

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

In loving memory



Fr. Ronald Rubbelke

Born: December 12, 1938

Ordained March 14, 1964

Died: September 5, 2023

A Priest Forever

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Sacraments and Parish Information

ANOINTING 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,

On Tuesday morning, September 5, I received notice that Fr. Ron Rubbelke had died at Mother of Good Counsel Home. Fr. Ron has had a long history with Assumption parish, first being assigned here as an associate in 1995, he would have to leave the parish in September of 2013 for medical reasons but would come back in October of 2015. When I got here in 2019, he was living in St. Louis, at the priest retirement apartments called Regina Cleri, and driving out here to help with weekend Masses and RCIA. In 2020, he realized he really shouldn't be driving all the way to Assumption anymore. This was just a couple months shy of our COVID restrictions, which didn't give us many options.

While some parishioners have been here much longer than Fr. Ron's lengthy term, only one priest, Fr. Henry Brockhagen, who was pastor from April 1876 through March 1910, served Assumption longer. Fr. Ron came to the parish with new pastor Fr. Robert Boisubin, right after pastor, Fr. John Burke, and the associate, Fr. John Keane, both died within eight days of each other in 1995. He would go on to serve here with numerous pastors including Fr. Joe Kempf, Fr. Mitch Doyen, and I was also honored to serve here with him for a few months before 2020. He also managed to be here with 10 other associates through those many years.

We will be celebrating his funeral Mass here Monday, September 11 at 10am. Come celebrate Fr. Ron with us if you can and please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

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.org if you feel called to serve our parish in this manner.

Fr. Nick

MAUI WILDFIRE RELIEF

Next weekend, September 16-17, we will be taking a special collection to aide those affected by the fires in Maui, HA.

Be gracious
to us, O Lord,
for we are
in distress.

PSALM 31:9

God, bring
consolation
and relief

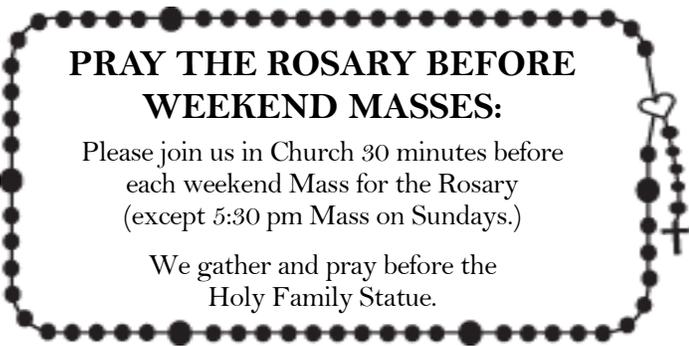
to Maui.



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



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.

FALL BIBLE STUDY CLASSES



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 ensure 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.**

Join the men of Assumption for a monthly Bible study at 7pm in Hall C on **October 12**. 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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Fr. Ronald Rubbelke

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 16** in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building for another amazing session 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: "The Kingdom is Like Leaven"

Speaker Fr. Leo Patalinghug

- ◆ Fr. Leo delivers delicious food for the body and the soul
 - ◆ Brioche Monte Cristo with a Flambéed Berry Compote and Whipped Cream
- ◆ Bring Some Levity Into Your Marriage, Family and Friendships
- ◆ Provide a Life-Giving Experience to Your Dinner Table
- ◆ Heaven is Called to Be a Celebration
- ◆ Lessons in Discernment: When to Bring the Heat and When to Be Gentle
- ◆ The Balance Between Levity and Discipline

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

PANCAKE
And Sausage
BREAKFAST

ASSUMPTION
MEN'S GROUP

AFTER 8AM & 10AM MASS, SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

Donations Welcome!

**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.

WELCOME ST. PAUL PARISH CHOIR

Come celebrate with us on **September 17** at the 10am Mass as we welcome St Paul Parish choir to join Assumption choir for a big sound.

**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.

**ASSUMPTIONS CHRIST RENEWS HIS
PARISH (CRHP) WOMEN'S RETREAT
OCTOBER 21 & 22**

Renew your spiritual journey by experiencing peace, comfort and become a happier you!

Why should you attend?

- ◆ Develop a closer and deeper relationship with Jesus
- ◆ Spend time in prayer
- ◆ Draw closer to this church community
- ◆ Parishioners will make new friendships that lasts a life time
- ◆ Celebrate your first best friend, Jesus

Reignite your spirit during a special weekend of faith sharing and friendship. What are you waiting for? Focus on Jesus trusting and get out of the boat!

