Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OCTOBER 27, 2024

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



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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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,

This week I saw that the annual report of World Church Statistics came out of the Vatican. For some of you that may not sound very exciting, but I always like looking at statistics to see what it might tell me that I wasn't as aware of as I should be. (This information is for Dec 31, 2022)

As expected, the world population went up. The total is 7,838,944,000 that is 53,175,000 more than last year. The total number of Catholics also went up to 1,389,573,000, an increase of

13,721,000, which is 17.7% of the world population, a slight increase of 0.06% from last year. The only continent that went down in both percentage and number was Europe, which has 285,589,000 Catholics out of 722,315,000 people, which was a decrease of 474,000 Catholics from the previous year and their percentage is now 39.5% Catholic (-.04% from last year).

I have to say that the number that surprised me most in the continental information was the stats for Catholic America. Out of 1,038,640,000 people we have 661,209,000 Catholics, or 64.1%. (That was an increase of 8,275,000 people, 5,912,000 Catholics, and +.06%.). I guess what surprised me is that we seem to consider our society as becoming so secular, and yet we are over 64% Catholic.

A big factor that needs to be considered here is that this is for all of America, North and South, not just the U.S. In the United States, we are 22.63% Catholic, but Brazil, the country with the greatest number of Catholics in the world, is 78.95% Catholic and Mexico is 86.67% Catholic. In the U.S., we are still over 68% Christian (2023 Gallup polling), about a third of that is Catholic.

I guess this is important to realize when we consider what type of a culture we live in and how that compares with what others live in, our country is still very highly Christian and strongly Catholic. Sometimes we may think that our society doesn't feel that way due to what we see in our culture, but compared to most of the world, we are very Christian and Catholic. Asia is only 3.3% Catholic and they have 59% of the world population. And, if we become more connected with the rest of America in our culture, (like Mexico and Brazil), we will become vastly more Catholic. And we need to not just have those numbers, but to live out that faith in our society.

Another thing I noted was the number of Catholic hospitals and orphanages around the world. In America, there are 1392 Catholic hospitals and 2226 orphanages, a good number, but I am sure much less than there used to be. In Asia, there are 1168 Catholic hospitals and 2705 orphanages. Not nearly as many, when you consider they have over 4 times as many people, but an incredible amount when you consider they have less than 1/4th the number of Catholics. With such a small percentage of Catholics there, I have to believe that this is mostly from missionary efforts, a strong presence and living of the faith in those societies.

And for a last piece of information (from a different source), the country with the highest percentage of Catholics, Vatican City at 100%.

Peace,

Fr. Nick

ASSUMPTION PRAYER CHAPEL



Adoration is available 24/7 in the Chapel (the old church) by using the code at the north transit entrance. You can call or come to the Church Office to receive the code.

EXPOSITION is on Tuesdays after the 8am Mass, and available through the Rosary at 6:15pm, followed by our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction to close.

During Eucharistic Exposition, when the Eucharist is in the monstrance and exposed, an adorer must be present. If you are interested in being an adorer, please sign up at <u>assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com</u> and choose a time during the day. Thank you!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Susan Young wife of Pete Young mother of Lisa (Michael) Lennon and Laurie (Mark) Maassen

Rudy Mendez husband of Cindy Mendez

Sibley Schrader aunt of Mary Jo Crangle, Lisa (Roger) Riechers, and Larry (Susan) Kunza

Caroline Rostankowski mother of Christine (John) Mueller



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

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 \$9,351.



Fish Fry Friday, November 1, 5-7pm.

Thank you to everyone that supported our recent Food Collection Drive. The hundreds of pounds of food and personal care



items have been distributed to St. Vincent de Paul and the Foster Adoption Support Team (FAST).



50 PLUS CLUB NEWS

Join us at our next **50 Plus Meeting on Monday, October 28 at 6:30 pm.** Guest speaker, Mike Ruffino, from Ruffino's Painting, will join us to talk about 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. 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 events for this group? I'd like to have speakers, but also monthly day trips, outings, and lunches in addition to our meetings. Contact Kim Thornhill, thornhillproductions@gmail.com or 918-381-7459.

Christmas Party: Time to plan our Christmas party! I'm looking for feedback regarding location, menu, and entertainment. I have some ideas!

