

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Jesus said to Thomas,
"Have you come to
believe because you
have seen me?
Blessed are those
who have not seen
and have believed."

John 20:29



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April 28, 2019

Sacraments/Other Information



BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Required Preparation Class. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should contact the parish office at least one year 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.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



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.



FUNERALS

Please contact Amanda Suchara, Funeral Coordinator, 636-577-3776, to make final arrangements.



CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 8th grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020 for more information.



FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2nd grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

Welcome



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Mercy

We conclude the Octave of Easter celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. God's mercy flows in abundance from Jesus' wounded side on the cross, for the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the sacramental life of the Church; it is God's mercy, poured out in Christ Jesus, which recreates the world, revealing a new heaven and a new earth.

Jesus' Resurrection from the dead has won our victory over sin and death; God's mercy is life for the world, eternal life. God's mercy is the life giving water, which flows through the Heavenly Jerusalem, providing nourishment to the Tree of Life, which then provides fruit as medicine for all the nations.

"Mercy" is the English word we use to describe today's feast, yet it is not sufficient. God's mercy is "Hesed" in Hebrew. *"The word Chesed (Hesed) occurs 248 times in the Hebrew Bible. In the majority of cases (149 times), the King James Bible translation is "mercy". Less frequent translations are: "kindness" (40 times), "lovingkindness" (30 times), "goodness" (12 times), "kindly" (5 times), "merciful" (4 times), "favour" (3 times) and "good", "goodliness", "pity" (once each). Only two instances of the noun in its negative sense are in the text, translated "reproach" in Psalm 57:3, and "wicked thing" in Leviticus 20:17.(Wikipedia)"*

When we pray, "Lord, have Mercy," we are not asking for pity; it definitely includes prayer for the forgiveness of sins, yet the primary reason for seeking God's mercy is that we might know God's abundant love for us, his compassion, his desire for our freedom, his prayer that we share God's joy and that our joy may be complete.

This is what it means to participate in the Resurrection Life of Jesus, to so trust God's abiding love within us that we approach every moment as an opportunity to reveal God's glory. Our singing alleluia in full voice is testimony to God's abundant mercy flowing through us, in us and all around us. Let us then become ambassadors of God's abundant mercy, following Mary, full of Grace, in her mission to bring Christ to the world.

Fr. Mitch



**HOSPITALITY:**

Christian
Kindness
"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality

Spring Choral Concert—THIS SUNDAY!!

The Concert Arts Association invites you to join them for their 47th season of musical excitement on Sunday, April 28th at 3:00pm, as the Choral Arts Singers present their SPRING CONCERT here at Assumption Parish in the CHAPEL. Love is in the air for us this year with our concert entitled "It's All About Love" as we sing of the many types of love that flow through our lives. Admission is free, but donations are welcome to help the Concert Arts Association continue their efforts of bringing musical enjoyment to our community. Come one, come all, for an afternoon of delightful entertainment.



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NOW through MAY 26th. Gently worn used and new shoes of all sizes and styles are needed. Collection bins located in the narthex of church and in our school lobby. Your shoe donation benefits Assumption School's National Junior Honor Society Chapter. Contact: NJHS Chapter Advisor, Kim Harrelson, (636) 474-1631.



