

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OCTOBER 20, 2024

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



WHOEVER WISHES TO  
BE GREAT WILL BE  
**YOUR SERVANT.**

— MARK 10:43 —

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office, 636-240-3721. Select Option #2.

### BAPTISM

Baptism is scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call Angie Gloriod, ext 235.

### CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

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 Gloriod 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 students entering eighth grade. For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

### FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for students 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.

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (formally RCIA)

Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. Contact Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983.

# Welcome

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Hello,

In case you didn't know, we have an election in just a couple of weeks. I can say one good thing about it, people have not been telling me that I keep sending them texts or e-mails asking for money, I guess others have cornered that market now. But seriously, voting is a right and responsibility we have for ourselves and for others that can involve difficult moral decisions. The best way to start when making these or any moral decisions is to properly form our consciences.



## How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises.

## Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

1. Begin by being open to the truth and what is right. (Grow in Knowledge)
2. Study Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church. (Grow in Faith)
3. Examine the facts and background information about various choices and be discerning about where we gather information. (Understand the Specifics, about the Law or the Choice)
4. Prayerfully reflect to discern the will of God (Listen to God)

## Additionally, it is important to consider how our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

1. Seek the prudent advice and good example of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
2. Learn about the authoritative teaching of the Church.
3. Pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us develop our conscience.
4. Regularly partake in an examination of conscience to hear God's voice in your life.

Forming our conscience isn't something that we are just born with, or that we can do once and be done. It requires work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation. And it is not just for an election, but for decisions we are making every day in our lives.

(Most of this was taken from 'Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship' Flyer, USCCB 2019)

Peace,

*Fr. Nick*

## LIFE BASSINET

You will notice a bassinet with a Life sign over it in the Narthex. Our Respect Life Apostolate (Pro-Life Ministry) will use it to collect gifts for newborns and their mothers to distribute through local charities. To introduce it, we are placing it in the Narthex, then in a few weeks we will move it to the Parish Hall lower entrance.



## 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](http://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

**Lawrence Prouhet**  
brother-in-law of Claire Emge  
and Ann Troutman

**Frieda Horner**  
of our parish family

**Dave Youngerman**  
husband of Deb Youngerman

**JoeAnn Foeller**  
of our parish family

## MARRIAGE BANNS

3) Anthony Stein and Genefona Lopera

## ASSUMPTION BLOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 20, 9AM–1:30PM  
NORTH PARKING LOT



There is still time to sign-up and make a donation for the blood drive hosted by Assumption Parish.

ImpactLife will have their Donor Bus in the north parking lot, and we hope you will stop by! If you have not donated blood since August 26, you are eligible to donate at this drive.

**Appointments are required to donate. If you have not made an appointment and would like to donate, please stop by the donor bus to see if there is an unscheduled appointment open for you.**



## ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH

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



Join us **Saturday, October 26** 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: "Gluttony—The Modern Binge"**  
Speaker: Steve Bollman

- ◆ The Origins of Sin and Desire
- ◆ Food and the Reward System
- ◆ A Decision-Making Issue
- ◆ Gluttony of Media Consumption
- ◆ Don Bosco as an example of mortification
- ◆ Practical advice regarding food

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Richard at [DeaconRichard@charter.net](mailto:DeaconRichard@charter.net).



THE  
JOY  
OF GIVING.

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 these families for Christmas.



Help us  
Help  
others

**Thank you so much for your generous help!**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

You are: \_\_\_\_\_ An Individual      \_\_\_\_\_ A Family/Group

Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street City/Zip

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: \_\_\_\_\_



|                                  | SUNDAY 10.20.24   | MONDAY 10.21.24                            | TUESDAY 10.22.24                               | WEDNESDAY 10.23.24                                |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Mass Times and Intentions</b> | 8:00am William Rebello<br>10:00am People of the Parish<br>12:00pm Dennis Bange<br>5:30pm Earl Pollard | 6:30am Joseph Pham<br>8:00am Ginny Bonnell | 6:30am Del Carr<br>8:00am Frank and Betty Ryan | 6:30am Priests Intention<br>8:00am Marie Schepker |
| <b>Reconciliation</b>            | By Appointment  | 7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment       | 7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment           | 7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment              |

## ASSUMPTION RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE (PRO-LIFE) MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

### Living Rosary | Saturday, October 26 at 9am.

After the 8am Mass in the Church, join us in the Chapel to say the rosary. If you would like, you may bring a flower for our Blessed Mother Mary.

