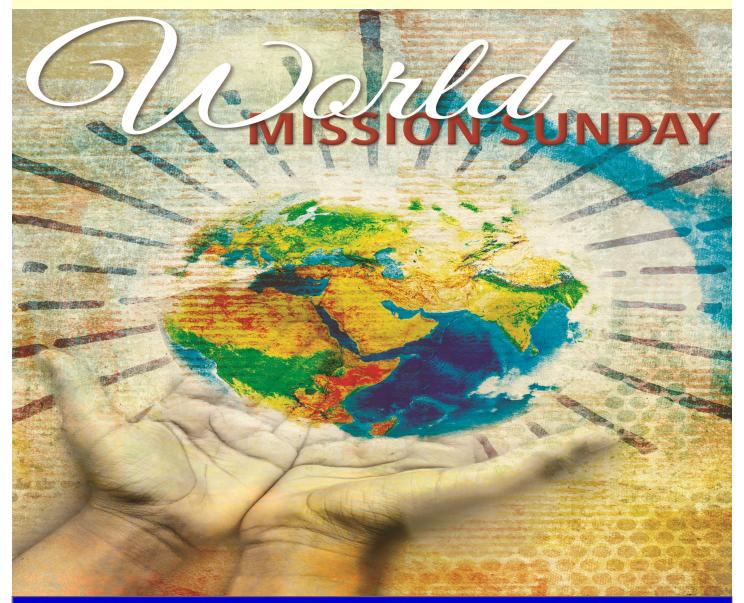
## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**OCTOBER 22, 2023** 

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



#### SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office, 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, 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 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.

#### **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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**School Board** *abvmschoolboard@gmail.com* 

Hello,

We had parish men on a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Alumni retreat last weekend and we have a group of women from our parish on a CRHP retreat this weekend. It is good to take the time to devote to a retreat when we can, but even if we aren't taking a few days right now, what other opportunities do we have?



I will be driving solo up to and back from Milwaukee before Sunday to visit family and enjoy a reunion with my cousins. That is a six hour drive each way, so what should I do with all of that time I have alone in the car? OK, I know I shouldn't be texting (I'm not sure if that is legal or not in Illinois or Wisconsin, but even if it is legal, I know it can be distracting and dangerous for me and other drivers). I can listen to music, probably would be mostly from the 80's or 90's and along with enjoying would remind me of other trips and a period in my life when I listened to them before. I could probably find a baseball or football game during parts of the trip. I could listen to talk radio and hear different views on a variety of topics. I could listen to a podcast of anything from news to entertainment to religion. All of these can be good, but I could also just drive in silence. Appreciating the fall and the different areas I'm driving through (central Illinois is really pretty flat and plain, when you get up towards Wisconsin, there are a few more rolling hills and hopefully fall colors). Taking the time to pray a rosary, or just reflecting on something in my life and being open to God's guidance on it is always time well spent. I will probably end up doing a combination of most of these things (except the texting).

While this is longer than we usually are spending in the car, or different leisure time at home or between whatever else we are doing, I think we need to be reminded at times that we can turn off the radio (or tv, or computer) and take some quiet time to pray, reflect, and be open to God's guidance. Driving will take a bit of my attention, but with good weather and not too much traffic, it is also an opportunity to let our minds do some other things. Even if this might not be the best time to get away for a few day retreat (I will be getting away for a few days, but visiting family isn't quite the same as a retreat, at least not with most families I know), we need to recognize other times, even if it is just a 10 minute drive, or waiting in a line at the grocery store, or relaxing before we need to do the next thing, that we have the option of how we fill that time too. A little silence can be a good thing to help realize what is important in our lives and to give those important things a greater priority in how we live it.

Peace.

Fr. Nick



Today we embrace the missionary work of the Church with "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move."

On World Mission Sunday, we are reminded of the universal call of our Baptism to be Christ's witnesses to the world. As we gather at Mass, our prayers, sacrifices, and offerings to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith support the Church's missions, enabling:

- Over 844,000 catechists to share the faith
- ♦ 258,540 Religious Sisters to tend to families and children
- ♦ 38,140 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood
- ♦ Education for 26 million children
- ♦ Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics
- Comfort in 8,750 homes for the orphaned and elderly

As we pray and respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish throughout the world. Together, through our prayers, sacrifices and financial support, we support the life-giving presence of the Church in more than 1,100 mission dioceses. If you forgot your World Mission Sunday envelope, visit worldmissions-catholicchurch.org. to donate.