Please Pray For Our Troops



Christopher Schneider	Son of Shelly and Jim Schneider
Anthony Horvath	Nephew of Judy Horvath
Scott Boatright	Son of Mary and Don Boatright
Steve Boatright	Son of Mary and Don Boatright
Thomas Townsend	Grandson of Lorraine Cully
Shaun Brown D.O.	Son of Rick and Andrea Wild
Clark A. Davis	Grandson of Jerry & MaryAnn Davis
Aaron Davis	Son of Tammy and Tim Davis
Timothy Johnson	Son of Gordon and Tina Johnson
Bethanie Mahl	Granddaughter of Jerry & Ann Snow
Jason Jones	Grandson of Joyce Hunn
Dustin Hesscamp	Grandson of Joyce Hunn
Austen Thomas	Son of Jeanine Thomas
Alexander Boden	Grandson of Bob and Jan Weber
Christopher Weber	Grandson of Bob and Jan Weber
Gabriel Gage	Nephew of Madeline and Larry Gage and Grandson of Julitta Gage
Michael Nachtmann	Grandson of Carol Nachtmann
Allen Mann	Grandson of Carol Nachtmann
Alex Struckoff	Nephew of Keith and Jean Boal
Connor Smith	Nephew of Keith and Jean Boal
Sydney Smith	Niece of Keith and Jean Boal
Miranda Gerringer	Granddaughter of Keith & Jean Boal
Marissa Johnson	Great Granddaughter of Ruth Ell
Kevin Gunnarson	Son-in-law of Kelly and Joe Speth
Michael Pabst	Son of Cathy and Chuck Pabst
Garrett Eingeli	Grandson of John & Sherry Busken
Robert Rodamaker	Great Grandson of Clarence and Laverne Schneider
Brian Cole	Grandson of Henrietta Cole
Calvin Pieper	Grandson of Howard & Carol Pieper

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 Ralph Pieper 636.240.3415 or email, rhpieper1@hotmail.com. Thank you for your prayerful support to help keep our troops serving our country safe!



"For thus says
the Lord:
When you call
Me, and come
and pray to
Me, I will
listen to you.
When you
look for Me,
you will find
Me. Yes,
when you
seek Me with
all your heart,
I will let you
find Me..."

- Jeremiah
29:10-13

Prayer

Do You Love Praying The Rosary?

Join us at Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center, 204 North Main Street, O'Fallon, Missouri on Wednesday, May 1st, for the Festive Rosary on the Luminous Mysteries. Praying the festive rosary includes hymns, Sacred Scripture, meditation built around the common recitation of the Rosary. The day begins at 9:00am and ends at 2:30pm, lunch is provided, the day is facilitated by Sr. Theresa Jezl, CPPS and the cost is \$35. Deadline for registration is Monday, April 29th. Please bring your own rosary. For more information or to register contact Sr. Carol Orf at 314-560-1028 or by email corf@cpps-ofallon.org.

THANK YOU!

As we continue through this beautiful season of Easter, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the many, many volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes to help make Lent, Holy Week, and Easter so holy and beautiful for all of us! We couldn't do what we do with YOU!



The Feast of Divine Mercy will be observed with a special celebration this year on Sunday, April 28th, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Dardenne, 7701 Hwy N, Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368. The celebration will begin at 3:00pm with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Holy Rosary, and singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 5:00pm.

LAST CALL

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

James 4:8

We Are So Excited To Announce Our Spring Bible Study!

Who among you is wise and understanding? James 3:13. Let's explore how James can teach us why and how this can be done. Below are the dates of our Spring Bible Sessions. Please register quickly with the facilitator of your choice so we can have enough books on hand. We ask that you read the very short book of James prior to our first meeting. We will hand out the books and begin the first session with Week 1 discussion.

Mondays, 7-8:30 pm. Room: D&E

April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, June 3.

Facilitators: Bob and Liz Allmeyer, 636-240-8638
lizallmeyer@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 10-11: 30 am. Multi-purpose Room

April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Facilitator: Lanie Schmersahl, 636-357-2589

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm. Multi-purpose Room

April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Facilitator: Marlaine Wood, 636-359-4699

Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 4.29.19	TUESDAY 4.30.19	WEDNESDAY 5.01.19
Mass Time / Intentions	6:30am Joan Burkemper 8:00am Juan Ante	6:30am Wayne Dickbernd 8:00am Terry Letford	6:30am Sr. Mary Schneider 8:00am Frank Keeven
Readings	1st Reading: Acts 4:23-31 Gospel: Jn 3:1-8	1st Reading Acts 4: 32-37 Gospel: Jn 3: 7-15	1st Reading: Acts 5: 17-26 Gospel: Jn 3:16-21
Reconciliation	7:30 - 8:00am Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel	7:30 - 8:00am Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel	7:30 - 8:00am Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel
Other Events/Activities	Old Testament Bible Study 10am Meyer 2 School Faculty 2:30-4:15pm Hall C CRHP Men 6:00pm Meyer 2 New School Family Meeting 6:30pm Halls A, B & C Bible Study Book of James 7:00pm Rooms D & E	Bible Study Fr. Mitch 9:30am Myr 2 8th Grade Cotillion Practice 3-6pm Hall C Rehearsal for Lion King, Jr 3:00pm K of C Queen of Hearts 5pm Hall C Perp Help Devotions 6:15pm Chapel	Rehearsal for Lion King 3-6pm RCIA 6:00pm Meyer 2 Life Teen 7:00pm Meyer Combined Bible Study Book of James 7:00pm Multipurpose Room SVDP Meeting 7:00pm Hall A



