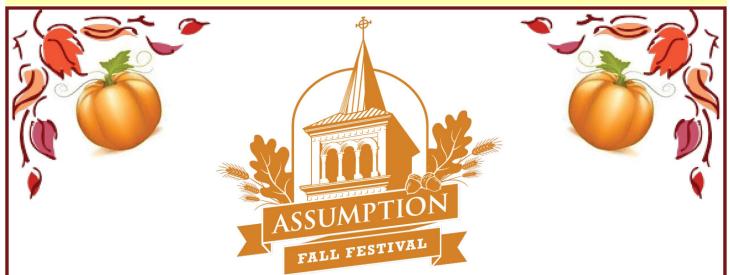
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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



Saturday, Oct. 5, noon to11 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$15 Brisket Dinner

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Polly and the Pocket, 6:30–10:30 p.m., Saturday | Whiskey Bent, noon–4 p.m., Sunday

Haunted Hayrides on Saturday • Inflatables • Kids Games • Barrel Rides • 50/50 Quilt Raffle • Cotton Candy • Cakewalk • Funnel Cake • Ultimate Sandwich Stand Adult Games • Tuition/5k Mega Raffle • Wine, Beer & Spirits • Country Store



Welcome

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Hello,

As most of you know, the Catholic Church considers that a human life begins at conception. An abortion is considered to be the deliberate termination of a pregnancy by killing the unborn child. It is this understanding that requires us to consider any abortion to be the killing of an unborn child, and thus a grave sin that cannot be supported.



I think most people understand this is the teachings of the Catholic Church, and many also understand why, but they allow their concern for the mother who they see in front of them to blind

them to the life of the child who would be killed by an abortion. This is one reason why sonograms can be so effective in letting a person see the living, growing, unborn child and to recognize the truth that an abortion would take this child's life.

In our upcoming election in Missouri, you will be asked to vote on Amendment 3 to the Missouri State Constitution, known as "The Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative" that drastically would change our abortion laws, legalizing abortion throughout all stages of pregnancy. While anyone who believes life begins at conception and that abortion is the killing of an unborn child will definitely **vote NO** on this amendment, it is also important to recognize aspects of this amendment that might persuade others to **vote NO** if they recognize what the amendment would do.

Amendment 3 would eliminate any requirement for parental notification or consent if a minor was seeking an abortion. Section 36, subsection 2. "The Government shall not deny or infringe upon a person's fundamental right to reproductive freedom... including but not limited to parental care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion care, and respectful birthing conditions."

Amendment 3 would put women at risk by superseding current Missouri laws that require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. Section 36, subsection 3. "The right to reproductive freedom shall not be denied, interfered with, delayed or otherwise restricted unless the Government demonstrates that such action is justified by a compelling governmental interest achieved by the least restrictive means. Any denial, interference, delay o restriction of the right to reproductive freedom shall be presumed invalid."

Amendment 3 would allow abortions at any time for any reason. Section 36, subsection 4. "Notwithstanding subsection 3 of this Section, the general assembly may enact laws that regulate the provision of abortion after Fetal Viability provided that under no circumstances shall the Government deny, interfere with, delay or otherwise restrict an abortion that in the good faith of a treating health care professional is needed to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant person."

We need to care for the unborn children, and we need to care for the pregnant mothers too. In our area, Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes is just one of many resources to help. <u>WalkingwithMomsSTL.com</u> has information about this and other services. If we wish for people to have freedom, we need to share with them the truth. Be willing to talk about the Amendment, be willing to listen to other's concerns, be willing to show your love.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

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 <u>assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com</u> 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

Antonio Chavez brother of Rosie (Chris) Crawford

Matthew Cook nephew of Charlene (Michael) Yerion

> Marita Strubhart sister of Joann Schoenherr





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O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 QUEEN OF HEARTS EVERY TUESDAY

Our O'Fallon Knights of Columbus welcomes 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 \$7,820**.



PRAYING FOR OUR PRIESTS

The Catholic Church is celebrating Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 29 On this day, the Church encourages priests to prayerfully reflect upon the gift of their vocation. The faithful are invited to pray for all priests today, including our very own Father Nick, Msgr. Stehly, and Father Patrick, that they may live lives of holiness and fidelity to Christ and his Church. And for our seminarian, Joey Griggs, and our parishioner, Deacon Bob Hennekes, who are in their final year of studies to become a priest.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.





