

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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



## VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

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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,

Friday we celebrated the feast day of St. Leo the Great who was pope from 440 to 461. We can think that we have difficulties, but just in those 21 years Leo was pope, he would have to address numerous heresies, stress that the bishop of Rome was the heir of Peter, and also face two attempted sackings of Rome. I guess that may have something to do with his gaining the title 'Great.'



I have no doubt that we suffer from the threat of many heresies in our Church today, but fortunately I don't think there are large groups in the Church who are promoting a fundamental theological teaching that is different from our common faith. Three heresies that he had to fight were Pelagianism, Manichaeism, and Monophysitism. In the simplest of terms you could summarize them as: Pelagianism—not believing in original sin and believing we can conquer sin and gain eternal life without grace; Manichaeism—a dualistic belief of good and evil that also asserts that we can achieve our salvation by knowledge and that all material and physical things are intrinsically evil and knowledge is intrinsically good; and Monophysitism—the belief that Christ had only one nature and the denial that he had both human and divine natures. That is really an over simplification but shows some of the challenges in the Church at the time.

This is also why the stressing of the centrality of the Bishop of Rome was so important. To support the unity of the Church throughout the world in our beliefs and in our practice. Pope Leo would not only bring this out by his referring to the Pope as 'heir of Peter,' but also in his sermons by addressing his concern and responsibilities not only for the people of Rome, but for those throughout the world. In addition, he would also address disputes between bishops, defending the rights of bishops in their diocese against that of other bishops, while demonstrating the primacy of the Pope.

Beyond the theological concerns, Pope Leo also had the physical concerns that there were attempts at sacking Rome. In 452, Attila the Hun was marching on Rome and Leo convinced him to accept a sizable gift instead of sacking the city. He wasn't as fortunate with Gaiseric the Vandal in 455 who did sack the city, but the Church and the city would survive.

Fortunately, I don't think we have to worry about the sacking of Rome today, but other challenges Leo faced are things we can relate to today. Reflecting on the need for the unity in the Church and understanding heresies of the past might help us recognize and address those concerns today. And while we may not have sacking, I cannot imagine what Leo would have thought about some digital attacks we face against our faith and beliefs today.

Peace,

*Fr. Nick*

## DON'T FALL FOR "FATHER NICK'S" EMAIL OR TEXT SCAM

If you ever receive an email or text from "Father Nick" asking if you have a few minutes to spare, that he needs you to be discreet, or purchase gift cards, **DELETE IT IMMEDIATELY!** This is a scam! Please know that Father Nick would never ask anyone to purchase gift cards on his behalf—EVER.

It has been brought to our attention more than once over the past few months that parishioners are receiving emails and texts of this sort, and we feel it's important to let everyone know. We are not sure how the scammer is getting your email or phone number, but it's happening, and we don't want you to fall for this scam. Thank you!

## ASSUMPTION ADORATION 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.

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)

## 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

**Mercedes Hopen,**  
sister of Mary Feldmann

**Jiri W. Simon,**  
brother of Yvonne Lakes

**Tim Haake,**  
husband of Kathy Haake

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

### Service Members on Our Prayer List:

David Baine  
Logan McCummisky  
Cooper Grupe  
Jeffrey Northway  
Miranda Gerringer  
Connor Smith  
Sydney Smith  
Alex Struckoff  
Scott Boatright  
Brenden Seibert  
Jason Nickell  
Garrett Einggeli  
Anna Bello  
Brian Cole  
Thomas Townsend  
Virginia Brawley  
Aaron Davis  
Samuel Davis  
Justin Dimitry  
Marissa Johnson  
Drew Huskey  
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Alex Murphy  
Michael Pabst  
Calvin Pieper  
Ellie Prinster  
Caroline Victor  
Colin Emge  
Robert Rodamaker  
Christopher Schneider  
Tanner Swafford  
Graham Mullin  
Austen Thomas  
Cody Wade  
Shaun Brown  
Alexander Boden  
Christopher Weber  
Shaun Brown D.O.

