

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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July 8, 2018 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many who heard Jesus were astonished. They said,

**"Where did this man
get all this?
Is he not the carpenter,
the son of Mary?"**

~Mark 6:2, 3

May you find Christ here...

...may you bring Christ to the world.

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THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

The Psalmist says, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy." God has answered the psalmist's prayer through the death and resurrection of Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary. Through the mystery of God's love, revealed in all of creation, proclaimed by the prophets and made human in Jesus of Nazareth, we are invited to live in God's merciful love, every moment of our lives. All that is required of us is a surrender into our true life in Christ Jesus.

With all our intellect and will, we may be tempted to ask, "Is this not the son of Mary?" We may imagine it is not necessary to give our lives to him, nor to follow his mother, Mary, the Mother of God. I have struggled much of my life with what it really means to say "yes," to echo Mary's "yes" to the call to bring Christ to the world. When I felt a strong call from God to be a priest in his Church, I thought that "yes" was my "yes" to God's call in my life. Not really. That first yes was a setting of my feet upon a path to holiness. **ONLY** by God's grace was my journey into priesthood and my first years of priestly ministry beneficial to God's people and his Church. It was not until many years later I realized my path to holiness still needed to be walked; my ego still needed to die; my will still needed to be surrendered; my heart still needed to open to God's Mercy poured out in Christ Jesus the Lord. Even now, I am just beginning to understand the abundance of God's merciful love. I continue to hold tight to my ways of knowing and my ways of doing, leaving an inch of room for God to work in my life. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, consistently encourages us and challenges us to trust God's Mercy which surrounds us, even drowns us, and opens us to true freedom which knows no bounds.

Imagine a life without shame, without regret, without resentment, without addiction, without fear, and without doubt...this is freedom. There will still be mistakes; there will still be guilt; and there will be absolute confidence in our salvation through the forgiveness of sins. How can we get to this freedom in Christ Jesus? We can love one another into freedom; we can pray one another into freedom; and we can participate in God's own life as we journey into freedom. The only way this can happen, the only way we can become the fire of the Holy Spirit, announcing God's Merciful Love to O'Fallon and to the ends of the earth (the margins of society), is for us to be broken and blessed in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. I plead with you to open your hearts to a deeper participation in the sacramental life of the Church. If you already attend Mass every Sunday, then choose one day a week to attend 6:30 or 8:00 Mass, praying for those who are not with us on Sunday. If you attend Mass three weeks/month, make it four; if twice/month, make it three; if once/month, make it two.

Beginning July 16, I will hear confessions in Chapel every day from 4:00-5:00 pm and from 9:00-10:00 pm. The code to enter is 3721. If for some reason I am not there when you visit, Jesus will definitely be there in the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar. Many times people say, "God's Mercy should not be held hostage by a priest and require an out loud confession;" true enough. God's Mercy cannot be prevented from flowing deeply into our hearts, minds and souls, unless we block it from within. My intuition is that more shame and guilt, which leads to the human art of rationalization, are what keep us away from celebrating God's Mercy in the Sacrament. Please accept my invitation to be set free through the forgiveness of sins. Then come to the table to receive God's sacrifice, the body and blood of Christ, in true freedom. Then go out to all the nations to announce good news. Then follow Mary in her mission to bring Christ to the world.



-Fr. Mitch



Religious Education

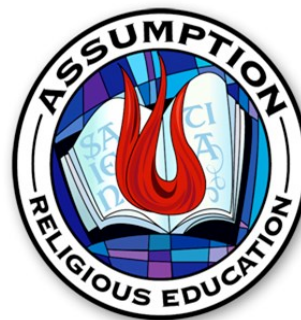
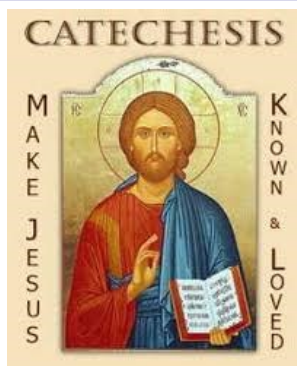
PSR Catechists Needed

Do you hear a calling to share your love of Christ? PSR needs catechists for the 2018-2019 School Year. Current openings include 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. A small stipend is offered. Please call Ann Marie for more information. (636)240-1020 or email to ab-vmpsyr@yahoo.com.