VOLUNTEERS

are just ordinary people with

extraordinary

HEARTS

They offer the gift of their time

TO TEACH, TO LISTEN, TO HELP,

TO INSPIRE, TO BUILD, TO GROW, TO LEARN

They expect no pay,

yet the VALUE of their work knows

no limit...

*They know the unexpected joy
of a simple hug.*

They've planted the tiny

Seeds of LOVE in countless lives.

VOLUNTEERS

Are just ordinary people who reach out

and take a hand

and together

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

that lasts a *LIFETIME*

April 28, 2019 — 2nd Sunday of Easter (or Divine Mercy)

ACTS 5:12-16; PS 118: 2-4,13-15, 22; REV 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19; JN 20: 19-31

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ's mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" — in His merciful love.

~ Excerpts from: Catholic Diocese of Wichita



PRAYER:

A heart to
heart with God
"Our strength
comes from
the Eucharist"

Prayer

THURSDAY 5.02.19

6:30 am Voactions
8:00 am Michelle Luecal

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-33
Gospel: Jn 3:16-21

7:30 - 8:00am Church
4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel
Grief Support Dinner Halls A, B, C
Legion of Mary Multipurpose
Room 6:00pm
First Communion Rehearsal
6:30pm Church
(For those participating in First
Communion at the 5pm, 8am and
Noon Masses)

FRIDAY 5.03.19

6:30am Vocations to the Priest-
hood and Religious Life
8:00am Robert Capstick

1st Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-8
Gospel: Jn 14:6-14

7:30 - 8:00am Church
4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel
First Communion Rehearsal (line-
up) 6:00pm Halls A/B, Church
(For those participating in First
Communion at the 3:00pm Mass)

SATURDAY 5.04.19

9:00am Bill Wolf
5:00 pm Francis Geisz & Ernest
Schaller

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Gospel: Jn 6:16-21

4:00-4:45pm Church
9:00 - 9:30pm Chapel
First Communion 5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 5.05.19

8:00 am Kathy Christman
10:00 am Ray Ell
12:00 pm People of the Parish
5:30 pm Dawn Thornton

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32
2nd Reading: Rv 5:11-14
Gospel: Jn 21:1-19
4:00-4:30 & 9:00-9:30pm Chapel
RCIA 8:00am Hall C
First Communion 8:00am Mass
Hospitality Sunday Donuts Halls A/B
First Communion Noon Mass
New Member Registration 1pm Hall C
First Communion 3:00pm Mass
Life Teen 4:00 Hall C



"...living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and joined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love."

- Ephesians 4:15-16



RCIA
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

"I feel energized", "This parish community welcomed me with open arms", I am truly blessed to be a part of the Assumption church community", tears and



more tears.... were the reactions of our newly welcomed neophytes and candidates last weekend. Thank you Hospitality for a great reception!

We want to thank all who turned in prayer cards and walked the journey with us all year long. Our Easter retreat was filled with so much awe as they shared your prayers and welcome. You are great! You are what makes us Church!

