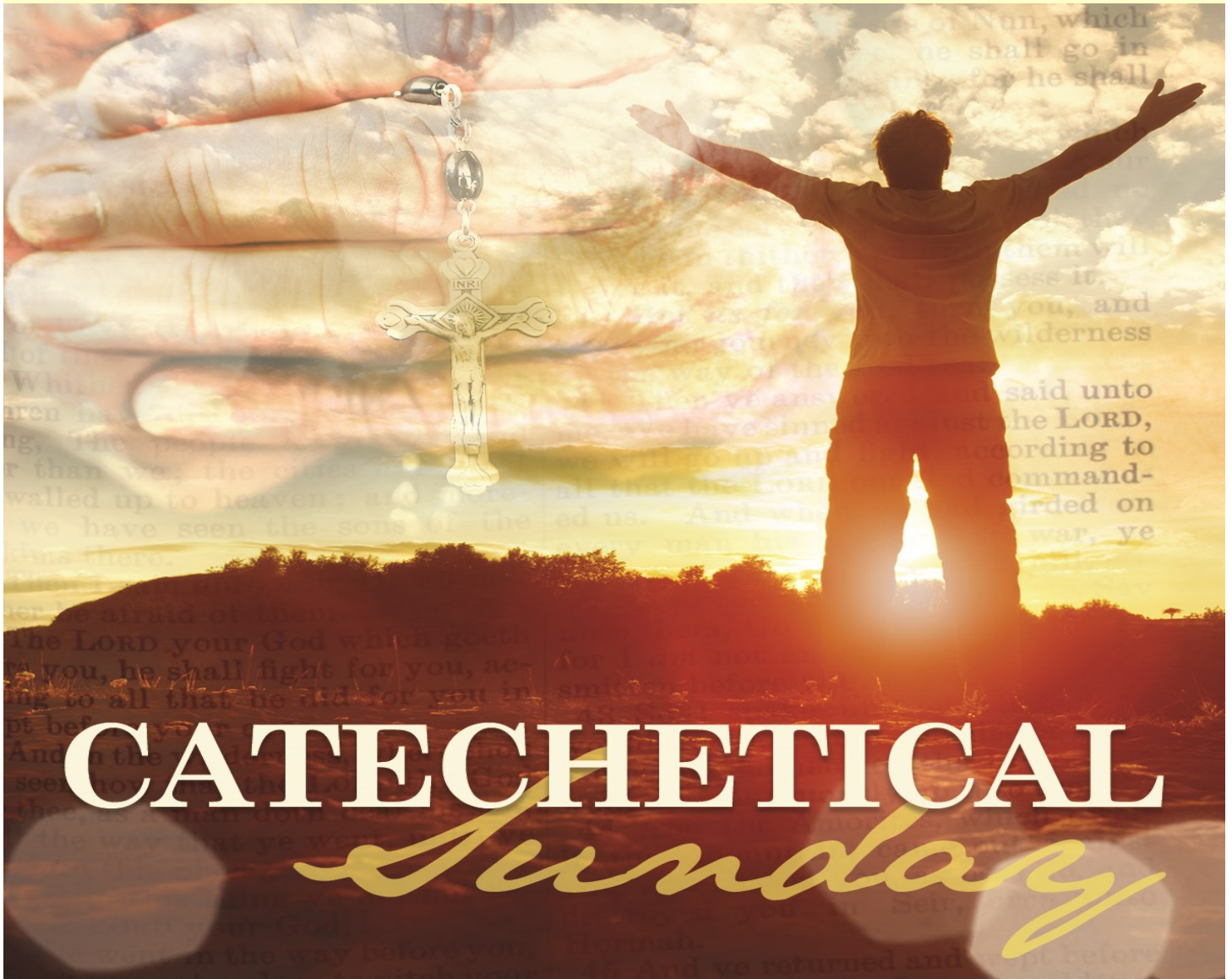


Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



CATECHETICAL *Sunday*

SEPTEMBER 17, 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, 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 4–4:45pm;
or by appointment.

CONFIRMATION

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

FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering second 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 of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

(RCIA) 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.