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Reverend Nicholas Kastenholz Pastor Msgr. Dennis Stehly Reverend Patrick Russel senior Associate Pastor In Residence

September 29, 2024

FIT AND FUNCTIONAL **EXERCISE CLASS**



The Fit and FUNctional Exercise classes at Assumption started a new eight week session last Tuesday, but you can still join!

This exercise class, geared towards folks 50+, and taught by a Physical

Therapist, is intended to accommodate various activity levels to improve strength, flexibility, balance and mobility. We use resistance bands and small hand weights. Resistance bands are provided in class, or feel free to bring your own. Join us for all or some of the classes! We work hard, but we have fun, too!!

We meet on Tuesday/Thursday from 8:45am-9:45am in Hall A in the Parish Center. Call or email ahead, or just come to class!

Cost: \$50 for 8 weeks/16 sessions

Questions? Contact Debbie Gentry, PT at 314-306-2697 or AtHomePartnersLLC@gmail.com

ATTENTION MEN **OF ASSUMPTION PARISH**

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



Join us Saturday, October 5 in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building for another fantastic 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.

This week's session: "Pride—The Anti-God"

Speaker: John Sablan

- ◆ I Will Not Serve, Satan's Origin of Pride
- Man Aiming Higher than He Is
- The Vice that Precedes the Fall
- ◆ Four Forms of Pride St Thomas Aquinas
- ♦ A Biblical Illustration of Pride
- ♦ Look to Me, I am Meek and Humble of Heart

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Richard at DeaconRichard@charter.net.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER **PROLIFE CHAIN OCTOBER 6 | 1:30-3PM** (DURING THE FALL FESTIVAL)



Join us in front of our Church and Chapel to pray the rosary to end abortions. Prayers can change the world. Pray that Amendment 3 will not pass, which would allow abortions

in Missouri. Come to the Chapel for a sign. Rosary starts at 2pm. Bring a lawn chair.

Our Father in Heaven tells us how to live so we can be with him as his children. The fifth commandment states, "Thou Shall Not Kill." Let us put our faith into action on this National Day of Prayer.

	SUNDAY 9.29.24		MO
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7:50am Church appointment

TUESDAY 10.1.24 6:30am Donna Maschmann 8:00am Vince Scully

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

WEDNESDAY 10.2.24

6:30am William Rebello 8:00am Tommy Hobday

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

LADIES OF THE PARISH



What if in one weekend, you could revitalize your There is More to Life relationship with Christ,

AND spark your prayer life, AND, strengthen your family, AND make new and lasting friends? Would you give us just 36 hours? Then WELCOME-CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH 2.0 is for you!

Please join us October 12-13. It's coming up fast. We have a team formed to WELCOME you on your spiritual journey. We are praying that you will join us, it just won't be the same without you!

For information or registration please contact Jamie Burbridge at jburbridge@abvtech.org.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 10AM



Ministers of Holy Communion is a Pillar of Prayer-St. Francis.

Mission Statement: As Assumption Ministers of the Holy Eucharistic at the Table of Life, we reverently distribute the Body of

Christ to all the faithful that we may become one as the Body of Christ for the entire world.

Is God calling you to participate in the distribution of the Body or Blood of Christ to our parish community? There is a great need/opportunity to become a part of the Ministry of Holy Communion.

Training will be in the Church at 10am on Saturday October 19. At 11am, additional information will be provided to ministers who take Communion to our brothers and sisters in private homes or in care facilities. The training will end with a Question and Answer period.

If you would like to participate, please contact: Mary Keen at 636-699-0407 or at mlkeen155@icloud.com. We welcome parishioners who are new to the ministry as well as existing ministers who feel as though the training would benefit them.

THURSDAY 10.3.24

6:30am Sue Nilges 8:00am Daniel Harmon FRIDAY 10.4.24

6:30am Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life 8:00am Blanche Nanney

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

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CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Diane Gerard for being nominated for Catholic Women of the Year 2024—Heart of the Church.

One of only 13 women from throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Diane was recently recognized at the

annual St. Joseph Evangelization Network Awards Dinner held at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac, September 15.