See you on October 28! Kim Thornhill

ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH

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



Join us **Saturday, November 2** 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: "Sloth—The Sluggishness of the Soul"

Speaker: Mark Hartfiel

- ♦ 7 Deadly Sins are DEADLY
- ♦ Not Merely a Sin Against Productivity
- ♦ A Spiritual Sloth
- Be Transformed by the Renewal of your Mind
- Are You Willing to Pray a Daily Rosary?
- True Fulfillment of your Daily Duty
- ♦ God is the Top of the Hierarchy

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Richard at <u>DeaconRichard@charter.net</u>.

ASSUMPTION RESPECT LIFE **APOSTOLATE (PRO-LIFE) MINISTRY**

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

♦ Bibs

- ♦ Sleepers ♦ Socks
- Clothes up to a year old
 Hand-made blankets/quilts
- Onesies
- Pajamas

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

GIVING TREE VOLUNTEER MEETING NOVEMBER 1 | 7-9PM

Please join us in the Meyer Room to make tags and set-up trees for this year. Please bring a pen, scissors, and hole punch if you have them. Any questions call Steve 636-443-5854.

By Appointment



SUNDAY 10.27.24

Mass Times and Intentions

Reconciliation

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

MONDAY 10.28.24 6:30am Priests Intention 8:00am Gianna Hentschel

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

TUESDAY 10.29.24 6:30am Priests Intention 8:00am Tommy Hobday

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

Doors open at 4:30pm

Dinner at 6:30pm Table of 8: \$280

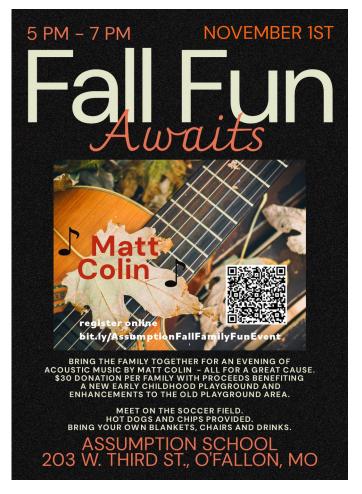
Individual Ticket: \$35

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

WEDNESDAY 10.30.24

6:30am Darlene Winkelmann 8:00am Kristi Nichols

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



O'FALLON KNIGHTS

OF COLUMBUS #2269

LADIES AUXILIARY

11th ANNUAL FASHION SHOW NOVEMBER 6 | PARISH CENTER

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.

♦ Sweaters

♦ Crochet hats and sweaters

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!



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT IS FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Get ready for another round of BINGO family fun this fall in the Assumption Parish Center! The 50 Plus Club and Twin Oaks Senior Living are planning a Family BINGO Night, Monday, Nov. 18, and all are welcome to attend from 6-8pm. Registration is not required.

Twin Oaks will provide the BINGO supplies, prizes, and the caller; and the 50 Plus Club will be selling light refreshments and snacks, including homemade baked goods, candy, chips and nonalcoholic beverages.

For more information contact Kim Thornhill at 918-381-7459.



Parish Center, Halls A & B Drinks & Snacks available for purchase



BLOOD DRIVE | THANK YOU!



ImpactLife collected <u>14 units</u> of blood at our recent blood drive, enabling area hospitals to assist at least 42 patients in their care. If you came and were able to donate, and even if you were not, may God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Blood donations save lives and there is a critical need for blood in our community. We are very grateful to all who come to our drives. THANK YOU!!

Please mark your calendars for the next blood drive coming to Assumption on Sunday, January 12.

THURSDAY 10.31.24

6:30am Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life 8:00am Priests Intention 5:30pm Priests Intention

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

FRIDAY 11.1.246:30am People of the Parish8:00am Francis M. Jurgens

7:00pm Val and Harold Uttecht

7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment SATURDAY 11.2.24 8:00am Jim Orf 5:00pm Karl Schalk

4:00–4:45pm Church or by appointment

SUNDAY 11.3.24

8:00am Jiri W. Simon
10:00am Richard and Kathleen Reitz Special Intention: 65th anniversary
12:00pm Maureen O'Neill
5:30pm Kathrine Godier

By Appointment

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (FORMERLY RCIA)

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. As 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. In addition, 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".

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults makes clear in nearly 20 different paragraphs that the process of initiation takes place within the larger community of the faithful. The Rite calls the community of the faithful to be engaged and involved in this process. It also places the celebrations of the rituals in the context of Sunday Mass—unless there are pastoral reasons not to do so—in order to assure that the entire community participates (see Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 31).