#### 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.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED



- ♦ Cereal
- ♦ Jelly
- ♦ Pancake mix and syrup
- ♦ Tuna with pull top lids
- ♦ Tuna Helper
- ♦ Canned beef stew
- ♦ Canned hams
- Canned Spam, any other canned meats
- ♦ Snack/Saltine crackers
- ♦ Sugar (no larger than 5lb bags)
- ◆ Taco shells and seasoning packets

- ♦ Breakfast bars
- ♦ Applesauce
- ♦ Canned peaches
- ♦ Canned pears
- ♦ Canned mixed fruit
- ♦ Sloppy Joes
- ♦ Rice sides
- ♦ Pasta sides
- ♦ Boxed potatoes
- ♦ Popcorn, cookies, snacks
- Men's disposable razors

Please check the expiration dates before donating.

We are always in great need of gift cards to Aldi's or Walmart, which allows our neighbors in need to purchase fresh milk and eggs.

Thank you for your generosity, Your St. Vincent De Paul Team

# 50+ FELLOWSHIP NEWS POTLUCK DINNER MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 6:30 PM



Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. Pulled Chicken and Pulled Pork will be available. All are welcome to attend as we will be discussing the future of our amazing group.

#### Save the Date: Thursday October 26.

Tickets for Act Two Theater's production of the smash hit musical, **The Drowsy Chaperone**, will be available for that evening. A donation of \$5 is suggested for each ticket.

#### Save the Date: Monday, December 11.

Annual Catered Christmas dinner with music provided by Lamar Pilsing. \$10/person. You can pay at the November or December meeting. Please RSVP so we can ensure we have enough food. More info to follow.

Any questions or to RSVP, please contact Bob or Liz Allmeyer, 636 240-8638, lizallmeyer@gmail.com.

#### ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH:

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

Join us **October 28** in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building for another amazing session of TMIY. Our start time is THAT MAN IS YOU! 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 Men We Need to Build the Kingdom" Speaker Kevin Wells

- ♦ A Broken Marriage Restored
- ♦ A Medical Miracle Through the Intercession of
- ◆ The Eight Characteristics of Holy Priests & Men
- ♦ Suffering Saints
- ♦ Embracing Small Daily Martyrdoms
- ♦ Worldly Comforts, Tepidity, and a Reluctance to Engage the Culture

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

#### ASSUMPTION BLOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 29 | 9AM-1:30PM PARISH CENTER: HALL A & B

Assumption Parish will be hosting another blood drive, and you are encouraged to consider making a donation of the Gift of Life. If you have not donated blood since September 4, you are eligible to donate at this drive but an appointment must be made.



### **Assumption Catholic Church**

Sunday, October 29 9:00 am - 1:30 pm Parish Hall 405 North Main Street

Masks optional. Appointments required. To schedule an appointment, scan QR code call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401 or go to bloodcenter.org/group, grp #9007





# Knights of Columbus

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY! **SUNDAY, OCOTBER 29TH** 7:30AM - 1:00PM

Donation Drop-off site will be in the lower Church Parking Lot



SEEKING FOOD, HOUSEHOLD & CLEANING SUPPLIES, DIAPERS, & TOYS

 ${\sf Check\ out\ our\ Facebook\ page\ for\ additional\ details...} Knights\ of\ {\sf Columbus\ Council\ 2269-OFallon\ MOC} and {\sf Columbus\ Columbus$ 

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269**

Assumptions Knights of Columbus will be participating in the 8am Mass next Sunday, October 29 (Fifth Sunday Mass) with lecturing, offering gifts, ushering, readings, and Eucharistic ministry. We encourage all Knights and Ladies Auxiliary to join us.

We will be hosting our next food drive during the morning Masses also on October 29. You can drop off your donation in the lower church parking lot.

#### **SUNDAY 10.22.23**

8:00am Frank and Betty Ryan 10:00am Shirley Englehart 12:00pm Julie Funky 5:30pm People of the Parish

By Appointment

## **MONDAY 10.23.23**

6:30am Henry and Jane Sachs 8:00am Priest Intention

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

#### **TUESDAY 10.24.23**

6:30am Bill Boal 8:00am Shirley Mackey

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

#### **WEDNESDAY 10.25.23**

6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am MC and Marge Gentemann

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

Reconciliation

**Mass Times and** 

Intentions

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

Please return Sponsor Form by November 5



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 the gifts for a family or individual, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. After receiving your form, we will match you up with one of our families or individuals in need and send you their wish list! This will take a little time, so please return forms to us as soon as possible. No Adopt-a-Family forms will be accepted after November 5.