Welcome

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Hello,

With the anniversary of the parish (152 years now), we had put together some sacramental histories over the life of the parish. I thought this year I would focus more on how things have changed over the last 20 years with even more detail over the last four (details that we have available and also times we more readily remember—I have included the data from 2005 in increments of five years to 2015, and then from 2019 individual years through 2023 to reveal the changes).



The first thing I was interested in was how many individuals and families we have in the parish (this is recorded as Catholics and households). As you can see, the number of households increased about 20% by 2015 and has been fairly constant since. The number of Catholics has gone up less than 10%, so we have less people per household. The number of those contributors matters financially, but I believe it also tells us something about those active in the parish. As we can see it went up between 2005 and 2010 (right after the church was built), went back down a bit before COVID, and then dipped a little more during COVID but appears to have gone back up to our Pre-COVID numbers.

The number of different sacraments also tells us a bit about the demographics and participation of our parishioners. The most obvious change has been the increase in funerals, which tells us we likely have more elderly in our parish than we used to. But even at our highest number of funerals it was less than 1% of our Catholics (so an average age lifespan of 100 years isn't bad). All of the 'younger' sacraments like Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmations and Weddings have obviously went down between 2005 and 2015, and a particular dip in baptisms and weddings can be seen from COVID.

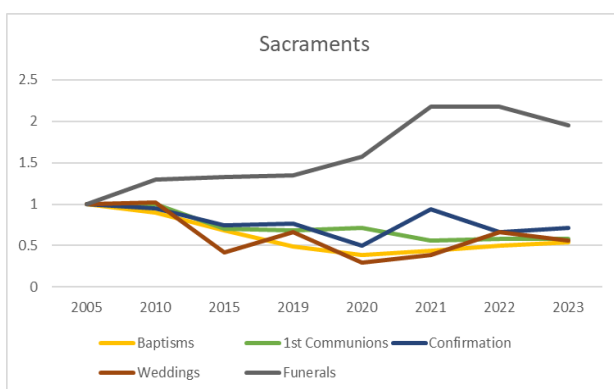
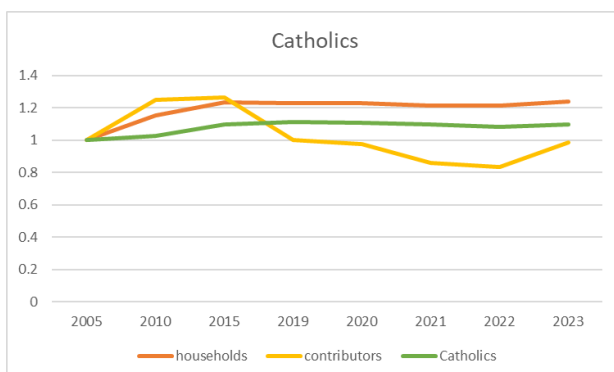
So what does this tell us? I would say that we definitely do have an older community than we did 20 years ago, with slightly smaller households and probably less of the households are active. COVID did have an effect on many aspects of the parish, but it appears that we are past that and need to take the opportunity now to evangelize and welcome the young and old to be involved in their faith at Assumption.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

NOTE: The Sacraments and Catholics graphics divided the numbers for each year, by the number that we had in 2005 for that sacrament or number of people or families, so the changes since 2005 can be clearly seen.

| | YEAR | | | | | | | |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2005 | 2010 | 2015 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| households | 2658 | 3067 | 3282 | 3266 | 3258 | 3230 | 3223 | 3292 |
| contributors | 1543 | 1924 | 1949 | 1547 | 1505 | 1325 | 1287 | 1524 |
| Catholics | 8374 | 8574 | 9182 | 9302 | 9269 | 9196 | 9076 | 9164 |
| Baptisms | 162 | 146 | 110 | 79 | 63 | 71 | 81 | 88 |
| 1st Communion | 154 | 154 | 108 | 106 | 110 | 87 | 89 | 89 |
| Confirmation | 151 | 143 | 113 | 115 | 76 | 142 | 100 | 108 |
| Weddings | 41 | 42 | 17 | 27 | 12 | 16 | 27 | 23 |
| Funerals | 40 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 63 | 87 | 87 | 78 |



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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Joan Ann Klinghammer

Patricia Luetkenhaus
wife of Leo Luetkenhaus

Shirley Englehart
mother of Barb Schwane

SISTERS OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD SPIRITUAL RETREAT DESERT DAY SEPTEMBER 21 | 9:15AM-3:15PM

How often have you said to yourself: “**I really need a day of prayer and quiet!**” Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are just that. Come to the quiet and beauty of **St. Joseph Chapel at 204 North Main, O’Fallon, MO.** The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. The opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is also available. Lunch is provided and we ask a free will offering.