2018-2019 PSR Registration

PSR Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is currently underway. Registration is completed through your TeacherEase account. In order to secure a space for the night you need, please register your student as soon as possible.

If you are new to the program, please call to register. If you have any questions or need help, contact Ann Marie at 636.240.1020



This Week At Assumption

Sunday, July 8

Life Teen

After the 5:30pm Mass Hall C

Monday, July 9

CRHP Men

7:00pm Rooms D/E

School Board

7:00pm Meyer 2

Tuesday, July 10

Bible Study w/ Fr. Mitch

9:30am Meyer 2

Liturgy Committee

7:00pm Meyer 2

Wednesday, July 11

Life Teen

7:00pm Meyer 2

Thursday, July 12

Legion of Mary

7:00pm Rooms D/E

CRHP Women

7:00pm Meyer combined

Women's Group

6:00pm Hall C

Sunday, July 15

Life Teen Stubenville Meeting

4:00pm Hall C

Life Teen

After the 5:30pm Mass Hall C



Come join us for the ultimate feel-good fun musical show, at the Robert G. Reim Theatre in Kirkwood (The Stages) on Sunday, August 19, 2018.

This enchanting tale of love between mothers and daughters, laughter between old friends, and a celebration of newly found family is a guaranteed non-stop party that you won't want to miss. See why 54 million people all around the world have fallen in love with this pop-music phenomenon. Call Bev Raske if interested. 636-485-7979



Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 8

8:00am Daniel Muntges
10:00am Frank and Betty Ryan
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm Debra Halloran

Monday, July 9

6:30am Felix and Clara Burkemper
8:00am Herman Poepsel

Tuesday, July 10

6:30am Eddie Wills
8:00am Norbert Roethermich

Wednesday, July 11

6:30am Theresa Kuturovic
8:00am Vincent Pohlman

Thursday, July 12

6:30am Living and Deceased Parents and
Relatives of CPPS
8:00am Loyola Bauer

Friday, July 13

6:30am Hubert and Isabel Molitor
8:00am Larry Kiphart

Saturday, July 14

9:00am Deceased CPPS
5:00pm Carmela Bamert

Sunday, July 15

8:00am Ruth Heinicke
10:00am Kim Vernon
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm Robert Deterding



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EZ 2: 2-5; PS 123: 1-4; 2 COR 12: 7-9; MK 6: 1-6

The First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel tells of how Ezekiel was called by God. The Lord speaks to him and says, *"Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you."* God knew He was not giving Ezekiel an easy task, but that is part of what being called by the Lord sometimes involves.

Being called is something to which we often make reference, as each of us is called in Baptism. St. Paul once wrote that we are *"called to belong to Jesus Christ."* The United States Bishops issued a document a few years ago titled *Disciples Called to Witness*. That is what we are all to do as baptized Catholics.

In that treatise the Bishops say, *"To create a culture of witness, we must live explicit lives of discipleship. Being a disciple is a challenge. Fortunately, one does not become a disciple of Christ on his or her own initiative. The work of the Holy Spirit within the Christian community forms the person as a disciple of Christ."*

God does not forsake us when we are called, just as He did not abandon Ezekiel. He is with us through the Holy Spirit to strengthen us and assist us. We must allow the Lord to help us. At the same time, we must strive to be disciples of the Lord. We are called to spread the light of the Gospel in everything we do.
~ Excerpts from: *Catholic Diocese of Wichita*

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR NEW PARISH COUNCIL

Our current Parish Council is approaching the end of its three-year term. I am so very grateful to the members for their prayerful leadership and great care for our parish mission. Now is the time for new leadership to come forward as our Parish Council members discern where God is calling them next in ministry as disciples of Jesus.