Son of Larry and Elizabeth Baine  
Great Grandson of Arnold & Dottie Becker  
Grandson of Mary Lou Becker  
Grandson of Mary Lou Becker  
Granddaughter of Keith and Jean Boal  
Nephew of Keith and Jean Boal  
Niece of Keith and Jean Boal  
Nephew of Keith and Jean Boal  
Son of Mary and Don Boatright  
Grandson of Larry and Shirley Boyer  
Nephew of Larry & Sue Buehler  
Grandson of John and Sherry Busken  
Niece of Tina Cay  
Grandson of Henrietta Cole  
Grandson of Lorraine Cully  
Granddaughter of Walter and Pat Curtis  
Son of Tammy and Tim Davis  
Son of Tim & Tammy Davis  
Nephew of Gary & Jan Doerr  
Great Granddaughter of Ruth Ell  
Son of Karla & Bret Falkner  
Nephew of Madeline and Larry Gage  
and Grandson of Julitta Gage  
Grandson of John and Sharon Gibbons  
Granddaughter of Maribeth Huddleston  
Grandson of Joyce Hunn  
Grandson of Joyce Hunn  
Great Grandson of Larry & Dolores Lantiegne  
Grandson of Larry & Dolores Lantiegne  
Son of Cathy and Chuck Pabst  
Grandson of Howard and Carol Pieper  
Granddaughter of Henry & Norma Prinster  
Granddaughter of Henry & Norma Prinster  
Great Grandson of Ruth Rothermich  
Great Grandson of Clarence Schneider  
Son of Shelly and Jim Schneider  
Grandson of Marilyn Shaffer  
Grandson of Norbert and Mary Stoverink  
Son of Jeanine Thomas  
Son of Mike & Beth Wade  
Nephew of Angela Ward  
Grandson of Bob and Jan Weber  
Grandson of Bob and Jan Weber  
Son of Rick and Andrea Wild

Do you have family or friend who are currently serving in the Armed Forces? If so, we would like to pray for them by name as a community!

To **add** or **remove** a name from our list, please call the Parish Office, 636-240-3721.

Thank you for your prayerful support to help keep our troops serving our country safe!





## ATTENTION MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH:

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

Join us **November 18** 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: "Blinded by The Kingdom"

Speaker Dr. Lenny DeLorenzo

- ◆ Heaven Changes Who We Become
- ◆ The Most Famous Conversion in The History of The Church
- ◆ St. Paul's Redeemed Memory of Who and What He Once Was
- ◆ Transforming The Way He Sees and the Way He Thinks
- ◆ Transforming The Way He Hears and the Way He Feels
- ◆ Transforming The Way He Speaks and the Way He Desires
- ◆ St. Paul Becomes Fit for Heaven

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

## 50+ FELLOWSHIP NEWS



Our next meeting is **Monday November 20 at 6:30pm**. We are so excited to have our own Msgr. Dennis Stehly talk about his journey of formation before he came to Assumption Parish. All are welcome! It's a the last chance to pay yearly dues of \$15 per person before you can sign up for our annual Christmas dinner and entertainment.

### Save the Date: Monday, December 11 | 6:30pm

Join us for our annual catered Christmas dinner and entertainment. \$10/person. 50 Plus will pick up the remaining cost. Those attending can bring dessert or salad. Please RSVP to ensure we have enough food.

If you have any questions please contact Bob or Liz Allmeyer, 636-240-8638, [Lizallmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:Lizallmeyer@gmail.com) or Linda Lambing, 314-599-8429.

## LET'S CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING TOGETHER THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 | 9am

Join us as we will once again have a special Eucharistic celebration. It is special in several ways. First, let this day be a reminder that "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving." Taking part in the Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day is a beautiful way to begin celebrating this holiday and we hope that you will join us.

We also invite you to bring gifts for the poor. These can be money or the usual items you bring for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. On this day, please **DO NOT** leave them at the St. Vincent de Paul Society Depository but **bring them to your pews**. At the time of the Presentation of the Gifts, you will be asked to bring your gifts forward to the bins provided. The St. Vincent DePaul Society, Ushers, and Greeters will be there to assist you.

Finally, you are invited to bring something that you will be providing at your own Thanksgiving Dinner. Let it be anything—cooked or uncooked, that you can handle easily. Again, **bring this to your pew with you**. During the Mass, you will be asked to hold up these items to be blessed. After Mass, take them home with you to be used for your meal.

We hope that this will help to make a connection between the Lord's Table and your own feasting table. In this way, you are bringing God's blessing to your own table and might even use this item to focus your meal prayer that day.

We do hope that you will join us as one family at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish to give **Thanks to God for all that He has done for us!** Please Note: There will not be a 6:30am or 8am Mass on Thanksgiving Day.