For more information or to register, contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636-293-8013 or mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org.

ASSUMPTION RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE (PRO-LIFE) MINISTRY SEPTEMBER 21 | 11:30AM

Our Pro-life Ministry is supporting Our Lady’s Inn Maternity Homes for a fundraiser lunch at Defiance Ridge Vineyards. Our Lady’s Inn is a maternity home that has served as a life-affirming alternative to abortion for women who have chosen life for their unborn babies. For 40 years, these families have been housed and supported in their efforts to live healthy and productive lives, achieve educational goals, gain employment, and secure stable housing. Join us for food, friends, and fun.

Tickets are \$55 each for a table of eight. If interested, please contact Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803.

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING SEPTEMBER 21 | 7PM

What does it require to join the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus #2269? 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.

PANCAKE And Sausage BREAKFAST

ASSUMPTION
MEN’S GROUP



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

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.

ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH:



Join us **September 23** 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, table discussion, and then we'll have you on your way by **8:30am**. We will continue to learn how to be better men of God, better husbands, better sons, better fathers and be Men after God's own heart!

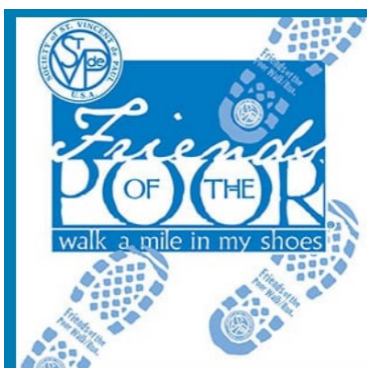
Our Church and our World needs you, man of God!

This week's session: "Christ the King!"

Speaker Fr. Dave Pivonka

- ♦ Behold, the Kingdom of God is in Your Midst
- ♦ Our World is Changing
- ♦ A Post-Christian World at odds with the Kingdom of God
- ♦ Signs of a Post-Christian World
- ♦ How to Live in a Post-Christian World
- ♦ Christ is the King

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



Registration at 9:00 AM
Coffee and Donuts provided
Walk begins at 10:00.
Walk as Little or Far as You Like!
Lunch to Follow Walk

Quail Ridge Park
560 Interstate Dr.
Wentzville, MO 63385

Register at www.fopwalk.org
or call Nancy Warren 636-578-8788
All Donations Benefit Assumption
St.Vincent DePaul

Saturday, September 23, 2023

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS #2269 FISH FRY STARTING OCTOBER 6 | 5-7PM

Join us on the first Friday of the month for a fish fry. Dine in and Carry out.

Menu: Fried cod and catfish, fried chicken fingers plus various sides and desserts.

Tea, coffee free; Full cash bar available: beer, wine, and mixed drinks.





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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER—PROLIFE CHAIN OCTOBER 1 | 2-3PM (DURING THE FALL FESTIVAL)

Join us in front of our Church and Chapel to pray the rosary to end abortions. Let us put our faith into action on this National Day of Prayer. Prayers can change the world. We will have signs by the Chapel and lower parking lot. If you would like, please bring a balloon and we will release them to our Lord as a sign.

Mass Times and Intentions

Reconciliation

SUNDAY 9.17.23

8:00am Cecil Bess
10:00am Tony Bange
12:00pm Shirley Mackey
5:30pm People of the Parish

By Appointment

MONDAY 9.18.23

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

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

TUESDAY 9.19.23

6:30am Priest Intention
8:00am Deacon Bill Walbridge

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

WEDNESDAY 9.20.23

6:30am Wayne Prinster
8:00am Jack Gierten

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

LADIES AUXILIARY QUARTER AUCTION

OCTOBER 15



\$10.00 at time of reservation or at the door. RSVP is greatly appreciated and reserves your table/seat.