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### Prayers to Defeat Amendment 3

**Sunday, November 3, Monday, November 4 and election day, Tuesday, November 5**

Prayer can change the world! Help us secure Missouri's ban on abortion. Join the Assumption Respect Life Apostolate (Pro-Life) Ministry and put your faith in action to pray to defeat Amendment 3 prior to the election. We'll come together in the Chapel from 3-5pm, Sunday, November 3, Monday, November 4, and on election day, November 5. All are welcome!

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

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### Baby Donations Needed

Pro-Life is collecting baby donations to support mothers and babies in need. The bassinet will be available in the Narthex now through Nov. 5. After that, the bassinet will move to the Parish Center.

### Baby items most in need include the following:

- ♦ Diapers
- ♦ Sleepers
- ♦ Bibs
- ♦ Socks
- ♦ Clothes up to a year old
- ♦ Hand-made blankets/quilts
- ♦ Onesies
- ♦ Sweaters
- ♦ Pajamas
- ♦ Crochet hats and sweaters

For more information, please contact Sylvia Kiphart at 636-978-8803.



## 50 PLUS CLUB NEWS

Our next **50 Plus Meeting** will be Monday, October 28 at 6:30 pm. We will have guest speaker, Mike Ruffino, from Ruffino's Painting, joining us to talk about the fall and winter home maintenance tips and suggestions.

It's time to pay your dues! \$15 cash or check per member. Linda Lambing will collect the dues.

**New Members are Welcome!** Come and check us out! We have a fun group of members. We made some new friends on the Bus Trip to Pennsylvania. You can join at the October 28 meeting and you'll be entered to win two tickets to "Once Upon A Mattress" at Act 2 Theater in St. Peters. Our group will attend the show November 7.

**Activities Coordinator Needed!** Who'd like to head up the events for this group? I'd like to see us have speakers, but also monthly day trips, outings, and lunches in addition to our meetings. Contact Kim Thornhill at [thornhillproductions@gmail.com](mailto:thornhillproductions@gmail.com) or 918-381-7459.

**Christmas Party:** It's time to plan our Christmas party! I would like your feedback regarding location, menu, and entertainment. I have some ideas!

See you on October 28!  
Kim Thornhill

## O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 LADIES AUXILIARY 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FASHION SHOW NOVEMBER 6

**Tables are filling up fast! Call to get your table!**

Doors open at 4:30pm | Dinner at 6:30pm

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.



### THURSDAY 10.24.24

6:30am Priests Intention  
8:00am Shirley Mackey

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

### FRIDAY 10.25.24

6:30am Barbara Zappe  
8:00am MC and Marge Gentemann

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

### SATURDAY 10.26.24

8:00am Priests Intention  
5:00pm People of the Parish

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

### SUNDAY 10.27.24

8:00am Donna Maschmann  
10:00am Betty Bruegenhemke  
12:00pm Maureen O'Neill  
5:30pm Kathrine Godier

By Appointment



## O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tootsie Roll Drive** after all Masses this weekend.

**Food Drive** Sunday, October 20, 9am–12pm in the Church parking lot.

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 \$9,049.**



**Fish Fry** Friday, November 1, 5–7pm. Dine in or carry out available.



### NIGHT AT THE RACES

O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL  
202 W 3RD ST. O'FALLON, MO.

OCT. 26TH, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.

RACES START AT 7:00 P.M.

**\$25.00 PER PERSON OR \$200.00 FOR TABLE OF 8**

TICKET INCLUDES \$10.00 RACING CASH, BOTTOMLESS  
BUD LIGHT DRAFT BEER, WINE, SODA AND WATER.

COME ONE AND ALL FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT.

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE [KOFC2269.COM](http://KOFC2269.COM)

OR AT QUEEN OF HEARTS. CALL TODD KIRCHOFF  
AT 636-262-4925 TO RESERVE TICKET.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST NOVEMBER 3 | HALL A & B

Join us in the Parish Center for pancakes and sausage, along with a huge dose of fellowship after the 8am and 10am Masses hosted by the Men's Group! Donations are greatly appreciated!. Proceeds will benefit Assumption School's outdoor committee to improve the outdoor classroom and help with replacement costs of playground equipment.

If you are new to the parish, don't forget to visit our hospitality table to register at Assumption or pick up an Assumption Welcome Packet. We are so excited you are here!



## 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](mailto:thomson.rich@gmail.com).





## CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (FORMERLY RCIA)

"I believe in Jesus Christ, his (God the Father's) only Son, our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary." Where have you heard these words? Of course, The Apostle's Creed. These words present Christ as true God—Son of the Father—and at the same time as true man, son of the Virgin Mary. Jesus Christ is the most important person who ever set foot on planet earth because he was and is God Almighty in human flesh. He came from Heaven into this world of suffering and death to save all mankind from sin and the sad consequences of sin ignorance of God, suffering and death. He is the only one who could possibly reconcile man with God, since as God all his actions have infinite merit.

