

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OCTOBER 6, 2024

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



Saturday, Oct. 5, noon to 11 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., **\$15 Brisket Dinner**

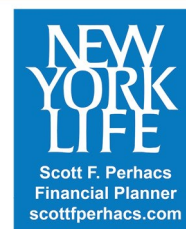
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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



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2024 SPONSORS



All are
Welcome.
CRHP 2.0
Assumption Retreats
Women's: Oct. 12-13, 2024
Men's: March 22-23, 2025



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Hello,

This weekend at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis at 10 am, the "Red Mass" (for those who work in the legal community throughout our archdiocese) will be celebrated. It is celebrated annually at the beginning of October because this is when the judicial term begins. Next Sunday, October 13, also at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis at 10 am, the "White Mass" (for those who work in the healthcare professions) will be celebrated. This is held annually around October 18, St. Luke's feast day who is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons.



I mention this for two reasons. The first is to let people know about them so they can partake in the celebration if they desire. The second, and more important reason for me to talk about them, is the fact that this is a clear demonstration that as Catholics we believe that our faith is an integral part of all of our life, including our work.

This doesn't mean that all Catholics in the legal profession or all Catholics in healthcare professions, or all Catholics in any profession are going to agree on everything. Look at saints Peter and Paul and we realize being faithful doesn't mean we are always going to agree. But it does mean that we allow our faith, our values, and our church teachings, to help inform and guide us in making our decisions, in finding value in our work, in recognizing that whatever our profession is should be a recognition of the gifts God has given us and a means by which we support ourselves and also serve one another. And while we may not all agree, having these celebrations for specific professions, we can also talk with others in our same field and of the same faith to consider what are some of the questions and concerns unique or frequent in your profession.

My first year in the seminary, when I was taking all philosophy courses at St. Louis University, one of the electives I took was a business ethics course. Some of the assignments in the course were of real-world situations and we had to critique the actions that had been taken. One of the cases was of an engineer who had falsified some brake test data for a fighter aircraft. Having worked as an engineer in that field, I was more familiar with what had been done than anyone else in the class, and the professor said I was also more critical of the engineer's actions than anyone he had seen before, bringing up concerns that he had never considered. We each face different decisions depending on our professions and we are specifically educated and prepared to address them, we need to also specifically educate and prepare ourselves in our faith and morals for those specific decisions.

Whatever our profession, hopefully we recognize the special gifts and responsibilities that come along with it and consider how our faith is to be a part of it.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

HURRICANE HELENE DISASTER RELIEF

We have all seen the images of some of the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene last weekend. To help provide immediate and long-term aid a special collection is being taken at Assumption. The funds will go through Catholic Charities USA who then partners with local Catholic Charities agencies to provide for immediate needs like food, clothing, and shelter, as well as long-term case management services to help families get their lives back in order. Envelopes marked "Disaster Relief Offering" are in the pews and can be returned in the marked containers over the next few weeks or placed in the collection baskets. Thank you for your generous contributions and support.

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 assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com 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**

Eleanor Roloff
of our parish family

**MARRIAGE BANNS**

1) Anthony Stein and Genefona Lopera



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 \$8,178.**

**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.

**ATTENTION MEN
OF ASSUMPTION PARISH**

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



Join us **Saturday, October 12** 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: "Greed—The Root of Evil"

Speaker: Jeff Joaquin

- ◆ Do we own our possessions or do our possessions own us?
- ◆ Greed is the Root of all sin
- ◆ Use Money for Others: The 2nd Step
- ◆ Allowing the light of charity to dispel the darkness
- ◆ Christ's Virtues Need to Become Our Virtues
- ◆ Have you only given from your surplus?
- ◆ St Maximilian Kolbe - Punished for Continuing to be Light in the Darkness

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

LADIES OF THE PARISH

Welcome.
CRHP 2.0
There is More to Life

What if in one weekend, you could revitalize your 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.