For more information or to sign up, please contact Susan Prinster, 636-940-0426 or Lori Meyer, 314-517-1542.

**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.

	SUNDAY 9.10.23	MONDAY 9.11.23	TUESDAY 9.12.23	WEDNESDAY 9.13.23
Mass Times and Intentions	8:00am Marvin Birkemeier 10:00am Gerald Tabaska 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm James Barry	6:30am George & Sarah Bathon 8:00am Kristi Nickles	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Laverne Vihige	6:30am Marjorie Heinrich 8:00am Clarence Thessen
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



Craft Fair

Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023
 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Assumption Parish O'Fallon,
 403 North Main Street
 (outside on the parking lot)

Admission Free; Food Trucks on Site!
 Exhibitors contact Krystal Mills, PTO Fair Coordinator
 636-345-0522 or assumptioncraftfair@yahoo.com

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!

O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY RECEIVES TOP HONORS

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary #2269 for the impeccable work they do throughout our community! During a meeting on August 21, Art Bortorff (photo center), State District Deputy, and Rocky Gambon, State Meet Life Director, surprised and presented the former Auxiliary president, **Jeanette Koechner** (photo left) and current Auxiliary president, **Beth Delano** (photo right), with four outstanding awards:



- ◆ **Meet Life Phase II Annual Award:** Presented for donating funds to purchase two Ultrasound machines for local charities in need.
- ◆ **Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary—Highest Total Dollar Contribution:** Acknowledged for donating more than any Ladies Auxiliary in the state of Missouri.
- ◆ **Circle of Honor:** Recognized by the Missouri Religious Information Bureau for meeting all designated requirements.
- ◆ **Certificate of Appreciation:** From State Council on recognition of support for the Agape House/Prison Concerns. The Auxiliary was praised for their fundraising efforts and the fact that they almost raised more funds than any other KC Council during the 2022-2023. Assumption is so proud of all their accomplishments!

If you are interested in becoming part of this top-notch organization, please consider attending the next meeting at 7pm, Sept. 21 at the K of C Hall. For more information, contact Beth Delano, 314-520-0134 or bdelano06@gmail.com.

THURSDAY 9.14.23	FRIDAY 9.15.23	SATURDAY 9.16.23	SUNDAY 9.17.23
6:30am Joseph B. Murphy 8:00am Adam Burkemper	6:30am Rose & Victor Scholten 8:00am Steve Kaps	8:00am Norbert Rothermich 5:00pm Guy Penn Sr.	8:00am Cecil Bess 10:00am Tony Bange 12:00pm Shirley Mackey 5:30pm People of the Parish
7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment	4:00–4:45pm Church or by appointment	By Appointment



ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

September 30 and October 1



FALL FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Stop by the Fall Festival table after Mass to register to volunteer, purchase raffle tickets, discounted bounce house wristbands, and dinner tickets!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please be sure to assist with this year's festivities, Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1. Scan the QR code with your phone and choose the date, time, and festival activity you'd like to work. Questions? Contact Russ Schaller at 314-608-6551 or rgschaller1@gmail.com.



RAFFLES

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

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

INFLATABLE PRE-SALE WRISTBANDS

Discounted **WRISTBANDS** for unlimited use at the festival will be sold for \$15 after all Masses. For more information, contact Vanessa Markelz at 618-980-8817.

PRE-SALE Dinner Tickets

Secure your dinner tickets early! Tickets cost \$15 each and include pork steak dinner on Saturday and fried chicken dinner on Sunday.

CAKE WALK Donations:

Before the event, drop off store-bought donations at the Parish Office; homemade cakes and baked goods can be dropped off at the Parish Center, Friday, September 29–Sunday, October 1.

LIQUOR Donations:

We are still in need of liquor bottles for our new Booze & Bucks Bags. Drop off donations 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!



COUNTRY STORE FOOD Donations:

If you make tasty treats, breads, and jams, we will need plenty of them, but not until the Friday before the festival. Please drop off donations in the bins located in the pre-function area of the Parish Center.