If you are interested, please nominate yourself soon via email to me (doyen.assumption@gmail.com) or ab-vmparishcouncil@gmail.com. You are also encouraged to nominate others whom you believe are good leaders of our parish mission; we will reach out to them and encourage them to accept the nomination. In September, we will host an orientation for all nominees to assist them in their discernment. Once nominations are confirmed, in October, we will consult with the Holy Spirit and draw the names of the next Parish Council who will serve for a three-year term.

If you have any questions, please contact me, any member of the current Parish Council or one of our Pastoral Team. God bless you in your own journey as a disciple of Christ.

Fr. Mitch

**Steubenville Conference -**

July 20-22 (\$100)

Please email Phil at*phil.assumptionym@gmail.com*

for more info or to reserve a spot!"

**CALENDAR**

Wed July 11: WORD Wednesday (Meyer Room) – 7pm
 Sun July 15: Life Night "Water Olympics" – 7pm
 Wed July 18: WORD Wed. Road Trip "Bowlero" – 7pm
 Sun July 22: NO Life Night (Steubenville Conference)
 Wed July 25: WORD Wednesday (Meyer Room) - 7pm
 Sun July 29: Life Night "Senior Send-off" (Hall C) - 7pm
 Wed August 1: WORD Wednesday (Meyer Room) - 7pm
 Sun August 5: Life Night "Leaving Your Mark" - 7pm
 Wed August 8: WORD Wednesday (Meyer Room) - 7pm



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@assumption_life_teen

Assumption Life Teen Group

Readings for the Week ~July 9-15

Mon: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tue: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wed: St. Benedict
 Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thu: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Fri: St. Henry
 Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Sat: St Kateri Tekakwitha
 Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sun: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

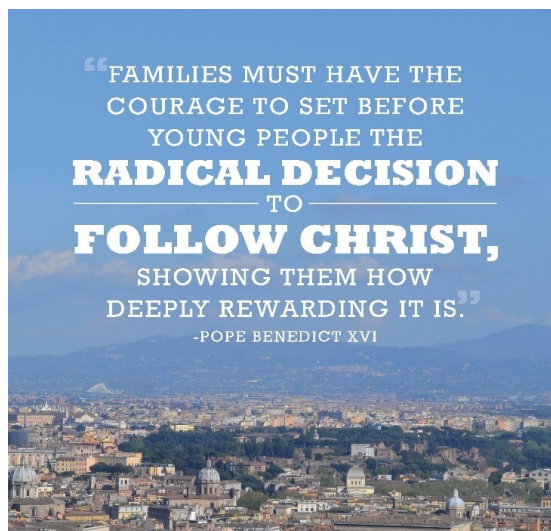
Living a Stewardship Way of Life *all* year long – even during Summer vacation!

For most of us in the Northern Hemisphere, July is the heart of a hot and slow summer. It's vacation time for many, time to rev up the grill or skip out to the swimming pool. We shed heavy clothes in favor of hot weather informality. Even our reading material changes with the heat and light: that heavy biography becomes an easy-on-the-beach thriller. So it's probably true that our approach to stewardship changes with the seasons as well – it changes but doesn't disappear. In fact, July can be a wonderful time to reexamine our own attitude towards our faith and our Time, Talent, and Treasure commitments.

Sunday Mass and an occasional weekday liturgy are just as important as ever. But we are freer in the summer, especially if you have kids in Sunday faith formation classes in the winter, to try different Mass times and experience a new parish while on vacation. Get out of "your" pew and experience the Church from a different perspective. But remember that summer offers a parish no respite from its bills. Our parish needs our consistent commitment of support.

As a reminder, our parish offers electronic giving. Signing up for this efficient means of contributing not only ensures that we continue to give dependably during the summer, it helps our parish to budget throughout the year. For Christian stewards, there's no summer "vacation" from nurturing our spiritual lives. But there are plenty of opportunities to explore prayer, giving, and parish involvement in new ways.

Happy summer and thank you for all the ways that you are living a ***Stewardship Way of Life!***

**NOW HIRING: Assumption Cafeteria**

Food Server/Prep. This position will be serving food and preparing food for students lunches, from 9:00am - 1:00pm, Monday - Friday. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Ann Orr at 314-623-5980.



