Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OCTOBER 1, 2023

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



Saturday, Sept. 30, 4 to 10 p.m., \$15 Pork Steak Dinner Sunday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., \$15 Fried Chicken Dinner

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Almost Famous, 7–10 p.m., Saturday | The Bright Side, 1:30–5:30 p.m., Sunday

Haunted Hayrides on Saturday • Traditional Hayrides on Sunday • Inflatables Kids Games • Barrel Rides • Quilt Raffle • Cotton Candy • Cake Walk • Funnel Cake Adult Games • Electric Bike Raffle • Wine, Beer & Spirits • Country Store • 50/50







































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Hello,

Over the last month, on various weekends, some people have been handing out flyers in our parking lot regarding St. Barnabas Parish. I was waiting until I could say something more definitive but since numerous people have asked me about it, I thought it was worth passing on what I do know.



As of August 1, the parish community of St. Barnabas was decreed to be subsumed into Assumption parish. Although August 1 was the effective date of the decree, the canonical process allows for an "appeal window," in which any parishioner can request the Archbishop to revoke or amend his decree. During the "appeal window" we were obligated to maintain separate legal records for each parish. During this period, our financial and census records remained separate, however, our parish community is being served as one community pastorally. We honored the intent of our donors during this period, that is, if a check is directed to Assumption (made payable to), it is deposited into the appropriate bank account and recorded for Assumption. Likewise, for St. Barnabas.

The appeal window is considered closed for St. Barnabas. However, as you are likely aware, some have stated publicly that they have appealed the decree regarding St. Barnabas directly to the Vatican. Neither I nor the archdiocese have been told personally nor have we received a copy of the appeal.

The Dicastery of Clergy has not yet notified Archbishop Rozanski with their receipt of the appeal. Validation of the appeal is not possible until the Dicastery for the Clergy shares the appeal with Archbishop Rozanski. Until the rumored appeal can be substantiated, the following directive is in place: the financials and parishioner registrations should not be merged for St. Barnabas, and no decisions should be made that would be difficult to reverse. St Barnabas funds have not been mingled with Assumption funds and all expenses have also been kept separate.

Meanwhile, St. Juan Diego parish has begun using the facilities for serving those of Hispanic language and heritage. They are also assuming the current operations and maintenance expenses for the facilities.

The Archdiocese will contact me when and if they receive notification from the Dicastery of Clergy that the appeal for St. Barnabas was received, and the Metropolitan Tribunal completes the process of validation. I will continue to update you as I am updated.

Change is never easy for any one of us, but it can be especially hard when there is uncertainty about the change happening or not. Let us keep each other in our prayers as we wait to see the direction we are going.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

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: assumptionbym.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.



John Bell husband of Denise Bell

Arnold Becker of our parish family

Sarah Yancey step-mother of Kelly Speth

Theresa (Betty) Bruegenhemke wife of James Bruegenhemke

CHURCH MUSIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS

Musical, Pastoral, and Liturgical formation for Junior high and High School singers and instrumentalists will begin in October. This program is directed to young people who experience a call to take a leadership role in the Church using their gift of music. Rehearsals will include learning the appropriate use of music in liturgy as presented in the General Instructions of the Roman Missal and other Church documents. Students will also have the practical experience of leading the music for Mass once a month at Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

Enrollment is limited. Audition required for vocal or instrumental participation in the program.

Contact Fr. Bruce Forman for additional information, revycm@charter.net or 314-231-7464.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM STARTS OCTOBER 8 | 10AM

All children ages 3 yrs to second grade who have not had their first communion are invited to participate in an interactive program where the Children's Liturgy of the Word is presented at their age level.



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held every Sunday at the 10am Mass from October through May. It is free and no registration is required.

Children will be dismissed after the opening prayer and asked to follow the Catechist downstairs to Rooms D/E. The children will return to Mass at the start of the offertory.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Catechists, timekeepers, and classroom support to help keep the children focused on the Word. This is a perfect opportunity for young adults to help and earn service hours towards their confirmation goals.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Maria Tadlock, **Shmilyrt@charter.net**, 636-734-2817.