We suggest two gifts per family member, with each gift ranging from \$25-\$40. (For example, if you have a family of 4, that cost could be \$200 - \$320.

Please drop off your form at the Assumption Parish Office or drop in the collection basket at Mass. <u>Forms are due by November 5</u>.



If you have any questions or need more information, please call Georgia at 717-919-7312 or Pat at 636-385-6462.

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Your name:	-
You are: An Individual Family/Group	
Address:	
Phone Number: ( )	KHAS -
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 10.26.23**

6:30am Glennon and Rosie Prinster 8:00am Pat Luetkenhaus

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

#### FRIDAY 10.27.23

6:30am Millie Henke 8:00am Joseph Pham

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

#### **SATURDAY 10.28.23**

8:00am Priest Intention 5:00pm Tony and Ruth Ell

4:00–4:45pm Church or by appointment

#### **SUNDAY 10.29.23**

8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am Bill Boyd 12:00pm Maryann Cuppy 5:30pm Arnold Garrison

By Appointment

#### PRINCIPAL'S PEN



#### Learning about Community Helpers in Preschool



Randy Clark, the Stormwater Management Coordinator for the City of O'Fallon came to our Assumption Early Childhood Center Thursday, October 12. Randy holds the city's MS4 Permit through the Missouri Department of Natural which

protecting the water quality from pollutants and debris. As part of the permit, he must educate the public and/ or attend schools to teach how important it keep to waterways clean. He



did a short presentation, read a book and showed the students the model table, which demonstrates water runoff throughout the City. Each child walked away with a coloring book, magnet, and bookmark. It was a great presentation and the students now know that only rain water goes into the storm drains and that we need to keep the creeks and ponds in our community clean.

#### **National Junior Honor Society** Leadership

This year, current members of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) decided to reach to potential members by giving talks to all sixth and seventh grade students about considering applications to the National Honor



Society. There is criteria, but all students would have until Spring 2024 to have the grades, a strong service to the community record, with leadership shown in school, and character shown in their choices.

These encouraging talks provide others with insight into what it takes to become a member of NJHS. It takes courage and leadership. I am proud of our current members!

#### **Grandparents Day for Fifth** through Eighth Graders



2023-2024 Assumption Theme

Each year, we celebrate the relationship of grandparents and their grandchildren by letting them spend some time

together and have fun and enjoy faith. Due to the large numbers of attendees, we have previously experienced



with the entire population involved, this year, we chose a different itinerary. We broke the students into two groups: grades five through eight celebrated October 6, while the pre-K through

fourth grade celebrating in Spring 2024. Only the Parish Hall and Church was used, so grandparents were only moving within the one building, not across campus, and could enjoy some coffee, milk, donuts, and BINGO! Yes,

grandparents and grandchildren together enjoyed games several BINGO, with receiving winners gift cards! Of course, anyone who wanted, could visit the Book Fair to purchase of reading books



items, found in Rooms D and E of the Parish Center. Praise and Worship was conducted by Parker Bishop, followed by Mass with Fr. Nick. While our fifth-eighth graders enjoyed time with grandparents, the other students had a regular day at school—and, everyone was dismissed by noon that day.



Hope you enjoyed this information about Assumption! God bless.

Dr. Pat Hensley



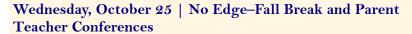
#### HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Registration for Life Teen's Fall Retreat is due this weekend! 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 22 | Life Teen—Begin at the end: Here and Now Series | 6:15-9p.m. in the ICD Parish Center

All high school teens are invited to join us for the first night of our new series, "Here and Now," focusing in on the Eucharist. Teens can expect a night of fun, food, joy, community and powerful prayer. We can't wait to see you there!





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 alejandrodeherrera@abvmtech.org

#### RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Period of Inquiry is a time to become acquainted with the Catholic Church and to hear the good news of salvation from Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is a time to look within one's life story and see connections to our needs for the Gospel. This reflective process becomes a continuing, ongoing method during the entire journey. During this reflective process, one should ask questions, discern, and learn about a life of faith in Christ and the Catholic Church. This Period



of Inquiry ends this weekend. We prepare the group by explaining the first part of the Mass, This is also the time to have individual discernment with a team member. During this discernment, some may decide that this is not the right time for them to consider membership in the Catholic Church. It is entirely up to the individual's free will, and no pressure will be exerted against this decision. For those who decide to continue in our sessions, they will start attending the 8am Mass next Sunday and then are dismissed after the homily for Breaking Open the Word, where one will encounter Scripture in one's own life and discuss it amongst one's group. Also next Sunday at the 8am Mass, we will have one of two special Rites.