Knights of Columbus #2269

Ladies Auxiliary

11th Annual Fashion Show

~ NOVEMBER 6, 2024 ~



Fashions by:
Michelle's

Whimsicals by:
Talented Friends
of the Ladies Auxiliary

Assumption Church—Father Joe Kempf Hall
403 N. Main Street, O'Fallon, MO

Doors Open: 4:30 PM ~ Dinner: 6:30 PM

Table of 8 - \$280 ~ Individual Ticket \$35

Silent Auction – Raffles - Gift Shop - Lottery Tree – etc.

For more information, contact Rosemary Pieper at 636-240-8262,
or Margie Prinster at 636-577-1369

Funds raised benefit local Charities and Causes,
with emphasis on those who need us the most.

MEN'S WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

JANUARY 23-26, 2025



Would you like to take your spirituality to the next level? Join us in January for a men's retreat in St. Louis. Since 1922, White House Jesuit retreat has been offering three-day preached retreats throughout the year on our beautiful 80-acre campus, located on the bluffs of the Mississippi River.

Mass is celebrated each day, and at night there is Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Explore the beautiful campus, walk the Way of the Cross, and pray at the shrines of the Sacred Heart, the Holy Family, Our Lady, and St. Joseph.

If you have questions, call or text Rich Thomson at 314-706-8012 or e-mail at thomson.rich@gmail.com.

Mass Times and Intentions

SUNDAY 10.6.24
8:00am Marie Schepker
10:00am Alan Kirn
12:00pm Madeleine Guccione
5:30pm People of the Parish

Reconciliation

By Appointment

MONDAY 10.7.24

6:30am William Rebello
8:00am Priests Intention

7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment

TUESDAY 10.8.24

6:30am Kamala Harris
special intention
8:00am Phil Thomann

7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment

WEDNESDAY 10.9.24

6:30am Frances Schneider
8:00am Priests Intention

7:30–7:50am Church
or by appointment

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Please return Sponsor Form by October 20



Now is the time to discern your desire to helping others during the Christmas season.

The Assumption St. Vincent de Paul organizes a Christmas program each year that provides assistance to needy and homeless families in our area. An important part of this is pairing these neighbors with our parishioners who are willing and able to provide gifts to them for Christmas.

If you are interested in purchasing gifts for a family or individual, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. After receiving your form, we will match you with one of our families or individuals in need and send you their wish list!

**We suggest two gifts per family member, with each gift ranging from \$20-\$40.
(For example, if you adopt a family of 4, that cost could be \$160-\$320.**

Please drop off your form at the Assumption Parish Office or drop in the collection basket at Mass. Forms are due NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Linda at 636-248-6385.

Thank you so much for your generous help!



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Your name: _____

You are: _____ An Individual _____ Family/Group

Address: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

Email: _____

You/Group would like to sponsor: _____ A family w/children _____ A senior _____ No preference

The **MAXIMUM** number of family members you would like in your sponsored family: _____



THURSDAY 10.10.24

6:30am Donald Trump
special intention
8:00am Sue Nilges

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

FRIDAY 10.11.24

6:30am Priests Intention
8:00am Ginny Bonnell

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

SATURDAY 10.12.24

8:00am Darlene Winkelmann
5:00pm Pete Waligorski

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

SUNDAY 10.13.24

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Steven Uttecht
12:00pm Rosalie Iannicola
5:30pm Rosa Ballester

By Appointment

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 LADIES AUXILIARY

Thank you to all that attended the First Annual High Tea Party Monday September 23. Carol Lock had a vision of hosting a high tea complete with fancy floral dresses and hats. Attendees did not disappoint! What a gorgeous turnout! The tea was a lot of work but so many friends and family helped Carol put the tea on.

Thanks to: Debbie Guerrero, D'Ann Jones, Sue Peterson, Sue Flag, Elaine Kneemiller, Stacy Boedeker, Kelly Ohlms, and Charlie Jones.

Carol's crew cooked delicious food and served 39 attendees! Thank you from Carol for all your help! Thanks too from the attendees. The women raved about the delicious sandwiches scones and tea!