WE ARE IN NEED OF CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS!

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 9-11:15 a.m. If interested, please see contact information below.

Meredith Huhman 573-680-4701 assumptionofallonmops@gmail.com

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

THIS WEEKEND | SEPTEMBER 30 and OCTOBER 1

We are still needing donations for the cakewalk and dinner dessert.

CAKE WALK donations:

Homemade cakes and baked goods can be dropped off at the Parish Center anytime this weekend. Look for signs.



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



pie racks at the Parish Center anytime this weekend.

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 to release them to our Lord as a sign of our love of life.

DON'T MISS MEN'S GROUP MEETING **OCTOBER 4 | 7PM**



The Assumption Men's Group is MEN'S GROUP back, and ready to give back but we cannot do this without YOU! We are a group of Catholic men, ages 18

and older, who come together in solidarity to embrace our spirituality, give back through service, and enjoy one another's company through socialization.

The Assumption Men's Group meets every first Wednesday of the month at the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus #2269. Grab a friend and be sure to join us!

more information, Kelly Gessert contact at assumptionmensgroup@gmail.com

FIT AND FUNCTIONAL **EXERCISE CLASS BEGINS OCTOBER 3**

Join us for our next eight-week session of our Fit and FUNctional Exercise class. This exercise class, geared towards folks 50+, and taught by a Physical Therapist, is



intended to accommodate various levels to improve strength, flexibility, balance and mobility. Resistance bands are provided in class, or feel free to bring your own. Registration will occur at the first class, and you're welcomed to join us any time!

When: Tuesday/Thursday, 8:45-9:45am

Where: Hall A of the Parish Center Cost: \$50 for 8 weeks/16 sessions

Questions? Contact Debbie Gentry, PT at

314-306-2697 or AtHomePartnersLLC@gmail.com

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS #2269 UPCOMING EVENTS

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 MAY, OCT. 6 fingers plus various sides and

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

Tootsie Roll Drive | October 14-15



The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive will be happening after all Masses the weekend of Oct. 14-15. Please help us support Cardinal Glennon and Community

Living Inc. who help people with developmental disabilities.

Queen of Hearts | Every Tuesday



All are welcome to the weekly Queen of Hearts every Tuesday. Doors open at 5pm with drawing at 7pm. Food and beverages available for purchase.

Mass Times and Intentions

Reconciliation

SUNDAY 10.1.23

8:00am Vince Scully 10:00am Ron Hanebrink 12:00pm Shirley Mackey 5:30pm Bette Powers Special Intention

By Appointment

MONDAY 10.2.23

6:30am Clyde Klump 8:00am Hurlbert Family Special Intention

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

TUESDAY 10.3.23

6:30am Robert L. Wahl 8:00am Deacon Bill Walbridge

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

WEDNESDAY 10.4.23

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

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

LIVING ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL **OCTOBER 7**

After the 8am Mass in the Church, join us in the Chapel to say the rosary. We will also have our first Saturday prayers and devotion following the rosary. If you would like, you may bring a flower for our Blessed Mother Mary.

For more information, you can contact Sylvia Kiphart, 636-978-8803.

ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH:

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

Join us **October 7** in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building another amazing session of THAT MAN IS YOU!



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!