### Mass Times and Intentions

### Reconciliation

#### SUNDAY 11.12.23

8:00am Vince Scully  
10:00am Ron Hanebrink  
12:00pm Herbert Simon  
5:30pm Tony and Ruth Ell

By Appointment

#### MONDAY 11.13.23

6:30am Marlene Pieper  
8:00am Henry and Jane Sachs

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

#### TUESDAY 11.14.23

6:30am Priest Intentions  
8:00am Carmela Bamert

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

#### WEDNESDAY 11.15.23

6:30am Joseph and Susan  
McHugh  
8:00am Joe Grivois

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

## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT NOVEMBER 26 | 6:30-8:30PM RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

Women of the parish are invited to set aside the hustle and bustle of the holidays, and focus your minds and hearts on the birth of Christ at this year's Advent by Candlelight celebration, Sunday, Nov. 26.

Join us for a beautiful evening of fellowship, music and prayer! This year's guest speaker is Sister Theresa Jezel. Don't miss her beautiful message: "When Hope is Your Candle," and musical worship with our own Life Teen Band!



Space is limited and reservations are available through November 17. To reserve your table of eight, or for more information, contact Nancy Gomer, [ngomer@abvmtech.org](mailto:ngomer@abvmtech.org) or 636-240-3721 ext. 239.

## SAVE THE DATE: LADIES WHITE HOUSE RETREAT FEBRUARY 22-FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Spend some time with the Lord this Lent by attending a White House Retreat with Assumption Ladies. The retreat given by Jesuit Priests, and based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, will be held at the White House Retreat Center, 7400 Christopher Dr. in St. Louis.

More information coming soon.

## SAVE THE DATE: MEN'S CRHP RETREAT 2024

Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3, 2024



Do you want to experience one of the most spiritual journeys of your life? Attend an upcoming Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Men's Retreat.

Discover what is missing in your life and register for our free CRHP Retreat today! Contact Mike Vohsen at 314-951-4733 or [mike.vohsen@gmail.com](mailto:mike.vohsen@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



For those missing the Rite celebrated a few weeks ago, they experienced the same Rite during our session last weekend.

Liturgy of the Word is not just someone standing up and reading. No, it goes much deeper. In short, the Liturgy of the Word is what adequately prepares our hearts, minds and souls to receive the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ in the Eucharist. As we turn our focus to the lectern of the church and hear the Word of God proclaimed through his people, we have an opportunity to perk up and lend our ears to listen to what the Lord has to say to each of us. The Word of God, then calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. Most important of all, the Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say.

What happens when the RCIA groups are dismissed after the homily? We just heard the Liturgy of the Word and now will examine how the readings impact us. This is called "breaking open the word." What happens in this discussion? Small groups gather and discuss their first impressions. We invite you to break open the word with us each Sunday.

### How does the text influence you?

#### What...

- ♦ Word or phrase grabbed you?
- ♦ Feelings did you notice?
- ♦ Questions do you have?
- ♦ Were you delighted at?
- ♦ Were you uncomfortable with?



### THURSDAY 11.16.23

6:30am John Tucker  
8:00am Mary Jane Schalk

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

### FRIDAY 11.17.23

6:30am Priest Intentions  
8:00am Pat Luetkenhaus

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

### SATURDAY 11.18.23

8:00am Fran Brandriff  
5:00pm Ethan Allen

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

### SUNDAY 11.19.23

8:00am Marvin Birkemeier  
10:00am People of the Parish  
12:00pm Shirley Mackey  
5:30pm Priest Intentions

By Appointment

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP THIS CHRISTMAS WITH NEIGHBORS-IN-NEED SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9



This has been an extremely difficult year for our Neighbors-in-Need with rising gas, rent and food prices. If you would like to help our Neighbors-in-Need and the poor and homeless, please consider helping our St. Vincent de Paul Conference this holiday season. We have a few different ways that you can help:

**Giving Tree gifts:** Our Giving Trees are up in church and filled with gift needs! Please limit your spending for each tag to \$25 - \$40 per gift. Please return the tags, attached to your **wrapped gift**, to the downstairs tree in the parish hall **no later than Sunday, December 3, prior to the noon mass.**

**Donation Items:** Our Neighbors-In-Need and the poor and homeless lack the necessities that we often take for granted. When they pick up their items from the Giving Tree at our annual Christmas Event, they also may choose other basic needs items that we make available. If you would like to donate **NEW** items to our basic needs table, please choose from the following:

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| ♦ Walmart gift cards                   | ♦ Pillows                 |
| ♦ Auto Supply Store gift cards         | ♦ Extension cords         |
| ♦ Blankets                             | ♦ Lightbulbs              |
| ♦ Sheet sets                           | ♦ Batteries               |
| ♦ Snow shovels                         | ♦ Scissors                |
| ♦ Crock Pots (small & large sizes)     | ♦ Toasters                |
| ♦ Hand mixers                          | ♦ Coffee pots             |
| ♦ Boxed cake mixes and Icing           | ♦ Bucket and sponge mop   |
| ♦ Kitchen towels, dish cloths, sponges | ♦ Food storage containers |
| ♦ Broom and dustpan                    | ♦ Rolls of Scotch Tape    |

**ALL donation items (NEW ONLY PLEASE) should be placed in the boxes provided in the pre-function area of the Parish Center between November 26 and November 30.**

Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration. Happy Holidays to each of you!

