

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OCTOBER 29, 2023

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



## ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY

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### 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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Hello,

This week we celebrate the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed on Thursday**, or more commonly referred to as **All Souls Day**. Hopefully we think of and pray for those we know who have died, this might include visiting someone's grave at a cemetery. One of the most common images I have of cemeteries is from my father. He would tell me and my siblings about when he was young how he had to ride the street car to the cemetery and would have a bushel of dirt with him to fill in over the grave where the earth would settle back down after the burial. It might have been for other relatives, but I always assumed it was for his father's grave who died when he was 17, and you needed to take care of the family grave sites.



That seems so foreign from our current practices, actually taking care of the plot yourself where your loved one is buried. Some people do still visit family graves regularly, but if it wasn't for perpetual care at cemeteries, I would believe that those well visited and cared for plots would stand out starkly against the majority which would look like condemned properties. Most of us don't visit cemeteries that much anymore, but that doesn't mean we can't remember and pray for the dead.

This practice isn't meant to be a morbid habit that we consider our lives cannot go on without them here with us, but it does help to keep our connection to them. Our prayers for them, for their swift passage to heaven, keeps an intimate connection and as with all of our relations, strengthens our memories of them. It is also a hope that they may be praying for us. Even if the Church has not recognized them as a saint and canonized them, they may already have begun an eternity in heaven with God. This practice also reminds us of our mortality, and hopefully also of our immortality, or what our ultimate end is meant to be.

Remembering that this life will end for us and we are truly meant for heaven will hopefully affect how we live today. It is so easy to get caught up in just what is happening today, or what I need now, or what message has gotten my attention this second. Hopefully we take the opportunity to remind ourselves of more important, eternal concerns to guide our lives.

One other thought. If you do manage to go and visit the grave of someone you know, look around at some of their neighbors and say a prayer for them also, someday we might meet them in heaven.

Peace,

*Fr. Nick*



**ALL SAINTS DAY  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

**Catechism of the Catholic Church says this about The Communion of Saints Paragraph 5. (Profession of Faith)**

After confessing "the holy catholic Church," the Apostles' Creed adds "the communion of saints." In a certain sense this article is a further explanation of the preceding: "What is the Church if not the assembly of all the saints?" The communion of saints is the Church. "Since all the faithful form one body, the good of each is communicated to the others... We must therefore believe that there exists a communion of goods in the Church. But the most important member is Christ, since he is the head... Therefore, the riches of Christ are communicated to all the members, through the sacraments." "As this Church is governed by one and the same Spirit, all the goods she has received necessarily become a common fund." The term "communion of saints" therefore has two closely linked meanings: communion in holy things (*sancta*) and "among holy persons (*sancti*)."

*Sancta sanctis! ("God's holy gifts for God's holy people") is proclaimed by the celebrant in most Eastern liturgies during the elevation of the holy Gifts before the distribution of communion. The faithful (sancti) are fed by Christ's holy body and blood (sancta) to grow in the communion of the Holy Spirit (koinonia) and to communicate it to the world.*

\*Come and celebrate Mass with us surrounded by our parish saints... and the saints that are even walking among us, **Tuesday, October 31, 5:30pm (Vigil), Wednesday, November 1, 6:30am; 8am; and 7pm.**

**Note: Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions is cancelled due to All Saints Vigil Mass.**

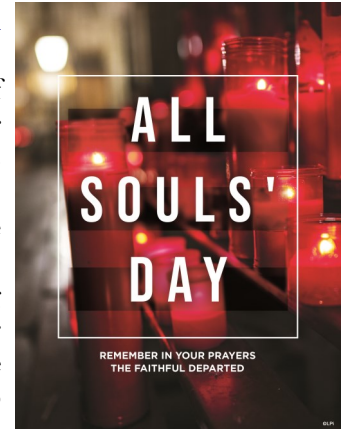
**IN LOVING  
MEMORY**

**Anthony Potts, nephew of Terry Potts**

**ALL SOULS DAY  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

All Soul's Day is a Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. All Saints' Day, together with All Souls' Day is known collectively as Hallow tide. All Souls' Day remembers all those who have died, not just the great and the good, but the ordinary person on the street.