What is next for those who entered the Catholic Church this Easter? We have reached the 4th period of the RCIA process, which is the neophyte year. All who were baptized and received into full communion are called neophytes in this period, until the anniversary of their initiation next Easter. The final period of regular weekly formation extends through the Easter season, the seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. This post-baptismal catechesis is called mystagogy. It is a time for deepening the Christian experience, especially in appreciation for the sacramental life, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the Catholic community. The neophytes now share with Christ, and his Body in the parish community, the intimate communion of the Eucharist. Now they have access to all the means of sanctification. We as a parish community pledge to help them grow and mature in the Christian life and to develop a genuine Catholic world view. Please pray for all those who God has called us to join us as we continue on our pilgrimage to our Father in Heaven. (The Association for Catechumenal Ministry (ACM))



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
Office of Communications and Planning

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Statement on Notre Dame Cathedral Fire Update on Basilica of St. Louis, King of France Repairs

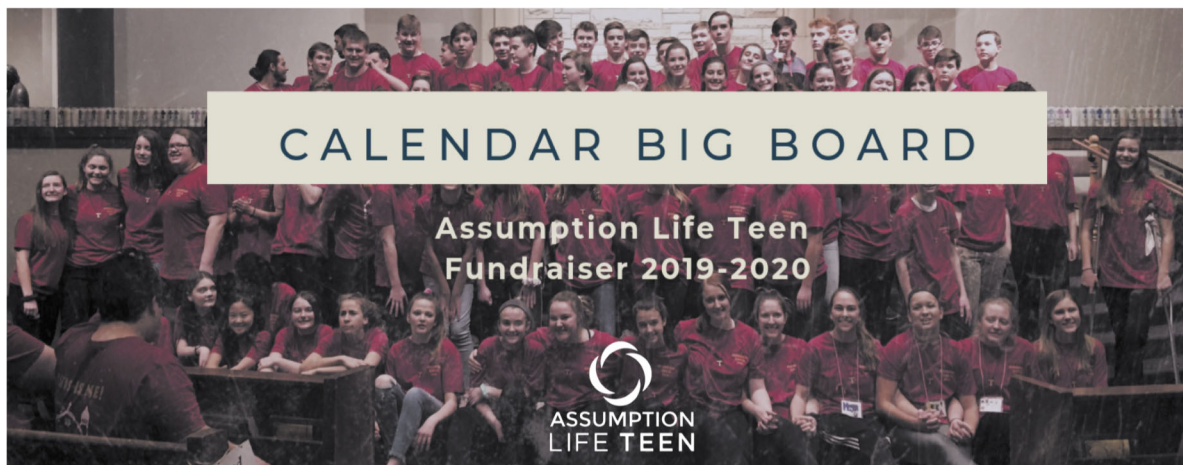
ST. LOUIS – The Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, is deeply saddened by today's devastating fire that has engulfed the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris. Archbishop Carlson and the Archdiocese of St. Louis share in the world's prayers for Archbishop Michel Christian Alain Aupetit and the faithful of Paris.

"The Archdiocese of St. Louis joins the world community in offering prayers for the people of France. The influence of the French faithful on the St. Louis community is well known. Our own Basilica of St. Louis, King of France is representative of that historical link we have with the French community. Our hearts are with the firefighters and with the caretakers of the magnificent Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris. We ask for the intercession of Mary, Mother of God and look to the promise of Easter hope and new life in the midst of this difficult loss."

- Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson Archbishop of St. Louis

The Archdiocese of St. Louis is currently working to repair the damage done to the Old Cathedral by this weekend's storms. Work on a permanent underlayment for a new roof began today. The plaster ceiling which represents the recent reconstruction that was done on the Old Cathedral is being inspected for further damage. All services at the Cathedral are cancelled until the safety of the ceiling is secured. The Archdiocese is working with the National Park Service to ensure a replacement roof that respects the historical architecture of the Cathedral.

If you have any questions please direct them to Peter Frangie, Executive Director of Strategic Communications and Planning peterfrangie@archstl.org.



FORMATION
Continuous
conversion
of mind and
heart
"Following
Jesus is the
work of a
lifetime"

Youth Formation

You can donate online for our single yearly fundraiser for youth ministry! We just do a single fundraiser so we don't have to keep coming back for financial support with bake sales, car washes, selling pizzas, etc. If we sell out all 366 dates on our Calendar Bog Board, we will fund the entire year of youth ministry of Assumption Life Teen!

Please consider donating for a day at: www.assumptionbvm.org/Youth-Ministry/Life-Teen
Thank you so much for your prayers, support, and generosity!