Stewardship in ACTION

Jesus offers a guide to life that is "so simple, but very difficult," the Pope has said.

It's difficult because Christianity is "a hands-on religion; it isn't for thinking about, it's for putting into practice, to do it," he said in his homily, according to Vatican Radio. The Pope focused on the reflection on the Gospel reading from St. Matthew in which Jesus teaches the beatitudes, which begin, *"Blessed are the poor in spirit."*

The beatitudes are the "program" and "the identity card" for every Christian, outlining a step-by-step guide to being "a good Christian," he said.

Jesus' teaching goes *"very much against the tide"* of a worldly culture, he said, in which monetary wealth, superficial joy and personal satisfaction are the measures of happiness and success.

But *"blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,"* he said, and *"blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted"*



STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

SAVE THE DATE S ~FALL RETREATS – 2018!

WOMEN'S RETREAT – SEPT. 8/9 ~~~ MEN'S RETREAT – SEPT 22/23



For more information about these amazing retreats please know that there will be team members downstairs after each Mass this weekend to answer any questions.

Women's Retreat – Sharon Aubuchon at saubuchon@centurytel.net or 636.544.1490

Men's Retreat – Greg Rackers at greg.rackers@gmail.com or 636.357.7901



St Francis. . . Pray for us

July 8, 2018

AUGUST 10th, 2018

MATT MAHER

LIVE IN CONCERT

With special guest PJ Anderson



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Tickets available at the door, online at

<https://www.universe.com/mattmaher>

or call the parish office at 636-240-3721 x240

Discounts available for members of youth ministry, seniors, and groups of 15+. Call the parish office at 636-240-3721 x240



SVDP Food Pantry

Today is St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Sunday. Because of your support, 16 families were helped with food deliveries in May. But that need has doubled

in June. Since the end of the school year, children qualifying for school meals are left without. At this time, the pantry is low on:

Chicken Helper, Tuna Helper, crackers, applesauce, sugar, flour, pasta sauce, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, powdered milk, coffee, ketchup, pasta sides (in box or bag), toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, liquid dishwashing soap, laundry detergent.

We do not need the following as we are heavily stocked on: corn, green beans, peas, canned tuna, canned chicken, Mac-n-cheese, pasta noodles.

Grocery store gift cards are always appreciated as it allows families to purchase fresh milk, eggs, produce, etc. Thank you for your generous support.



5k & 1 Mile Fun Run/ Walk August 18

Please join us for our annual Assumption Crusader 5k or 1 mile fun run/walk on Saturday, August 18th. The 5K starts at the Assumption School Parking lot at **8:00 am**, the 1 Mile Fun Run starts at **9:00 am**. The race benefits Assumption's School and

Church. The 5K race is timed. Awards for all finishers 10 and under and winners of the 5K. All participants will receive a dri-fit shirt, food, beverages, and beer (for those 21 and over) after the race, plus your runner bag with goodies.

Sign up early and save! <http://www.fleetfeetstlouis.com/racing/highlighted-races/crusader-run>

The Crusader Run offers something for everyone, all ages and all fitness levels! If you are not a runner or walker you can still take part, volunteers are needed, email us at rscottwilcox3@gmail.com to help out.

Entry Fees:

5K - \$25 on or before July 20th, \$30 starting July 21st until race day.

1 Mile - \$20 on or before July 20th, \$25 starting July 21st until race day.



33 Days To Morning Glory!

July 10 - Aug. 14

In preparation for our parish feast day, we will once again be offering 33 Days to Morning Glory by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. This 6 week, small group retreat will begin in July. If you have not done a Marian Consecration please come and discover the gifts Our Blessed Mother has to offer you. If you have done a Marian Consecration in the past, please join us to dive deeper into your Marian devotion in preparation for the Feast of the Assumption. Sessions will be on Tuesday evenings, July 10- Aug 14, in Hall C, following the Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions. Please RSVP to Kim Lawry at 314-283-8514 or kimlawry@yahoo.com.



**Prayer Intentions Of The Holy
Father for July 2018**

Evangelization: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.



Save the Date!