The \$800+ raised will be used to adopt at least two families at Christmas through St. Vincent dePaul.

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (FORMERLY RCIA)**

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved" (Ac 2:46-47).

Jesus declares: "I will build my church" (Mt 16:18). For over a month our Inquirers have been meeting with team members only. Last week our focus was on building a relationship with God and why do we need Jesus.

In addition, we added our sponsors. After introductions, we discussed What is Church? What does it mean to be a community of believers? How were they being called? Where are you being called today? A prayer for growing your faith was used with the mustard seed and reflection. No session was scheduled this weekend due to Fall Festival.



ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

THIS WEEKEND | OCTOBER 5 AND 6

We are still needing donations for the cakewalk and desserts.

CAKEWALK donations:

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



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.



GOLF CART ASSISTANCE:

If you need assistance getting to and from your car, please consider catching a ride on the Assumption Golf Cart during the Fall Festival. Wave down an attendant if you need a ride. They will be glad to help you and will be stationed at the Chapel parking lot!



VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers, please arrive at least 10 minutes early for your shift. Thank you for your generous support.



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS AWARENESS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA



The Tracy Trek, a run across the United States to raise awareness about the dangers of social media, has one core mission: to keep kids safe.

As online safety speaker Ben Tracy runs across the country over 120 days, he will engage with schools, community groups, and lawmakers to raise awareness about issues of online safety for children and potential solutions.

Ben Tracy will be at Duchesne High School on November 11 at 7pm.

To register, scan the QR Code.



HALLOW PRAYER APP

Hallow Offers \$1 Annual Promotional
Subscription to Assumption Parishioners

We're excited to announce
our partnership with the
#1 prayer app

Hallow

To help us all grow in our relationship with God together, the **Archdiocese of St. Louis is partnering with Hallow** to offer a premium subscription for a full year for just \$1!

This will give you the opportunity create a profile, find friends, share prayer intentions, and journey through life-changing content together with your fellow Assumption parishioners.

Through this partnership, Assumption parishioners can subscribe to one year of Hallow premium access for just \$1, and begin building a personal relationship with Christ, diving deeper into your prayer life through our community of faith.

Get your year of Hallow premium for just \$1 by visiting hallow.com/parish and searching "Assumption Catholic Church, 403 North Main St., O'Fallon, MO 63366" in the "Find Your Parish" search bar. (Look for detailed information coming soon to our website, assumptionbvm.org, about how to download the Hallow app and joining the Assumption Parish Community page.)

Don't delay! Beginning October 21, join the Archbishop for an eleven-day prayer challenge to help us understand our call to be disciples and to make disciples as we unpack what the Lord is calling each of us to as we try to live the new evangelization with new ardor, new methods and new expression.

TWIN OAKS SENIOR LIVING RECEPTIONIST NEEDED



Twin Oaks Senior Living is looking for a full time receptionist who is comfortable with computers for our O'Fallon location.

If you have a heart for seniors and want to belong to an exceptional work family, this "job" is more of a calling than it is work.

Please contact: Kim Bauer at 314-575-2144 or kim@toseniorliving.com.

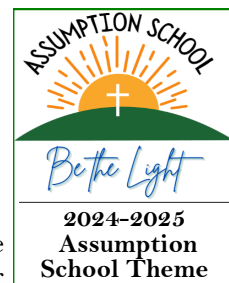
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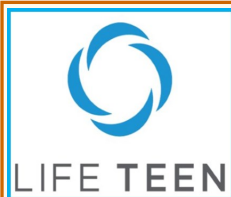


A word from Holly Woytus, Director of Religious Education:

On September 20, Assumption middle school students gathered for the very first meeting of our newly established JOY Club. This club, which stands for **J**esus first, **O**thers next, **Y**ourself last, is offered to our students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, and is hosted in conjunction with our Assumption Youth Ministry team. Our goal was simple: we wanted our middle school students to have a place to come together to celebrate their faith, gather with friends, and have fun. Each month, we will rotate our focus from praise and worship, service to others, and activities geared toward middle school aged students. It is our prayer that we are creating a supportive environment rooted in our Catholic faith for our middle school students, and we would surely appreciate the prayers of our community as we move forward with this new endeavor. Enjoy these pictures from our first JOY Club meeting which was a huge success!