PARENT LIFE

"Parents! Do you ever have times of feeling overwhelmed, especially when it comes to integrating our Catholic faith and parenting? Do you wonder how to best support your child through the unique challenges of the 21st century while learning what those challenges are and how to deal with them? We are excited to talk about these things as well as having you join us as you learn about what your teens are talking about at Assumption Life Teen."

Join us as we begin a regular Sunday "Parent Life" where we will gather for some food and fellowship at 6:45pm after the weekly Life Teen Mass while the teens are at Life Teen youth group. We especially encourage parents of middle and high schoolers to join us! The next Parent Life will be tonight! April 28th. See you there!

DO YOU WANT TO TAKE OFF TO SPACE?

We're getting ready for a great **VBS!**

This year, our theme is *Miraculous Mission*.



VBS children will learn that Jesus saves the world! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where God points to our Savior, Jesus. They will get to learn about the vast and amazing love that God has for each of us!

Our VBS will be held June 10-14, 9:00am -12 Noon, in our Parish Center and School Buildings.

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It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving at VBS?

We need your help to make it a BLAST! Please go to the adult volunteer section to sign up for running a station or leading a group. [assumptionbvmschool.org/summer/registration](http://assumptionbvmschool.org/summer/registration)

**PLEASE NOTE: Adult volunteers must be in compliance with Protecting God's Children requirements. Questions about 'Protecting God's Children', please call Lynn at 314-578-0741**

6th -12th graders, WE NEED YOU! Sign up for Counselors in Training, but space is limited! Sign ups are open for students, PK-5th grade as well. All sign ups are on the summer camps page!





**SERVICE:**

Love in action  
"Truly I tell you,  
whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Service

**Mark Your Calendars – Blood Drive Coming Soon**

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the Parish Center on **Sunday, May 19, 9:00am – 1:30pm**. If you have not made a blood donation elsewhere since **March 24**, you will be eligible to donate at this drive. **The need is always great. Please consider donating. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us.** Please contact Mary Anne Robinson at 636-541-2823 if you plan to donate. You may also go to [www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org](http://www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org) (use sponsor code 9007) to schedule an appointment. Mississippi Valley representative, Terry Deters, is also available to answer any questions you may have about donating. He can be reached at 314-291-4741 x 227.

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- Enter criteria to find Parish by state, city, or zip code and then click on the Search button.
- Choose parish from list of results by clicking on the green arrow on the left.
- Complete a simple registration form and SUBMIT. It's that easy!

Any questions....please call Peggy at the parish office. 636-240-3721 ext. 221



**Pray with US! Mass for Vocations at St. Joseph – Cottleville Parish**  
**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 6 pm. All are welcome!**



With Loving  
Sympathy

**Please Pray for the  
Repose of the Soul of:**

**Frances Salathe,  
Of Our Parish Family**

**KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS**

**Queen of  
RAFFLE**

April 30th, Hall C.  
Doors open at 5 pm,  
drawing is at 6:30pm.  
Proceeds support  
the youth of our parish!

**Doubting, stubborn, weak Thomas...**

Everyone knows the expression, "doubting Thomas." This is among the most famous passages in the New Testament where a doubting, stubborn, weak apostle, Thomas, outright refuses to acknowledge that the Lord has risen from the dead unless he sees him for himself, sees the wounds of crucifixion, and touches the flesh of Jesus. Unless "I can place my fingers in the wounds," he exclaims, "I will not believe."

He wanted proof. As we all do at one time or another. It is a weak but all too human response. Saying *I Believe* is not always as easy and simple as it might seem.

Believing in the Resurrection of Jesus, the eternal presence of the living God, is a lifelong response by each Christian. Sometimes our faith is strong, sometimes weak. Nonetheless, all that we do is a reflection of our faith . . . in times of doubt, stubbornness and weakness. Through it all, a life of giving is the preeminent centerpiece of the Christian life. This means giving ourselves to others, sharing our blessings and gifts, and designating part of our wealth to help others. Renewing an annual commitment to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* can be an important part of a declaration of faith.