**At the 7pm Mass on November 2,** we will bring forward our Book of Remembrance to honor your family and friends who have gone before us. As part of a conclusion, we will process to the cemetery after the closing prayer. As part of our procession this year, we will have luminaries to light our way.



**ASSUMPTION ADORATION CHAPEL**



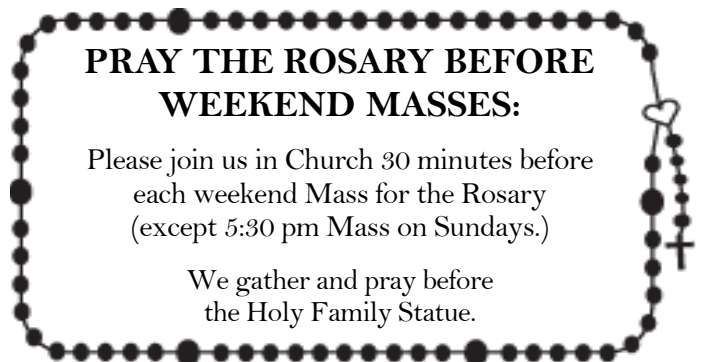
Adoration is available 24/7 in the Chapel (the old church) by using the code at the north transit entrance. EXPOSITION is on Tuesday after the 8am Mass, and is available through the Rosary at 6:15pm, followed by our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions.

During Eucharistic Exposition, when the Eucharist is in the monstrance and exposed, an adorer must be present. Please sign up at: [assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com](http://assumptionbvm.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.



## KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS #2269 UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fish Fry | November 3 | 5-7pm



Join us on the **first Friday of the month** for a fish fry. Dine in and Carry out. **Menu: Fried cod and catfish, fried chicken strips plus various sides and desserts.** Tea, coffee free; Full cash bar available: beer, wine, and mixed drinks.

### Queen of Hearts | Every Tuesday



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

## ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH:

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

Join us **November 4** in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building for another amazing 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**. 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 Kingdom of Comfort"

Speaker Kevin Wells

- ◆ The Type of Men We Need to Build the Kingdom
- ◆ The Hidden and Holy Life of Fr. Aloysius Schwartz
- ◆ Confronting the Kingdom of Comfort
- ◆ A Radical Embrace of the Gospel Message to Follow Christ
- ◆ Sacrifice, Prayer, and Untiring Service
- ◆ A Superabundant Fruitfulness

For more information, contact Deacon Richard at [DeaconRichard@charter.net](mailto:DeaconRichard@charter.net) or 314-397-2433.

## HOSPITALITY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5



Join us next Sunday in the Parish Center after our 8am, 10am and 12pm Masses for Hospitality Sunday!

We are so excited to have donuts, bagels, coffee, milk, juice and lots of fellowship!



## SAVE THE DATE: ASSUMPTION iGIVE CATHOLIC

The Assumption iGiveCatholic inspires faithful stewards of our parish to "Give Back and Give Catholic" on GivingTuesday, a global day of generosity and kindness. This year, we hope to raise \$7,500 in support of our parish, the loving ministries and organizations within, and our beautiful school—which have helped to shape our lives of faith over the past 152 years.

We hope you will join us for #iGiveCatholic on GivingTuesday, November 28 by making a cash or [online donation](#). The Advanced Giving phase will run from November 13–27, and GivingTuesday is November 28.



SCAN ME

Please watch for more information in the bulletin, Enews publications, [our website](#), and on [Facebook](#).





### Save the Date!

**November 13-27**  
Advanced Giving

**November 28**  
Giving Tuesday

<https://bit.ly/Assumption2023>

### Mass Times and Intentions

### Reconciliation

#### SUNDAY 10.29.23

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

#### MONDAY 10.30.23

6:30am Wayne Stoll  
8:00am Pauline Cox  
7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

#### TUESDAY 10.31.23

6:30am Arnold S. Becker  
8:00am George H. Wilmes  
5:30pm Priest Intentions  
7:30–7:50am Church

#### WEDNESDAY 11.1.23

6:30am Jerry Barton  
8:00am Norbert/John Rothermich  
7:00pm Harold and Val Uttecht  
7:30–7:50am Church or by appointment

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

**Please return Sponsor Form by next Sunday, 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. Forms are due by November 5.**