If you have any questions, please call Georgia, 717-919-7312 or Linda, 636-248-6385.



## LADIES AUXILIARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 COOKIE SALE DECEMBER 9 AND 10

Having company for the holidays? Going to Christmas parties and need a hostess gift? **Get your holiday cookies and leave the baking to us!** The Ladies Auxiliary of Knights of Columbus Council #2269 will host their first ever cookie sale December 9 and 10 in the Parish Center, Hall A.

The ladies will help you select a custom box, then you can pick and choose which holiday cookies you want to purchase for \$8 a pound. The cookie sale will be after 5pm Mass on December 9 and after 8am, 10am, and 12pm Mass on December 10.

Questions? Contact Paula Thomson at 314-477-6488.



## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

The end of season volleyball tournament was last weekend and fourteen teams advanced to this tournament! Two teams are advancing to the City County Playoffs: 7G Frazier/Robert and 6G Karll/Cusumano!

Boys playoffs for soccer were this past weekend as well. Three teams are advancing to City/County playoffs: 5B, 6B and 8B (with 8B having an undefeated season.) The girls St Charles County playoffs are this coming weekend.

Congrats to all of our teams and good luck to those competing this weekend!

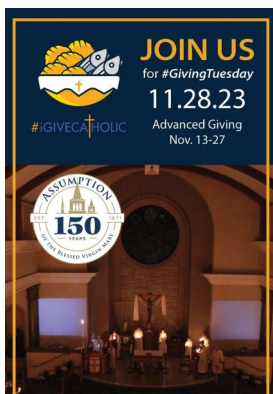
For more information about the Athletic Association, please check out our website at: <https://sites.google.com/view/assumptioncyc/home> or follow us on Facebook (Assumption Athletic Association).

If you are interested in joining the board (spots opening up in the spring), or have any questions, please email [assumptioncyc@gmail.com](mailto:assumptioncyc@gmail.com).



## ASSUMPTION iGIVECATHOLIC STARTS NEXT WEEK!

**ADVANCED GIVING: NOVEMBER 13-27 | GIVING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**



For over 152 years, anyone who passes by Assumption can see that the people of God within have built something beautiful! Yet, as beautiful as our buildings are, the true beauty is in what they hold—a loving parish community. It is our commitment at Assumption that – by how we live – Christ’s love is known in our every gathering.

**Help us continue this legacy by supporting Assumption #iGiveCatholic this year. The Advanced Giving phase is November 13-27, and GivingTuesday is November 28.** On this global day of generosity and kindness, we hope to raise \$7,500 in support of our parish, loving ministries and organizations within, and our beautiful school—all which have helped to shape our lives of faith for more than a century.

Every contribution counts, and will assist in securing what we have built for future generations. Donors throughout the parish are encouraged to make a cash donation next week during Advanced Giving, Nov. 13-27. Or scan the QR Code and give an online gift during GivingTuesday, Nov. 28. Envelopes with cash donation should be marked “Assumption iGiveCatholic” and placed in the collection basket at Mass. Donors may also bring their contributions to the Parish Office during regular office hours or drop it in the mailbox out front.



**SCAN ME**

Thanks in advance for your generous support, and for making Assumption such a beautiful place to worship and learn for future generations.

**Here are some ways your donations could support Assumption Parish.**



**Respect Life Apostolate  
Pro-Life Ministry**



**Donations could support  
the housing for our  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Society Food Pantry**



**Assumption School  
Tuition Assistance**



**Parish and Chapel Lighting  
and HVAC Needs**



**Bibles and textbooks for  
Assumption Parish School  
of Religion (PSR)**



**Assumption School Annual  
Fund the Need Campaign**



**Christ Renews His  
Parish (CRHP)  
Retreats**



**Life Teen and  
EDGE Retreats**



**Supplies for the Assumption  
Parish Center**



## PRINCIPAL'S PEN

### Pumpkin Contest 2023

There is nothing better than seeing the creative ways there are to decorate a pumpkin for Halloween! Thanks to Mrs. Chassaniol and Mrs. Lahnar (STUCO co-moderators, and the Student Council Officers and Members) for coordinating this event. The students always have a wonderful time seeing all of the entries, and of course, the Preschool students, who are the judges, selecting the winners.