Assumption's "Evening of Appreciation"
September 15, 2018
It's for you!



**Our Gifts to
God
and Parish**

**The Bible
Teaches It**
(Mal 3:10-12)
We Believe It
(Acts 4:32-36)
God Honors It
(Gen 14:18-20)

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

	June 17, 2018	July 1 - June 17 2018
Envelopes (388)& On Line	\$ 23,825	\$ 1,752,993
Loose	\$ 953	\$ 64,575
Total	\$ 24,778	\$ 1,817,568

Needed to sustain our mission 1,836,000

Loan Balance as of 05/31/2018: \$1,784,082

It takes an average weekly collection of \$36,000 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*



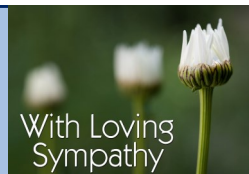
**Matching Gifts Program –
Double Blessing!**

All Boeing, Tyco, McDonald Corp, Verizon, Well Fargo, Bank of America, First Data, Home Depot, Monsanto, IBM, Merrill Lynch, MasterCard, UPS, Ameren employee, and retirees!!!

Did you know that these companies offer a matching gift program for private elementary schools and Assumption School qualifies? Did you know that. . . by designating your weekly contribution to the school and with the matching gift funds Assumption School receives, the parish subsidy for the school is reduced? If you work or are retired from one of these companies, please consider taking advantage of their matching gift program. For more information please contact Jim Hager in the parish office at 636.240.3721 Ext 225.

Did You Know?

You could save \$100 per year on your utility bill by setting your thermostat a degree higher in the summer and a degree lower in the winter. If everyone in the U.S. did this, we could save more than \$10 billion per year energy costs.



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

**Whitney Nalley
Sister of Christine Lozoya**



Weather Emergency Plan

As it is tornado season, we would like to announce that we do have a weather emergency plan in place for our parish. During Mass, if we run into severe weather, we will ask everyone to head downstairs and into the parish hall. We ask you to use whichever of the four staircases in Church is closest to you, leaving the elevator for individuals with disabilities. Then if weather permits, we have emergency supplies to continue Mass downstairs.

Save the date for a Benefit for Baby Lucas

Lucas Hesselbach was born June 8, 2018 with multiple complications which will require lengthy hospital stays and substantial medical bills. The K of C in Flint Hill will be hosting a Chicken Fry September 14 5:00pm at the VFW Hall in Wentzville. Please contact Stephanie for further details 314.402.0845

The Annual Immaculate Conception Dardenne Rummage Sale sponsored by American Heritage Girls Troop 1880 is coming. Early Bird Sales with a \$5 admission will be on Friday, July 20th from 5pm-8pm with regular sales on Saturday, July 21st from 7am-2pm. Proceeds help support Troop 1880 and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.



K of C Queen Hearts Raffle

The Knights will be holding their drawing for July 10th in the Assumption Parish Center (Hall C). Doors open at 5pm, drawing is at 6:30pm

"Friends" Trivia Night-St Charles Borromeo

To benefit Kentucky Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Clinic. Saturday, July 21 6:30pm. Please contact Kristen Meyer at kameyer17@icloud.com for more details



CRHP Fellowship BBQ

All men and women that have been on or thinking of attending a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) retreat are invited for some drinks and BBQ after the 10:00 and noon masses on July 15th. Patio area outside of Hall A. We hope to see you there.



CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

Weekend Masses

Saturday 9:00am
(Motherhouse Chapel)
Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am
10:00am
12:00pm
5:30pm

Daily Mass

Weekdays 6:30am
(Motherhouse Chapel)
8:00am

Morning Prayer

Weekdays 7:30am
Chapel

RECONCILIATION

Thursday 6-7pm (Chapel)
Saturday 4:00-4:45pm

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Required Preparation Class. Call 240.3721 ext 235 to register.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

636.272.4758 (Helpline)

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 (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

(RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For information Missy Lowrey 314.630.3983.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call 636.240.1020 for information or to register.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

For inactive Catholics returning to Church. For more information call Steve King, 699.9961 or Dee King 734.3437.

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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