This is our topic for this weekend. In order for our sponsor and candidate/catechumen bond, we introduced a sponsor walk with questions to discuss on Jesus True God True Man.



Jim and Carolyn explain Salvation History to the Christian Initiation group.



## ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The St. Vincent de Paul team has continued to experience a high call volume from our neighbors in need. The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- ◆ cereal
- ◆ beef stew
- ◆ tuna in pouches
- ◆ canned pears with pull top lids
- ◆ chicken noodle soup
- ◆ canned meats with pull top lids (vienna sausages, tamales, tuna, etc)
- ◆ shampoo
- ◆ paper towels.

Please check expiration dates before donating.

To view the Amazon shopping list set up specifically for Assumption's SVdP food pantry, scan the QR code here or on the SVdP donation box in the Narthex. Just scan, purchase, and it will be delivered to our SVdP team.

Thank you for your generous and continued support!  
Your Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Team.



## PRINCIPAL'S PEN



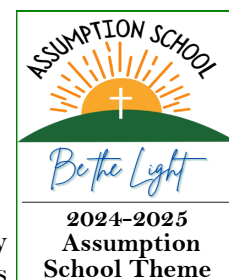
Hello Assumption Community,

We are thrilled to share the wonderful success of our recent Grandparents and Special Person's Day celebration! The event was filled with joy, love, and laughter as we welcomed special loved ones to spend a memorable day with our 4th and 5th grade students. We started the day with a beautiful prayer service followed by

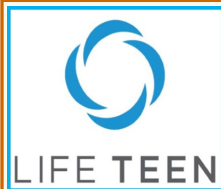
Trivia! The smiles on our students' faces reflected the deep connections and cherished moments shared with their loved one.

A special thank you to our dedicated staff and all who took the time to attend and support the students. We will continue to introduce new ways for families to be an intricate part of our school community. We acknowledge the vital role that Grandparents and other special people play in the lives of our students. We look forward to continuing this beautiful tradition and creating more unforgettable memories in the future.

Many blessings,  
Jamie Burbridge







## 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 20 | Life Teen: Play By the Rules

6:30–8:45pm | Parish Center

All high school teens are invited to join us for a night focusing on virtue, the Ten Commandments, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Expect food, fun, community, and powerful prayer. We can't wait to see you there!

### Wednesday, October 23 | No EDGE

### REGISTRATION OPEN!

### November 15–17 | Life Teen Fall Retreat: Forever Young Marianist Retreat Center

All high school teens are invited to join us for an impactful weekend of prayer, community, good food, and the Sacraments focusing on childlike faith. We will be at the beautiful and restful Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka, MO. Registration can be found on our website and the linktree in our Instagram bio. Retreat cost is \$150 per teen. **If funding is an issue, please let us know—no teen is ever turned away.**

### 2025 EVENTS:

March 7–9: Luke 18 Retreat



### Follow us on Social Media:

#### Instagram:

@assumption\_life\_teen and @assumption\_edge

#### Facebook:

Assumption Life Teen and Assumption EDGE

### QUESTIONS? Contact Becky Whitaker,

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## 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](https://hallow.com/parish) and searching "Assumption Catholic Church, 403 North Main St., O'Fallon, MO 63366" in the "Find Your Parish" search bar. Got Questions? Look for detailed information on our website, [assumptionbvm.org](https://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.

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

| Weekly Offertory      | Sept 29 2024    | YTD 7/1/24 - 9/29/24 | <u>Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---|
| Actual Collections    | \$27,525        | \$494,339            | Original Loan \$3,306,127                                 |
| Budget Target         | <u>\$40,000</u> | <u>\$520,000</u>     | Current balance owed \$441,932                            |
| Surplus / (Shortfall) | \$(12,475)      | \$(25,661)           | Monthly payment \$20,923                                  |

*Last expected payment will be in May 2026.*

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the hurricane relief fund! Your kindness brings hope and relief to those affected, and your love will help rebuild lives. We are deeply grateful for your support! As of October 15, our Assumption families donated \$15,490.



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](https://assumptionbvm.org/Our-Parish/Online-Giving)  
or scan the QR Code and create an account.



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## OFFICE INFORMATION

## ADDRESS/PHONE/HOURS

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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](mailto:Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com)  
by 9am on the Tuesday before  
Sunday's edition (five days prior)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: [assumptionbvm.org](https://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.