DINNER DESSERT Donations:

As in year's past, we are asking each household to donate two pies or desserts for the weekend dinner. Drop

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND THE FABRIC OF AMERICAN EDUCATION

In the fall of 1947 Archbishop (later Cardinal) Joseph Ritter looked at the Catholic schools of St. Louis and said that “The cross on top of our schools must mean something: The equality of every soul before Almighty God,” thus ordering the city’s schools to desegregate. He had done similarly in 1938 when he was Archbishop of Indianapolis, an act that caused the Ku Klux Klan to protest outside of the city’s Cathedral. When over 700 white St. Louisans protested and even threatened to sue him to block desegregation efforts, he instructed every parish to read a letter during Sunday mass that instructed the faithful that he would excommunicate anyone who stood in the way. Within two weeks, the protestors had backed down, and the schools desegregated years before the area public schools would.



Cardinal Ritter and Cardinal McIntyre

This story is one part of a proud tradition of Catholic educational institutions being ahead of the curve. Saint Frances Academy was founded in Baltimore as the first school for Black girls in 1828, almost 40 years before there would be any public schools for Black students in Baltimore at all. St. Jude Educational Institute in Montgomery, Alabama was a campsite on the Selma to Montgomery March in 1965, hosting the “Concert for Freedom” that featured Sammy Davis Jr., Peter, Paul and Mary, Harry Belafonte, and Tony Bennett. Schools that were initially founded in urban centers in the late 19th and early 20th century to teach the children of Catholic immigrants from Ireland and Southern and Eastern Europe continued to serve their community when those families moved out and predominantly non-Catholic, Black families moved northward during the Great Migration.

Catholic schools have stood for educational excellence, economic mobility, faith formation, and moral witness for more than two centuries. From President Joe Biden to Supreme Court Justices Amy Coney Barrett, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, John Roberts, Clarence Thomas, and Sonia Sotomayor to former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Catholic schools have prepared generations of American leaders.

Research has continually shown that Catholic schools have a positive impact on the students who attend them and the communities that they serve. In their 1995 book *Catholic Schools and the Common Good*, Anthony Bryk, Valerie Lee, and Peter Holland argued that “Catholic schools have an independent effect on achievement, especially in reducing disparities between disadvantaged and privileged students.” As recently as 2021, David Figlio dug into the different types of schools that participate in Florida’s Tax Credit Scholarship Program and found that students who attend Catholic schools perform better than students who attend other, non-Catholic, private schools. This remains even after controlling for demographic characteristics that might explain the variation in performance.

In fact, Figlio writes, “I found similar patterns—a consistent apparent Catholic school advantage—across every other dimension I investigated: household size, parental marital status, racial and ethnic identification, and student gender identification.”

The evidence for Catholic schools also exists in the negative. When Catholic schools close, communities suffer. As Margaret Brinig and Nicolle Stelle Garnett document in their book *Lost Classroom, Lost Community*, Catholic school closures “have serious consequences for cities, especially for the residents of urban neighborhoods.” These consequences are uniformly negative, including a loss of social cohesion and an increase in disorder and crime.

Catholic schools have been an important part of the school choice coalition since its earliest days. It was Father Virgil Blum, a Jesuit priest and professor at Marquette University, who wrote *Freedom of Choice in Education* all the way back in 1958, wherein he stated, “Diversity in education is a necessary prerequisite for freedom of thought and freedom of inquiry; it makes possible the active exercise of those freedoms and those responsibilities that characterize a free society.” (Hat tip to James Shuls of the University of Missouri-St. Louis for uncovering much of the untold history of the school choice movement).

In 1972, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops published “To Teach as Jesus Did,” a pastoral letter to the American Catholic community. In it, the leadership of the church in America wrote multiple times about the importance of school choice, including saying: “*It is also imperative that the Catholic community collaborate with all Americans committed to educational freedom. The right of parents to exercise genuine freedom of choice in education in ways consistent with the principles of justice and equality must be recognized and made operative.*”

One small bit of additional history: one of EdChoice’s first grants almost 25 years ago was to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to help build Holy Angels School, a Catholic school that now collaborates with the Notre Dame ACE Academies to serve students from Indianapolis’s inner city.

Catholic schools are a proud part of the fabric of American education and civil society. It is essential to pursue policies that support families’ choice of Catholic schools for their children. We should do so for their own sake, for their community’s sake, and for the sake of the nation.

Hope you enjoyed this article about Catholic education in the United States! God bless you and yours,

Dr. Pat Hensley

*This article was written by Mike McShane at Forbes magazine.