What is your role in helping these seekers? We encourage you to extend your hands over the group during the Rite as well as any prayers for them during Mass. By offering prayer, support, and example for those who are seeking Christ, the community of the faithful becomes an active, engaged, and important part of the initiation process.



O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 STAR COUNCIL AWARD

The O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Council #2269 was recently recognized with the prestigious Star Council Award! This award symbolizes excellence across several key areas:

- Membership Growth
- Insurance Promotion
- Leadership and Administration
- Program Activities that support our mission of serving the Church, community, family, and life.

To celebrate this achievement, a special dinner was held on September 19 where District Deputy, Art Bottorff, presented the **Star Council Award** to the Council and, in addition, several awards were also presented to the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Knight of Columbus Council #2269 would like to thank Fr. Nick, Msgr. Stehly, Fr. Patrick, the whole Parish staff and community, and fellow Knights and Ladies Auxiliary for supporting our endeavors!



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) NEWS **OCTOBER FAITH FORMATION EVENT**

On the evening of Wednesday, October 16, our Assumption PSR fifth grade students received their own Breakthrough Bible during our annual Bible Blessing. These Bibles, generously donated by the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary #2269, were blessed by Fr. Nick and presented to the students by their fifth-grade catechists.

Fr. Nick reminded our students that the Bible is not a book to be left on a shelf, but rather it is a gift to be used to guide our lives. May God's Word continue to transform these students as they grow in their faith.





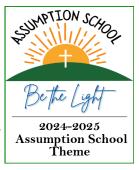




PRINCIPAL'S PEN 🔪



I am excited to share some wonderful news! The playground committee is ready to launch a campaign to support the construction and restructuring of three separate activity areas on our campus. These areas will provide spaces for our children to play and grow, but also encourage physical activity, creativity, and community engagement. Our goal is to create safer, more accessible, and more fun spaces that meet the needs of all our students. The new designs will include updated equipment, areas for all ages and features that will promote both physical and social development.



Area #1: Outdoor Classroom

This area will be updated with low climbing structures, rope balance beams, and multiple shade options. In addition, we will be tying our faith into this space by adding the Stations of the cross, a rosary walk and more.

Area #2: Early Childhood Playground

This area will be located adjacent to the Early Childhood Building and will be geared toward our preschool through 1st grade students.

Area #3: Sport Court

This area will be located where the old playground was by the soccer fields. This will be the new home of the GaGa Ball Pits and will be open to our Parish and School families. The Sport Court will be a multipurpose court that includes, pickleball, basketball, hockey, four square, tennis and more.

To bring this vision to life, we are launching a fundraising campaign and will roll this out in phases.

Pre-Phase: (What we plan to do before starting fundraising efforts)

We will work to update the Outdoor Classroom and relocate the GaGa Ball Pits. PTO will be purchasing mats for the GaGa Ball Pits. We have financial support to get this phase up and running in our near future.

Phase 1: The construction of the Early Childhood Playground.

Phase 2: The foundation of the Sport Court

Phase 3: The construction of the the Sport Court

We are finalizing a timeline and look forward to sharing fundraising endeavors with you. We believe that, with the help of our amazing parish and school community along with many of our stakeholders (PTO, Men's Group, Auction Committee, Golf Tournament, Athletics, The Maggie Welby Foundation, and Parish) we can reach this goal and provide our students with activity areas they will enjoy for many years to come. Together, we can create exciting new spaces for our children to enjoy, explore, and make lasting memories.

Come join us on November 1st for a Fall Family Event, all proceeds benefiting the activity areas for our school and parish community. For more information see Fall Family Event in the Parish Bulletin and Facebook pages. We hope to see you there!

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 27 | Life Teen: Playing it Safe 6:30–8:45pm | Parish Center

All high school teens are invited to join us for a night focusing on how holiness calls us beyond our comfort zone. Expect food, fun, community, and powerful prayer. We can't wait to see you there!

Wednesday, October 30 | 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.













QUESTIONS? Contact **Becky Whitaker**, Director of Youth Minister; Life Teen Youth Minister 636-240-3721 ext. 243 or <u>beckywhitaker@abvmtech.org</u>

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

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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.



OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory Actual Collections Budget Target Surplus / (Shortfall) Oct 6, 2024 \$40,596 \$40,000 \$596

YTD 7/1/24 - 10/6/24 \$534.935 \$560,000 \$(25,065)

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school Original Loan \$3,306,127 Current balance owed \$441,932 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 or scan the OR Code and create an account.



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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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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