To RSVP, please contact
Margie Prinster, 636-577-1369.

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY CLASS

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.

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.

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.

WELCOME TO ASSUMPTION

Please welcome with open arms our newest seminarians, Chase Riecker (left) and James (Jimmy) Fitzsimmons. These up-and-coming priests are studying theology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, and will be here to help celebrate Sunday Mass and assist with our Life Teen Youth Ministry through May 2024.

When you see them, please take a moment to stop and talk to them about their spiritual journey.



ASSUMPTION SCHOOL 23rd Annual



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THURSDAY 9.21.23

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

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

FRIDAY 9.22.23

6:30am Clyde Klump
8:00am Kevin Hale

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

SATURDAY 9.23.23

8:00am Priest Intention
5:00pm Rusty Franklin

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

SUNDAY 9.24.23

8:00am Pauline Cox
10:00am Madeleine Guccione
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm Betty Godrey

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, and 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 or visit assumptionbvm.org to register: 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 premium 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 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

**2023-2024
Assumption
Theme**



Assumption Middle School at O'Fallon 9/11 Ceremonies

Did you know that on September 11, 2005, the City of O'Fallon dedicated a memorial to America's First Responders: the police, firefighters and paramedics who are the first to respond to an emergency. The 17-foot monument was created from 22 tons of steel salvaged from the destruction of New York City's World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. A plaque memorializing the victims of the terrorist attacks on the nation honors the 346 firefighters and 37 police officers who perished as they attempted to rescue victims trapped in the World Trade Center's Twin Towers.



As in the past, our Middle School students, Faculty, and Administration were asked to participate in the ceremonies for 2023. Hayden Korte, Ivy Schenk, and Claudia Woodside handed out ceremonial programs to visitors. Deacon Richard Tadlock, from Assumption Parish, provided the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by four Assumption students: Danica Willis, Sam Molitor, Timmy Johnson, and Rina Baker. The keynote speaker was O'Fallon Fire Chief Tom Vineyard with honored guests being O'Fallon Police Chief Frank Minnini, Chief Kelly Cope with St. Charles County Ambulance District, and the US Navy Chief Petty Officers Association. Students Daniel Duffy, Hayden Brock, Sam Illy, and Anthony Minnini handed red and white carnations to guests.

Included in the program was a rifle salute, playing of taps, singing of *God Bless America* by the Assumption Middle School students, laying of the wreath by honored guests, and benediction by O'Fallon Police Chaplain Randall Lee. Following benediction, all attendees were able to place their carnations near the wreath to remember all that have served and fallen. Lastly, the Honor Guard retreated. Following the ceremony, this year, all guests were given the opportunity to complete a one-mile walk in honor of those fallen heroes. All of our students and faculty joined in the support of all men and women who have and continue to devote their lives to our safety.



Assumption Regional Band Resumes for Grades 4-8



Having experienced a few years of COVID life, we are headed back to being normal again! Assumption is resuming participation in the Regional Band, directed by Luke Juergensmeyer, Director and St. Dominic Band instructor. Luke is actively seeking students, grades 4-8, from seven parishes, to form the Regional Band.

Students can be in either the Beginning Band or the Advanced Band, learning the flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion, snare drum, or bell kit. The Advanced Band members can play the bassoon, baritone, or tuba. Practice is once a week at SDHS, with two performances a year, one at Christmas and one in spring. This experience could lead to being a member of the Mizzou Marching Band!

Ballet begins for Assumption Pre-K through First Graders

Dance classes for Preschoolers through First Graders is a perfect way to introduce them to the amazing art of dance, but also benefit their early development! Our Ballet classes, offered by Kathy Fowler of Dance Time, is a great way for little ones to move in a fun environment! A ballet class for three-six year old dancers can benefit their strength, flexibility, range of motion, coordination, and balance. Consistent dance classes for kids can help with proper alignment and posture which benefits life long health. Ballet classes challenge endurance and stamina. It also allows young dancers to make new friends! For preschool dance classes this means learning to face challenges like: keeping your hands to yourself, not cutting ahead in line, learning to speak to others nicely. These child friendships are important to the development of young children.