This year's entries did not disappoint! Here are a few.



Chicks



101 Dalmatians



Free Kittens



Giraffe



Kangaroo



Ursula (from Little Mermaid)



Snail with Large Eyes



Pump-Ken  
(from Barbie movie)



Owls with Daisy Eyes

### The Bouncing Egg Project

Chemical reactions can cause property changes in many "things." In one of the middle school classes with Mrs. Schenk, students were studying the egg—it's mass, make-up, and other aspects that make it an egg. By investigating the egg, the calcium exterior, its hardness and its fragile nature against the aspects of acidic vinegar, both are used to create a chemical reaction resulting in a bouncing egg.

By placing the eggs (in their shells) into vinegar (covering completely), the vinegar will dissolve the eggshell. This happens because vinegar contains an acid called acetic acid, which reacts with the high calcium content of the eggshell. Not only is the shell dissolved, but it becomes rubbery. The mass of the egg changes, as well. The raw egg starts at 61 grams while the "pickled" egg ends at 74 grams. In addition, the "pickled" egg was larger and had spots. (see picture).

Holding the pickled egg about 2 inches from a table and dropping, it bounces. It's a fun experiment with students being able to see the actual changes that occur in this particular chemical reaction.

Thanks for reading about Assumption School,  
**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! Here's what's going on this week:

### Life Teen's Fall Retreat is this weekend!

We will be diving into our "Harry Potter" inspired Fall Retreat, **Abide**, 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!

During this weekend, we will be praying in a special way with John 15—**what does it truly mean to abide in the love of God?** And if we can live from our relationship with Him, how does that impact everything in our life?

Retreat returns to Assumption **to finish out our retreat with our parish community** at the 5:30pm **Life Teen Mass**. Retreat concludes following the Celebration of Mass. There is no Life Night following Mass, Sunday, November 12.

### Wednesday, November 15 | Edge XLT and Reconciliation 6–7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

All seventh and eighth graders are invited to join us as we continue our Edge Semester, **Mapp My Life**, on the Eucharist. For this Edge night, middle school youth will have the opportunity to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Expect fun, faith, and community as we explore what it means to vibrantly live out our Catholic faith together.



### Friday, November 17 | FREDGE: a NEW Edge Social Night! Friday + EDGE = FREDGE | 6 – 8 p.m. in the Parish Center

All seventh and eighth graders are invited to join us for FREDGE, a new Edge Social Night! FREDGE is a fun night to hang out with your friends from Edge and get to know our community more! We will be having pizza and a dodgeball tournament. We can't wait to see you there.

**2024 Save the Date:**  
**March 8-9:**  
**Luke 18 Retreat**

### Connect with us on Social Media:

#### Instagram:

@assumption\_life\_teen // @assumption\_edge

#### Facebook:

Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

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## BLOOD DRIVE | THANK YOU!



ImpactLife collected **21 units** of blood at our recent blood drive, enabling area hospitals to assist at least 63 patients in their care. If you came and were able to donate, or came but couldn't donate, 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 14, 2024.**

## THANK YOU

The family of Patricia Luetkenhaus wish to thank Fr. Nick and the entire parish staff and community for your support, prayers, and love during her illness and subsequent, passing. Having been baptized at Assumption as a child, it was comforting to be able to "come home again" these last few years and to be welcomed back with such open arms. We are forever grateful to the parish family for helping us in this difficult time.

The Family of Patricia Luetkenhaus





## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2269 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.



## CONSIDER MAKING A YEAR-END GIFT TO ASSUMPTION



As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by making a gift to Assumption Parish or Assumption School. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits can provide an incentive to make a gift at this time of year. A gift also can help support Assumption for years to come.

If you are over 70.5 years of age and have an IRA, you can arrange for all or part of your RMD (required minimum distribution) to be sent to the parish instead of being included in your taxable income. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution and is a great way to save on your taxes, even if you don't itemize your deductions. Your IRA administrator can help you with that.

For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift to Assumption, please contact Fr. Nick or Mark Vogt in the Parish Office at 636-240-3721.

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Offertory	Oct. 22, 2023	YTD 7/1/23 - 10/22/23	Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school
Actual Collections	\$32,184	\$586,231	Original Loan \$3,306,127
Budget Target	<u>\$35,000</u>	<u>\$638,000</u>	Current balance owed \$786,403
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$(2,816)	\$(51,769)	Monthly payment \$20,923
			<i>Last expected payment, August 2026</i>



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](http://assumptionbvm.org/Our-Parish/Online-Giving)  
or scan the QR Code



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## 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.