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



**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 11.2.23

6:30am Priest Intentions  
8:00am Clarence Thessen  
7:00pm James Barry

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

### FRIDAY 11.3.23

6:30am Vocation to the Priesthood  
and Religious Life  
8:00am Pat Luetkenhaus

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

### SATURDAY 11.4.23

8:00am Priest Intentions  
5:00pm Priest Intentions

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

### SUNDAY 11.5.23

8:00am Pauline Cox  
10:00am Edward Kullman  
12:00pm Shirley Mackey  
5:30pm People of the Parish

By Appointment



## 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 in the collection 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

## 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



Women of the parish are invited to begin our celebration of Advent with an evening of fellowship, music, and prayer at this year's

## Advent By Candlelight

Join Us from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
on Sunday, Nov. 26th  
in the Father Joe Kempf Parish Center

## "When Hope is Our Candle"

Sister Theresa Jezl, CPPS, with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in O'Fallon will be the guest speaker, and our own Life Teen Band will entertain!

To participate in this beautiful Advent program, you must reserve a table before Nov. 17. Each table seats 8 guests with one serving as Hostess.

Space is Limited! Reserve your table now!  
Contact Nancy Gomer at [ngomer@abvmtech.org](mailto:ngomer@abvmtech.org) or call 636-240-3721 ext. 239.



ST. DOMINIC PALS PRESENTS

# Dueling Pianos Fundraiser

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH  
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM  
St. Dominic High School Fallon Family Center

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## 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:

**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 [mike.vohsen@gmail.com](mailto:mike.vohsen@gmail.com) for the Men's Retreat.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank our fellow parishioners for helping make this year's Tootsie Roll Drive a great success! We collected over **\$5300** for the Center for Developmentally Disabled Children at Cardinal Glennon and Community Living off Tom Ginnever Ave.

Thanks again!!

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

**FALL DANCE**  
**NOV. 4TH**

**6:30PM-10PM**  
DARDENNE HALL (POST RD)  
ENTERTAINMENT BY  
SCOTT LAYTHAM & KARL HOLMES

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## THE GO & MAKE PODCAST BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Each Tuesday, we release a new episode of GO & MAKE, a podcast meant to equip our parishioners for real life evangelization.

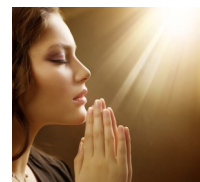


Each week we provide updated graphics in various sizes, copy suggestions, a printable flyer, and other deliverables for you to promote this resource in your parishes.

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## WOMEN'S MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

The Women's Morning of Recollection usually held at Immaculate Conception of Dardenne (ICD) on the first Wednesday of the month is canceled for November due to the All Saints Day holy day of obligation. We instead invite you to attend the Women's Morning of Recollection at Ascension Parish in Chesterfield on Wednesday November 15 from 9:30-11:30 am. We will resume Recollections at ICD on December 6 at 9:30am.



## 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, [teamsideline.com/sites/cyosaintcharlesmo/current-programs](https://teamsideline.com/sites/cyosaintcharlesmo/current-programs), 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](https://sites.google.com/view/assumptioncyc/home).

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**TODAY & TOMORROW**  
CHANGING THE FUTURE — ONE CHILD AT A TIME



## PRINCIPAL'S PEN

2023-2024  
Assumption  
Theme



### All Saints Day began in 609 A.D. but not November 1!

I always find it fascinating to understand and know the history of our church and who was responsible for developing specific holy days on the church calendar. Catholic Online provided this information:

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints—that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness. Other countries have different rules according to their national bishop's conferences. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day.

Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD, formally started All Saints' Day. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints. The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead. Pope Gregory III eventually established the holy day on

November 1 in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned. In Ireland, the Church celebrated All Saints' Day on April 20, to avoid associating the day with the traditional harvest festivals and pagan feasts associated with Samhain, celebrated at the same time. Following the establishment of the Frankish Empire, and following the reign of Charlemagne,



the holy day, which was already celebrated on November 1, became a holy day of obligation by decree of Pope Gregory IV and Louis the Pious, who was king over a portion of Charlemagne's former empire. Following the Protestant Reformation, many Protestants retained the holy day, although they dismissed the need to pray for the dead. Instead, the day has been used to commemorate those who have recently died, usually in the past year, and to remember the examples of those who lived holy lives.