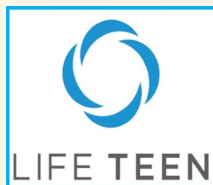


Dance class is a great place for young dancers to grow their personality! Dance can help children who have anxiety or fears of new people and places. Each week of dance class, tiny dancers gain confidence. It is a great introduction into the discipline and structure they will have in school and throughout their life. Ballet works your brain! Dance challenges young children's memory of choreography and dance terms. They learn patterning and how to connect physical and mental patterns. Being in dance class builds their focus, concentration, spatial awareness, and works gross and fine motor skills. Dance stretches children's imagination. In dance classes for kids, creative imagery is used to learn dance steps and movement.

We are proud to offer Ballet to our Pre-K through First Graders and thank Kathy Fowler with Dance Time for providing such a wonderful class.

Hope you enjoyed this information about Assumption!
God bless,

Dr. Pat Hensley



HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

Assumption Youth Ministry is back in action! This past Sunday, we kicked off our Life Teen Semester with a splash during Life Teen Games! Nearly 60 teens turned out for a messy night of **joy, community and competition** to begin our Fall Semester. We welcomed Jimmy and Chase, our new seminarians, as well as many new teens and core members. Please pray for us and know that we are praying for you!



The annual **Life Teen Calendar Big Board Fundraiser** continues this weekend and next before and after each of our parish Masses. 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 17 | Life Teen—Wolf in Sheep's Clothing: Wealth

6:30–8:45 p.m. in the Parish Center

All high school teens are invited to join us for the first night of our “Wolf In Sheep’s Clothing” series, all about the things we often use as substitutes for God. These four areas of wealth, power, pleasure, and status promise safety and security but are waiting to devour us if we trust them too much. Teens, we can’t wait to see you for dinner, community time and prayer.

Wednesday, September 20 | Edge—Scenic View: Why do we stare at a White Host?

6–7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us as we continue our Edge Semester, Mapp My Life, on the Eucharist. This week we are diving into why Eucharistic Adoration can be such a powerful way to pray. Expect fun, faith, and community as we explore what it means to vibrantly live out our Catholic faith together.

2023-2024 Save the Dates:

September 30: LT Haunted Hayride at the Fall Festival
November 10-12: LT Fall Retreat at Marianist Retreat Center
November 17: FREDGE – a NEW Edge Social Night!
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

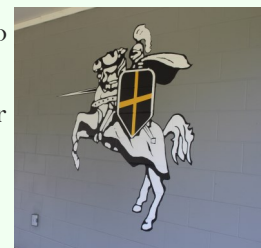
Volleyball and Soccer seasons are slowly beginning and will be out in full force soon! Congrats to all the teams who have placed in tournaments so far!

As you walk along the fields, be sure to stop by and see 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



RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

As we prepare the assembly for this year's ministry, one of the key elements are our sponsors.

Worship: Sponsors are active participants in weekly Sunday Mass and the major worship events of the parish. They are responsible for the attendance of their catechumens (non-baptized) and candidates (baptized already) at these events.

Daily prayer: Sponsors spend some significant, concentrated time in prayer every day (at least 15 minutes). Sponsors are responsible for teaching their catechumens how to pray daily.

Penitential prayer: Sponsors regularly examine their consciences and regularly practice the many forms of penance in Christian life (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1434–1439). RCIA sponsors are responsible for teaching their catechumens how to practice some of these forms.

Intercessory prayer: Sponsors regularly bring their needs before God (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2629–2636). RCIA sponsors are responsible for teaching their catechumens how to petition God for their needs.

The next example sponsors are to give is how to bear witness to the faith. And how do they do that? By praying in public or teach them a prayer, share a book, or movie, Be joyful. By remaining steadfastly joyful in all situations and sharing that joy with others, sponsors bear witness to that faith.

Last weekend, sponsors as well as team members were commissioned in their respective role for the 2023/2024 session.



OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH



Weekly Offertory Aug 27, 2023 YTD 7/1/23 - 8/27/23

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|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Actual Collections | \$27,627 | \$306,611 |
| Budget Target | <u>\$34,000</u> | <u>\$352,000</u> |
| Surplus / (Shortfall) | \$(6,373) | \$(45,389) |

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

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|----------------------|-------------|
| 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–3pm

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

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.