Diane is an extraordinary individual whose selfless dedication to her faith is an inspiration to all who know her. With unwavering enthusiasm, Diane consistently invites others to deepen their spiritual journey. From Bible studies and Stations of the Cross to casual gatherings and prayer groups, she creates welcoming spaces where people feel encouraged to grow closer to Christ. Her ability to make everyone feel valued and loved fosters an environment where hearts are open to receiving God's word.

Diane is a beacon of light at Assumption and throughout community—Finding the Christ here... and bringing Christ to the World. This part of her verse was



nomination, highlighting how she lives a life that reflects the goodness of God and inspires others to follow suit.



"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on a lampstand, so that its

light may shine on all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:14-16

SATURDAY 10.5.24 8:00am Jenny Burkemper

5:00pm Ginny Bonnell

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

SUNDAY 10.6.24 8:00am Marie Schepker

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Alan Kirn	
Madeleine Guccione	
People of the Parish	

By Appointment

FINAL WEEK TO SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER AND MAKE DONATIONS FOR FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival is fast approaching Saturday, Oct. 5 from noon-11pm and Sunday, Oct. 6 from 11am-4pm. Show your support and give back by volunteering, purchasing raffle tickets, making baked goods, donating items in need, and attending the event.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need volunteers. Scan the OR code with your phone and choose

the date, time, and festival activity you'd like to work. Please note: If we do not get all the volunteer worker shifts



volunteer worker shifts <u>Scan me</u> filled for inflatables, the unlimited bounce house/inflatable wristbands may be eliminated.

Questions? Contact Russ Schaller at <u>rgschaller1@gmail.com</u> or 314-608-6551.



PURCHASE RAFFLES

Mega Raffles are still available! Win one-year Assumption School tuition valued at \$6,385! The winner can choose to take the free tuition or a cash prize of \$5,000. Quilt Raffles are also available. (see tickets on next page). You can also visit us online at <u>assumptionbvm.org</u> to purchase tickets.

DESSERTS Donations

If you make tasty treats, breads, and jams, we will need plenty for the Country Store, 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.

We also **need many pies and desserts** for our food tents, as well as the cakewalk. Drop your delicious donations at the Parish Center anytime Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5.



CAKE WALK Donations

Please continue to bring your Little Debbie snack cakes to the in the Parish Office through October 4; otherwise, storebought and homemade cakes and goodies donations can be brought to the Parish Center Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6.



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!



LIQUOR AND WINE Donations

We are still in need of liquor bottles and wine for our new Adult Booze Ring Toss Game. Drop off donations at the Parish Office during office hours.



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50+ CLUB NEWS

Pennsylvania Trip: We had a great time traveling to Pennsylvania on the Diamond Tours bus trip with 50 Plus members and others from area parishes! Please pray for our members that got sick at the end of the trip with stomach-flu type symptoms—some are just now starting to become ill. If anyone from the trip still has the yellow trip lanyard, please drop it off at the Church Office or give to Kim at the 5pm or 8 am Mass. We can use those with the pageant practices.

<u>CRHP 2.0 Welcome in October</u>: Also, I'd like for the 50+ members to prayerfully consider the CRHP 2.0 retreat. Ladies, I just signed up and I'd love to see you join me!

<u>Volunteering at the Fall Festival</u>: Also, volunteers are still needed for the Fall Festival. I already signed up for two shifts. If you are able, sign up to help!



<u>Senior Program at Act Two Threatre</u>: Tickets to the hilarious and classic musical performance of *Once Upon a Mattress* on November 7 at St. Peters Cultural Arts Center have been inquired.

Questions? Contact Kim at 918–381–7459 or <u>thornhillproductions@gmail.com</u>.

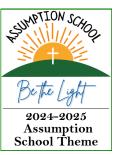
Thank you, Kim Thornhill to attend the YMCA's Camp Lakewood this year.