We seek the grace to overcome our doubt, stubbornness and weakness, just like one of the twelve hand-picked founders of the Catholic Church – St. Thomas.

**Please consider being generous and supporting the ACA! Your support truly makes a difference! Please find cards in the back of church for you to make your pledge! Thank you!!**





## IMPACT REPORT – SPRING 2019

**\$110 million pledged! Thank you!**

### Across the Archdiocese

#### ➤ IMPACT TO DATE:

- **40% Parish Share Distributions**  
– \$29.7 million distributed to 184 parishes
- **Beyond Sunday Scholarships**  
– \$7.2 million awarded to 1,778 unique students attending 135 Catholic elementary & high schools
- **Beyond Sunday School Grants**  
– \$1.8 million granted to 74 schools & PSR programs for academic capacity enhancement  
– \$529,000 granted to 16 schools & PSR programs, the Catholic Education Office & the Department of Special Education of the Archdiocese of St. Louis for transformational innovation
- **Beyond Sunday Education Endowment Fund**  
– \$26.6 million invested to provide sustained scholarship support

### Assumption Parish-344

\$1,049,395 raised in gifts & pledges

#### ➤ IMPACT TO DATE:

- **40% Parish Share Distributions**  
\$206,335 received
- **Beyond Sunday Scholarships**  
\$150,125 awarded to 35 student(s) in our parish
- **Beyond Sunday School Grants**  
\$50,000 granted to our school and PSR program

*The Roman Catholic Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity, independent from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The Foundation has directed all Beyond Sunday funds (less campaign expenses) to support Catholic education and address local parish needs. No Beyond Sunday contributions have funded or will fund anything else.*

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

*Sustaining THE LOCAL CHURCH FOR future generations.*



### SERVICE:

Love in action  
"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Service

## Our Gifts to God and Parish

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation, and your financial support of Assumption Parish.

STEWARDSHIP  
*a way of life*

|                           | April 14, 2019 | 7/1/2018 - 4/14/2019 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Envelopes (481) & On Line | \$ 33,296      | \$ 1,466,916         |
| Loose                     | \$ 1,068       | \$ 49,839            |
| Total                     | \$ 34,364      | \$ 1,516,755         |

**Needed to sustain our mission \$1,566,600**

**Loan Balance as of 3/31/2019: \$1,657,029**

It takes an average weekly collection of \$37,300 to sustain our parish mission.

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1Peter 4:10*

**The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)**

**We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)**

**God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)**

**TITHING**

Tickets now on sale for *The Lion King Jr.* at:  
[assumptionmusicalministry.regfox.com/the-lion-king-jr](http://assumptionmusicalministry.regfox.com/the-lion-king-jr)

ASSUMPTION MUSICAL MINISTRIES PRESENTS



## SHOWTIMES

FRIDAY, MAY 10 | 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 11 | 7:00 P.M.

## TICKETS

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Kindness  
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hospitality  
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### New Member Registration, May 5th!



If you are attending Mass here but have not yet formally registered, we invite you to do so! So that we might welcome you personally, we invite you to attend Noon Mass and continue with parish registration in Hall C from 1:00 - 1:45pm.

### Hospitality Sunday, May 5th!

Join us for Hospitality Sunday, after all Masses, in Halls A/B from 7:30am - 1:30pm. Stop by after any Mass and visit with fellow parishioners and enjoy donuts, bagels, juice, milk and coffee! We welcome all parishioners and guests to visit in friendship and fellowship encouraging them to find Christ here and to bring Christ to the world.

#### OFFICE INFORMATION

403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366  
636.240.3721 Parish Office  
636.272.3838 Fax  
Office Hours - Weekdays 8:30am-4:00pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL  
636.272.4758 (Helpline)

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL  
636.240.4474

#### BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office  
([peggy.assumption@yahoo.com](mailto:peggy.assumption@yahoo.com))  
by Tuesday 9:00am

#### WEBSITE

[www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org)  
[facebook.com/@assumptionmedia](https://facebook.com/@assumptionmedia)  
[assumptionparish.org](http://assumptionparish.org)



#### 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, and for information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 294.0821.



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