#### **Combined Rite [505 - 506]**

Where there are both unbaptized and baptized inquirers in a parish there is the option of a combined rite at this stage. This rite is formally known as "The (Combined) Celebration of the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the Rite of Welcoming Baptized but Previously Uncatechized Adults Who are Preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist or Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church."

#### ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH



Want to experience one of the most spiritual journeys of your life? Attend an upcoming Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreat:

#### CRHP CHRIST RENEWS

Men's Retreat: Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3, 2024

This two-day walk with Christ allows you and other fellow parishioners to energize your faith by strengthening your connection with Him. The CRHP Weekend is a "must do Parish experience" with inspiring music, faith sharing, Mass, small group discussions, exciting activities guaranteed to renew your spiritual awareness and so much more.

Discover what is missing in your life and register for our free CRHP Retreat today! Contact Mike Vohsen at 314-951-4733 or email <a href="mike.vohsen@gmail.com">mike.vohsen@gmail.com</a> for the Men's Retreat.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM

All children ages 3 years 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.

#### PARISH OF ST. JUAN DIEGO DIA DE MUERTOS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 | 12:30PM



You are invited to a celebration of Dia de Muertos, (Day of the Dead). This holiday involves family and friends gathering to pay respects and to remember friends and family members who have died.

There will be a procession from St. Juan Diego Parish to Assumption cemetery and back with prayers for the dead. Afterwards, we will enjoy dance, food, and family activities at St. Juan Diego Parish. All are welcome to participate in this Hispanic tradition.

Parish of St. Juan Diego 1400 N. Main St O'Fallon, MO







#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DARDENNE, MO LADIES AUXILLARY | FALL DANCE





#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TROY, MO CHARITY HORSE RACES

NOVEMBER 4 | DOORS OPEN AT 6PM RACES START AT 7PM

Join us for some fun charity horse racing. We will also have 50/50 drawings, attendance prizes, silent auction items, and snacks and drinks will be provided.



Tickets are \$20 each or reserve a table for eight in advance for \$150.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Jack Wilke, 314–712-6251 or Randy Leitman, 636–528-8962.

Knights of Columbus Complex 500 Highway J | Troy, MO 63379



#### THANK YOU

The family of Theresa "Betty" Bruegenhemke wishes to thank Father Patrick Russell, Msgr. Dennis Stehly, pianist Parker Bishop, singer Bonnie Lang, Lynn Crews, the ladies that prepared and served the luncheon and anyone else that helped to make our family's funeral a special tribute to her. We truly appreciate your kindness during this difficult time.

Thanks from The Bruegenhemke Family.

#### STEWARDSHIP BROCHURES



Thank you to those who have filled out and returned the stewardship brochures that are in the pews. If you have not, I would ask that you consider doing so and return them to the baskets at church. I hope they are a means by which you can

see how God is calling you to use your gifts to build our parish community.

Fr. Nick

#### ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Soccer and volleyball regular seasons are starting to wind down—playoffs will begin in a few weeks. Within a blink of an eye, basketball season will start practicing and start their season in December. Time is flying by!

Go to the Team Sideline page, <u>teamsideline.com/sites/cyosaintcharlesmo/current-programs</u>, to sign up for future sports. Keep an eye out for chess signups. Later in December and January sign up for baseball and softball.

Signups for basketball are now open. The season will begin mid-December.

For more information, check out our website at: sites.google.com/view/assumptioncyc/home.

#### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH**

 Weekly Offertory
 Oct. 1, 2023
 YTD 7/1/23 - 10/1/23

 Actual Collections
 \$35,725
 \$488,352

 Budget Target
 \$35,000
 \$533,000

 Surplus / (Shortfall)
 \$725
 \$(44,648)

STEWARDSHIP

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

Original Loan \$3,306,127 Current balance owed \$786,403 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**

#### ADDRESS/PHONE/HOURS

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 <a href="mailto:Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com">Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com</a>
by Tuesday 9am

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: assumptionbym.org

facebook.com: @assumptionparish @assumption media

#### 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.

For information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 314.578.0741.