIA Coordinator at 314-630-3983.



HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

Life Teen is currently on a break until we start up with Fall Kick Off on September 10. This much needed recharge time gives us the opportunity to plan and serve our community well this semester, as well as recognizing that the first few weeks of school are incredibly action-packed for our teens. Please pray for us and our teens as we move towards our Fall Semester!



2023-2024 Save the Dates:

September 6: PSR Mass & EDGE Open House

September 8-9: LT Core Retreat

September 10: LT Fall Kick Off & First Weekend of Calendar Big Board Fundraiser

September 30: LT Haunted Hayride at the Fall Festival

November 10-12: LT Fall Retreat at Marianist Retreat Center

March 8-9: Luke 18 Retreat

Connect with us on Social Media:

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QUESTIONS? Contact **Becky Whitaker**, Director of Youth Minister
636-240-3721 ext. 243 or beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org

Alejandro DeHerrera, Middle School Youth Minister, ext. 333
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Our Gifts to God and Parish



Weekly Offertory	July 30, 2023	YTD 7/1/23 - 7/30/23
Actual Collections	\$24,691	\$167,025
Budget Target	<u>\$47,000</u>	<u>\$206,000</u>
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$(22,309)	\$(38,975)

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	\$ 802,576
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.*

OFFICE INFORMATION

403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366
636.240.3721 Parish Office
Hours: Monday-Thurs 8am-4pm
Friday 8am-2pm

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 9am

WEBSITE: assumptionbvm.org

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@assumptionmedia

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.