This week's session: "The Overthrow of Satan"

Speaker Fr. Dave Pivonka

- ♦ The Kingdom of God is at Hand
- ♦ Not Talking about a Movement, an Army, or a Government
- ♦ The Three Forces at Work in the Kingdom of the World
- ♦ The Power of Satan is NOT Infinite
- ♦ Satan Cannot Prevent the Building Up of God's
- Greater is He Who is in Me than he Who is in The World
- ♦ Claim the Power and Inheritance as an Heir to Christ

For more information, contact Deacon Richard at DeaconRichard@charter.net or at

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

THURSDAY 10.5.23

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

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

FRIDAY 10.6.23

6:30am Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life 8:00am Norbert and John Rothermich

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

SATURDAY 10.7.23

8:00am Pat Luetkenhaus 5:00pm Rusty Franklin

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

SUNDAY 10.8.23

8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am James Barry

12:00pm Larry Meece

5:30pm Mike and Diane Golonka 50th wedding anniversary

By Appointment

BIBLE STUDY CLASS OCTOBER 12 | 7PM

Join the men and women of Assumption for a monthly Bible study in the multi-purpose room. 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.

FIRST ANNUAL MEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) ALUMNI WEEKEND

OCTOBER 14 & 15

It is not too late, there are still some open spots for the **First Annual Men's Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)** weekend, which will be held October 14-15 at the LaSalle Retreat in Wildwood. Come join fellow CRHP brothers for an enriching, peaceful and fun event.



For more information, please contact:

Kelly Gessert, 636-728-8840, <u>kelly.gessert@gmail.com</u> or Rick Schenk, 314-486-2337, Rwschenk3@gmail.com.

LADIES AUXILIARY QUARTER AUCTION

OCTOBER 15 | 1-4PM (DOORS OPEN AT NOON)



Join us in Assumption Parish Halls A & B for this fun event benefitting numerous charities that assist women and children in need.

What is a Quarter Auction? You bid on prizes from \$10 to \$100 with mere quarters! Nothing over \$1. Paddles are \$10 at time of reservation or at the door. You can purchase additional paddles.

Bring a roll or two of quarters for bidding and a snack to share at your table. Beverages will be available for purchase.

Crafters and vendors are scheduled to participate. Lots of prizes are being donated from the Ladies Auxiliary as well!



RSVP is greatly appreciated and reserves your seat. Contact Margie Prinster, 636-577-1369 to RSVP.

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

ASSUMPTIONS WOMEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) 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.

a nite at the races



Tickets Include Water, Soda, and Draft Beer with snacks as well as \$10 in Racing Cash!

Like a Trivia Night, you can bring your own snacks!

PARISH MISSION

60 Minutes for Jesus

Scripture, Storytelling, Laughter & Praise
With Father Jim Sichko

October 8,9 and 10

6:30pm to 7:30pm each evening

All are invited to this family friendly event!

St. Paul Church 1223 Church Rd St. Paul, MO



Father Jim Sichko is a full time preacher, evangelist and motivational speaker based in the Diocese of Lexington, KY. In February 2016, Pope Francis commissioned Fr Jim as one of his Papal Missionaries of Mercy.

Known for storytelling, Fr Jim weaves everyday life experiences with the rooted messages which lie in the Gospel.

RETROUVAILLE-ST LOUIS WEEKEND OCTOBER 13-15

What is Retrouvaille?

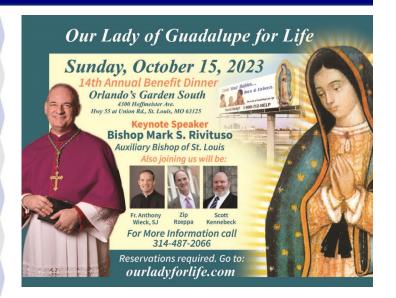
The word Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi) is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship.

Who is it for?

It is for couples with marital problems including those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help.

- ◆ A Marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.
- ◆ A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.
- ◆ Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect.
- Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

For more information or to register, call 314-453-0110.