The Catholic practice however, celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not. Holy day customs vary around the world. In the United States, the day before is Halloween and is usually celebrated

by dressing in costumes with themes commonly associated with death. Children go door-to-door in costume, trick-or-treating, that is soliciting candy from their neighbors. The holiday has lost much of its connection to its religious origins. Although nearly everyone celebrates Halloween for the fun of the secular holiday, the following religious solemnity is not widely practiced or acknowledged by most Americans unless they are Catholic.

In other countries, such as Portugal, Spain and Mexico, traditional practices include performance of the play, "Don Juan Tenorio" and offerings made to the dead. All Saints' Day occurs on the same day as the Mexican "Díe de los Inocentes" a day dedicated to deceased children. Across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers. In some places, such as the Philippines, graves can be painted and repaired by family members. Many of these practices blur the distinction between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Thanks for reading about the history of All Saints. Next month, my article will be our Grade 1 students dressing as their saint of choice and their presentations during our Prayer Service!

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 community and prayer. Please pray for us and know that we are praying for you!

**Life Teen's Fall Retreat is coming up!** 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. **Forms and payment must be turned in ASAP!**



**Sunday, October 29 | Life Teen—Uncontainable Contents: Here and Now Series | 6:30–8:45p.m. in the Assumption Parish Center**

All high school teens are invited to join us for the second 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!

**Wednesday, November 1  
No Edge—All Saints Day**



### 2023-2024 Save the Dates:

**November 10-12: LT Fall Retreat at Marianist Retreat Center**

**November 17: FREDGE – a NEW Edge Social Night!**

**March 8-9: Luke 18 Retreat**

### Connect with us on Social Media:

#### Instagram:

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#### Facebook:

Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

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## RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We have 12 inquirers and after our discernment process last weekend, all 12 will continue their journey with us towards Easter Sacraments. **God is good.** One of two very important Rites were celebrated at the 8am Sunday Mass. The rites are foundational in the formation of participants for in these liturgies they encounter Christ and are transformed by His grace. We saw evidence of initial conversion/intention to change; desire to enter into/grow a relationship with God in Christ; evidence of the stirrings of repentance; call upon God in prayer; A sense of Church; experience of the company and spirit of Christians by contact with a priest and members of the Catholic Community.



After the rite this weekend, our inquirers will have new titles. Catechumens (one whom have never been baptized) and Candidates (one who was baptized in the Trinity of another faith.) With this Rite Catechumens publicly declare to the Church their desire to become member of Church and Candidates publicly declare to the Church their desire to seek full communion with Church. Our Church embraces them. We are finishing the inquiry stage and today, enter into the Catechumenate period.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING NOVEMBER

Your generous support of God's Church and other worthy causes shows how much you care. God has given many gifts to you, and He asks that we use them to build His kingdom here on earth.

During the month of November, please support the general needs of the parish through the Sunday offertory, and also consider the following specific causes and needs:

- ♦ **November 5: Retirement Fund for Religious:** Proceeds from the annual Retirement Fund for Religious appeal provide financial assistance to hundreds of religious communities that lack sufficient financial resources to meet the retirement and health-care needs of their aging members.
- ♦ **November 19: Campaign for Human Development:** This agency empowers local community members to work with their civic, business, and religious leaders to make housing, jobs, education, and other opportunities and services responsive to the needs of low-income people.
- ♦ **Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** Your contribution provides direct help to the poor in our local community. Through your generosity, you help people struggling to survive, providing: clothing, shelter, food, medicine and more.
- ♦ **Respect Life:** The Respect Life Apostolate at Assumption strives to build a Culture of Life through prayer services and education on pro-life issues and events.
- ♦ **Education Fund:** Contributions to the Education Fund are used to provide tuition assistance to parents that want a Catholic education for their children but can't afford it.

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

Thank you.

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	Oct. 8, 2023	YTD 7/1/23 - 10/8/23
Actual Collections	\$35,008	\$523,360
Budget Target	<u>\$35,000</u>	<u>\$568,000</u>
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$8	\$(44,640)

  
**STEWARDSHIP**  
*a way of life*

**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  
[Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:Bulletin.assumption@gmail.com)  
by Tuesday 9am

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

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