Many blessings,
Holly Woytus





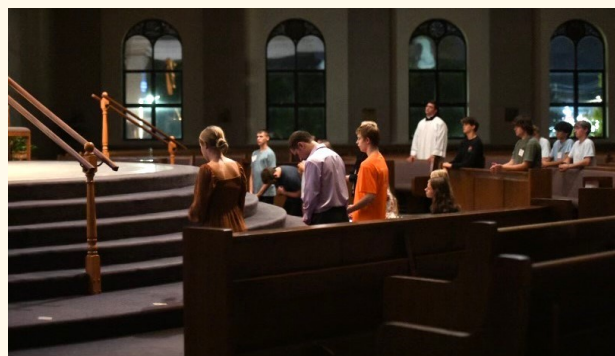
HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!

It has been so powerful to see how the Lord is moving in our youth during Fall Semester so far! Our teens and middle schoolers are entering into prayer and community in stunning ways – the young Church at Assumption is alive and well! Please pray for us and know that we are praying for you.

Sunday, October 6 | Life Teen: Bonfire and Worship at HQ

6:30–8:45pm | Life Teen Headquarters (yellow house by the Knights of Columbus hall)

All high school teens are invited at HQ (our teen house), for a relaxed night of fun, community, and worship. Expect s'mores and hotdogs at the bonfire, 9-square and other games, and time to be in community. We can't wait to see you there!



Wednesday, October 9 | EDGE: Perfect Square

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 how God created us in His image, the Trinity. This night will include a time of Eucharistic Adoration. We can't wait to see you there!



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

QUESTIONS? Contact Becky Whitaker,

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Alejandro DeHerrera, Middle School (EDGE) Youth Minister

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING OCTOBER

As stewards of the monetary gifts that God has bestowed on us, we should give back to His Church and to other worthy causes. During the month of October, please support the general needs of the parish through the Sunday offertory, and consider the following specific causes and needs:

- ♦ **October 6: Permanent Diaconate:** This collection relieves the financial burden for men studying to become a permanent deacon. Deacons serve in parishes, hospitals, archdiocesan agencies, and other organizations. They offer their time, talent and energy to strengthen our church in St. Louis and do not receive compensation for their work.
- ♦ **October 20: World Mission Sunday:** This is a worldwide collection to support the evangelization efforts of the Church, including catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of religious communities, communication, transportation, the building of chapels, churches, orphanages, and schools, etc.
- ♦ **Debt Reduction:** Donations to this collection will pay down the balance of Assumption's loan from the Archdiocese, which we borrowed in 2013 to fund the expansion of the school building.
- ♦ **St. Vincent de Paul:** Your contribution provides direct help to the poor in our local community. Since 1845, Vincentians have met face-to-face with individuals and families in poverty to provide support and help them through the most desperate times. Through your generosity, you help people struggling to survive, providing: clothing, shelter, food, medicine and more.

If you use online bill payment through your bank, please send a separate payment for the fund(s) of your choice and specify the name of the cause in the memo field of your payment instructions.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	Sept 15, 2024	YTD 7/1/24 - 9/15/24	Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school
Actual Collections	\$43,817	\$438,454	Original Loan \$3,306,127
Budget Target	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$440,000</u>	Current balance owed \$441,932
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$3,817	\$(1,546)	Monthly payment \$20,923

Last 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.



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.

If you would like to give online, please go to:
assumptionbvm.org/Our-Parish/Online-Giving
 or scan the QR Code and create an account.



SCAN ME

OFFICE INFORMATION

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 636-240-3721 Parish Office
 Hours: Monday–Thurs 8am–4pm
 Friday 8am–3pm

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

636-240-4474

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

636-272-4758 (Helpline)

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: assumptionbvm.org
 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.