PRINCIPAL'S PEN



2023-2024 Student Council Officers

The Assumption Student Council is an organization conducted by students and supervised by faculty members, Mrs. Stacy Chassaniol and Mrs. Lahnar. The purpose of our student council is to give students an opportunity to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects. With September over, Student Council campaigns have ended, speeches have been given and the votes are in. The officers for the 23-24 Student Council are:







Sam Molitor President



Tim Johnson Vice President



Isaac Summers Secretary



Ray Ryan Treasuer

Grade 6-8 STUCO Elected Class Representatives:

Sena Akpovo	Ellie Davis	Jackson DeMille
Justin Dowdy	Lex Felix	Lyla Finazzo
Anna Finley	Vaida Gruenloh	Cemia Harvey
Anne Johnson	William Kiethley	Noah Kleckner
Addison Markelz	Aiden Mathis	Easton Miller
Chase Meyer	Lucy Nelson	Ivy Schenk
David Smith	Zak Summers	Maria Thessen

Charlotte Thomas

Congratulations to the Students Council leaders for this school year.



Muffins with Moms

Thanks to the moms and students that attended our first Muffins with Moms on September 20 (last names A-L) and September 27 (last names M-Z). Families began arriving by 6:45am to enjoy the donuts, muffins, and danish until 7:30am. We had plenty of conversation and fun. In March, we have Donuts with Dads!









Assumption ONLINE Book Fair | October 4-6

This year, we're bring back the Book Fair for all grades PreK-8. All students, parents, and friends of Assumption can purchase books online during that time by setting up an eWallet account at https://www.scholastic.com/bf/abvm.

Our GOAL is to sell 500 books and proceeds will go to our school allowing teachers to purchase classroom books, maps, and posters. Anyone can purchase books and they will be delivered to school for pick-up. Great idea for Christmas gifts!



HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

Our teens and middle schoolers continue to blow us away with the ways they are entering into community and prayer. Please pray for us and know that we are praying for you!

Thank you for your support of the **Life Teen Calendar Big Board Fundraiser** over the last few weekends! With your generosity, we raised just shy of \$27,000 to help lead teens closer to Christ this year! This is incredible and we can't thank you enough!

In case you missed out or would **still like to donate**, all remaining dates are posted to our website and be accessed from Assumption's social media channels as well.

Registration for Life Teen's Fall Retreat is officially open! Our Harry Potter inspired Fall Retreat, Abide, will be held November 10-12 at Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka, MO. Teens can expect an incredible retreat weekend filled with great food, impactful stories, crazy good fun, powerful prayer, s'mores, the Sacraments and so much more! Retreat is \$100 per teen, and scholarships are available upon request. No teen is ever turned away due to financial need.

Sunday, October 1 | Life Teen—Wolf in Sheep's Clothing: Pleasure 6:30–8:45 p.m. in the Parish Center

All high school teens are invited to join us for the third 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, October 4 | Edge—Point of Interest: Why isn't Mass more exciting? 6–7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

All seventh and eighth graders are invited to join us as we continue our Edge Semester, Mapp My Life, on the Eucharist. Expect fun, faith, and community as we explore what it means to vibrantly live out our Catholic faith together.

2023-2024 Save the Dates:

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 <u>beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org</u>

Alejandro DeHerrera, Middle School Youth Minister, ext. 333 alejandrodeherrera@abvmtech.org

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

If you haven't noticed, the Athletic Association painted the concession building and the exterior striping, and requested that Mr. Jon Gonzalez, Assumption Art teacher, paint the Assumption Crusader mascot on each side of the concession windows. Mr. Gonzalez completed his rendering in late August of this year. Thanks, Mr. G and the Athletic Association.

Signups for basketball are now open. The season will begin mid-December. Sign-ups will be on the Team Sideline page: <u>teamsideline.com/sites/cyosaintcharlesmo/current-programs</u>.







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.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory Sept 3, 2023 YTD 7/1/23 - 9/3/23

 Actual Collections
 \$37,077
 \$343,688

 Budget Target
 \$40,000
 \$392,000

 Surplus / (Shortfall)
 \$(2,923)
 \$(48,312)

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

Original Loan \$3,306,127 Current balance owed \$786,403 Monthly payment \$20,923

Last expected payment, August 2026



The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)
We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)
God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

TITHING

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation, and your financial support of Assumption Parish.

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: assumptionbym.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.