2023–2024
Assumption
Theme





HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

Assumption Youth Ministry is back in action! This past Wednesday, we had our PSR Mass & Edge Open House and this Sunday, it is time for Life Teen Kick Off and our first weekend of the Calendar Big Board Fundraiser!



The annual **Life Teen Calendar Big Board Fundraiser begins this Sunday** at the 5:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass and will continue for the next two following weekends. The fundraiser works like this: each day of the calendar year has a dollar amount associated with it. January 1 is \$1, all the way down to December 31 which is \$365. You choose which days of the year are sacred to you (birthdays, wedding anniversaries, dates a loved one passed away, etc) and donate the corresponding amount for that day. On that day, the Life Teen Core Team and Staff pray for your prayer intentions, carrying them with us throughout the day. Your partnering with us for your sacred days makes it possible for us to continue to serve our teens on some of our most sacred days—our retreats. The funds raised go toward keeping our retreat fees as low as possible and scholarships for teens to attend retreats who do not have the financial means to do so. Your support makes it possible for us to continue to lead teens closer to Christ through our parish ministry at Assumption. We can't wait to see you and hear about your sacred days!

Sunday, September 10 | Life Teen Games–Fall Kick Off 6:30–8:45 p.m. in the Parish Center

All high school teens are invited to join us for the incredible beginning of our fall semester! Life Teen Games will feature fierce competition, messy games, new limited edition Life Teen Merch, and a great first night back with the LT family!

Wednesday, September 13 | Edge Kick Off 6–7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us for our first Edge Night of the year! Expect fun, faith, and community as we dive into what it means to vibrantly live out our Catholic faith together.



2023-2024 Save the Dates:

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:

Instagram:

@assumption_life_teen // @assumption_edge

Facebook:

Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

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
alejandrodereherra@abvmtech.org

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Volleyball and Soccer seasons are slowly beginning and will be out in full force soon! 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 and found at :
teamsideline.com/sites/cyosaintcharlesmo/current-programs.

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

ATTENTION MUSICIANS

The adult choir would love to work with our high school, college, and adult musicians occasionally at Mass. We are looking for any string instruments, woodwinds, and brass.

Anyone that would be interested in playing occasionally please call Peg Wehmeier at 314-486-4003.

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



THERE IS STILL TIME ... even though the RCIA process has already begun ... it's still not too late for someone to join us. If you know of anyone interested in learning about our faith please let us know. You can call Missy Lowrey at 314-630-3983 or the parish office.

The RCIA inquiry stage is the starting place for adults who are thinking about entering the Catholic Church. In the inquiry stage, you're **just finding out** about Jesus, Christianity, and the Catholic Church. Talk to people, walk around in our shoes for a bit and get a feel for the place. As an inquirer, you're not yet sure exactly what you think about the Catholic Church, so you're still keeping it at arm's length.

Your **main task** here is to develop your faith a little bit. Get to know Christ, prayer, the Catholic Church, and how Christians live. That's the only way you can make an informed decision about entering the Catholic Church.

Your task as an inquirer is simple:

- ◆ Ask the fundamental questions: (What is life? Who is God? Who am I?)
- ◆ Hear the Catholic faith's answers
- ◆ Ponder them in your heart

"Be still, and know that I am God." –Psalm 46:10

Ask the questions. Pursue the truth, relentlessly. Don't settle for less than 100% satisfaction; don't settle for half-hearted answers or simple formulas. Don't stop until you find overwhelming, mind-blowing love that knocks you to the ground. Then you'll know that you've fallen in love with Christ.

Some typical questions you'll consider in this period include:

- ◆ Does God exist?
- ◆ If God is real, how will I respond?
- ◆ Why do I exist? Does life have meaning? If so, what is it?
- ◆ Who is Jesus? What do I think of him?
- ◆ Can I really have a personal relationship with Jesus?

Come join us on our journey. You will be excited too! (beginning Catholic)

Our Gifts to God and Parish



Weekly Offertory	Aug 6, 2023	YTD 7/1/23 - 7/30/23
Actual Collections	\$45,914	\$212,939
Budget Target	<u>\$42,000</u>	<u>\$248,000</u>
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$3,914	\$(35,061)

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
<i>Last expected payment, August 2026</i>	

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

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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

facebook.com: @assumptionparish
 @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.