PRINCIPAL'S PEN 🔪



Our 6th graders go to the YMCA's Camp Lakewood each year in Potosi, MO which is about two hours away from Assumption. This year the weather was great and oh what fun they had! Mrs. Welby, the Assistant Principal and I took a day off of campus and headed to camp! We had a great time visiting and witnessing the students participate in archery, ax throwing, horseback riding, trail hikes, geology hikes, survival hikes, the climbing wall and team building obstacle courses. We had

the opportunity to speak with many 6th graders when they returned. We asked them what their favorite part of camp was and without a doubt everyone loved ziplining. It was exciting to watch the students in a different environment, working together and having so much fun. This is an



experience they will remember for the rest of their lives! Thank you to our parent chaperones, Tony Rinella, Shannon Nute, Guy Penn, and Katie Gream. A special thanks goes out to Tim Steimel who stepped up as our very own EMT/Camp Nurse. A very big thank you to our 6th grade teachers, Mrs. Pipkins and Mrs. Schenk for organizing and making it possible for our 6th graders

Blessings, Mrs. Jamie Burbridge Principal













HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

Youth Ministry at Assumption is officially back in action for the Fall Semester! We are looking forward to a dynamic and powerful semester with the young Church at Assumption. Please pray for us and know that we are praying for you!

Sunday, September 29 | Life Teen: You Are What You Eat 6:30–8:45pm | Parish Center

All high school teens are invited to join us for a night focusing in on the transformative power of the Eucharist. Expect dinner, fellowship, fun, and powerful prayer, especially during Adoration. We can't wait to see you there!

Wednesday, October 2 | EDGE: Handmade

6–7:30pm | **Parish Center** All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us as we continue our Edge semester with a night focusing in on God and Creation. We can't wait to see you there!





Big Board Calendar Fundraiser Update:

Investing in and forming the young Church requires intentional effort and resources. The in-person portion of our fundraiser has come to a close and we are blown away by the generosity of our parish! Our parish has committed to partnering with us for **192 days out of 365**, **raising nearly \$30,000** for youth ministry at Assumption! Thank you for walking along side us as we lead teens closer to Christ. The fundraiser will continue online until January 1.

For more information and to partner with us, please visit <u>https://assumption-church.square.site</u>.



2024–2025 EVENTS: 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 Director of Youth Minister; Life Teen Youth Minister 636-240-3721 ext. 243 or <u>beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org</u>

OUESTIONS? Contact Becky Whitaker,

Alejandro DeHerrera, Middle School (EDGE) Youth Minister 636-240-3721 ext. 333 or <u>alejandrodeherrera@abvmtech.org</u>





September 29, 2024

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS BASKETBALL SIGNUPS ARE OPEN THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

Is your child interested in basketball this fall? Scan the QR Code to sign them up. Practices start in November and games start on December 13 for grades 5–8, and January 3 for Grades 3–4.



Practice slots are chosen by the head coach after the coaches meeting. The coaches will set the practice schedule.

All CYC Northwest information can be found at <u>www.teamsideline.com/sites/cycnorthwest</u>

For questions about the Basketball Program, contact the Coordinator at <u>asmpobasketball@gmail.com</u>.

ADULT FAITH SERIES NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 7



This fall we are having another video/discussion series to help us grow in our faith. *The Wild*

Goose, with Fr. Dave Pivonka (discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit). "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. We will view 7 of the 14 videos in this series this fall, starting September 24-November 7. A moderator will show the video and help get our discussion going at two times each week.

Tuesday mornings 9–10:15am (Parish Hall, Meyer 1 & 2)

Thursday evenings 6:30-7:45pm (Parish Hall, Rooms D & E)

Consider coming to watch and talk with fellow parishioners or watch with a group you know. You can find the videos on the Formed.org website by going under the **Programs** column to **Faith Formation. The Wild Goose** will be on that page along with **the Search** that we viewed last winter, and many other series.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory Actual Collections Budget Target Surplus / (Shortfall) Sept 8, 2024 \$33,768 <u>\$40,000</u> \$(6,232) YTD 7/1/24 - 9/8/24 \$394,637 \$400,000 \$(5,363) Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our schoolOriginal Loan\$3,306,127Current balance owed\$441,932Monthly payment\$20,923Last expected payment will be in May 2026.

Thanks to a \$40,000 bequest made in memory of Arthur and Paul Niebur, and \$5,000 in other donations to reduce our debt, the last expected payment moved from August 2026 to May 2026.

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: <u>assumptionbvm.org/Our-Parish/Online-Giving</u> or scan the QR Code and create an account.



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The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)

We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)

God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

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OFFICE INFORMATION

BULLETIN NOTICES Submit to Parish Office Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com by 9am on the Tuesday before Sunday's edition (five days prior)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: <u>assumptionbvm.org</u> 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.