

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

January 1, 2023
Mary, the Holy Mother of God



And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph,
and the Babe lying in a manger. LUKE 2:16

Sacraments and Parish Information



BAPTISM

Scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should 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, xt 235.



ANOIDTING 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.



RITE of CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30 - 7:50am Church
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45pm Church
Or by appointment



FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



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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Hello,

As we get to the end of the year it is always interesting to look back and remember some of the things that happened over the year. One of the ways we can see that now is by seeing what were the biggest trending Google searches. The top five global searches overall were:

Wordle

India vs. England

Ukraine

Queen Elizabeth

India vs South Africa

The 'India vs ...' searches clearly demonstrates how much I (and I think many of us in the US) really don't recognize how big soccer is globally compared to all of our major sports. (The World Cup might have helped us see that a bit.) This reminder that the world may see things differently than I do was further reflected when I noted that in two different categories, songs and recipes, four out of the top five searches weren't in English and some didn't even use the roman alphabet. Looking at the top 10 lists in American also demonstrated how I can be out of touch with some things not only worldwide, but even in our country. Every year I seem to know less and less of the music (I think that is mostly just getting older). I think I was more surprised that I didn't even know half of the top 10 most searched TV shows, and I never watched a full episode of any of them (the only one I've seen was a part of an episode of Yellowstone).

Back to the global list, I hope most of us would have expected Ukraine to be included and it is good we keep that war in our thoughts and prayers. Queen Elizabeth demonstrates how broad of an effect the British monarch had, especially earlier in her long reign. 'Wordle' is kind of interesting, that just a small game can get such attention and interest. That isn't bad, but along with the soccer matches, you might think that something more important might be the focus of our attention. So what would we like to see on that list? Imagine getting Jesus on the list. Or if instead of Wordle, people really wanted to know more about Easter, or transubstantiation, or Pope Francis. Think of all the opportunities this shows that we have to evangelize. To inquire and desire to know more ourselves, but also to bring up these topics and words with others in our life. When we have these conversations we hopefully hear things we also want to know more about.

As we begin a new year, what is going to be the most important thing I want to find out about this coming year? And will I share this interest with others and get them interested in it too??

We do still have the most read book of all time, the Bible.

Peace and Happy New Year,

Fr. Nick



Happy New Year
2023



Adult Formation

"...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

For the past few months our group has been sent out from the 8:00am Mass in order to study the Sunday readings and listen to our team present a topic. Now, we have the pictures of our group with their sponsors displayed in the Narthex for all to see. After our Christmas and New Year break we will continue with the Sacrament of Vocation, Sacraments of Healing and Eucharist. Please continue praying for us.

Becoming Catholic

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Jim and Lisa teach the RCIA session about the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

<p>RCIA 2022-2023</p>	<p>Conner Dean Catechumen Julie Dean Sponsor</p>	<p>Ashley Preuss Catechumen Lori Meyer Sponsor</p>	<p>Scott Logsdon Catechumen Bob Henry Sponsor</p>	<p>Samantha Illumin Catechumen Ann Gessert Sponsor</p>
	<p>Ryan Austin Candidate Jordan Gilbert Sponsor</p>	<p>Amber Rock Candidate Rachel Harris Sponsor</p>	<p>Sally Logsdon Candidate Kathy Henry Sponsor</p>	<p>Heather Favila Candidate Alberto Favila Sponsor</p>
<p>John Fairhurst Candidate Jim Seibert Sponsor</p>	<p>Anna Boss Candidate Kate Horst Sponsor</p>	<p>Steve Foppe Candidate Ted Martin Sponsor</p>	<p>Tom Grimshaw Candidate Kathy Boss Sponsor</p>	<p>Helen O'Connell Candidate Lavina Eickoff Sponsor</p>



Prayer

"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



FINANCE AND FACILITIES UPDATE

As we begin a new calendar year and look back on 2022, we have much to celebrate:

1. Thanks to the steadfast support of our parishioners and grants from the Archdiocese, our parish debt balance is below one million dollars for the first time in almost ten years! In 2013, we took out a \$3.3 million loan from the Archdiocese to finance the expansion of our school building. In November 2022, the outstanding balance dropped to \$988,000.
2. We have been touched by the thoughtfulness and generosity of parishioners who have remembered the parish in their estate planning. In November, a former parishioner left us \$22,609 in her will. Another parishioner donated his deceased mother's upright piano, which we will use for rehearsals and small events in the Parish Center. Several parishioners have made substantial contributions from their retirement accounts. All of these are great examples of legacy giving to support the mission of the parish.
3. Hard work, fellowship, good weather, and great food came together to raise \$44 thousand at the Fall Festival.
4. One of our students just received a scholarship from Today & Tomorrow through the MO Scholars tax credit program. The scholarship will cover the remaining balance of the child's tuition. We expect several more of these scholarships in the next school year.
5. We made several improvements to our parking lots. Over half of Lot A was resealed and restriped. We also rearranged the confusing layout of Lot C to keep cars from being parked in and provide an additional row of spaces.
6. We added privacy tinting to the windows in the school hallways and the south-facing windows of the Early Childhood building. Security cameras were installed at the school entrance and parking lots A and B.

We have several more projects on the way, mostly intended to improve the comfort and safety of our parishioners and students.

Your suggestions are always welcome.

Feel free to call our Parish Manager, Mark Vogt at 636-240-3721, ext. 225, or email mvogt.abvm@gmail.com.

*Thank you so much for your generous support of our parish.
May God bless you always!*



Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

MONDAY 1.2.23

6:30am Peggy & Ray Vollmer
8:00am Alma Jean Gouge

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

TUESDAY 1.3.23

6:30am Mary Rose Will
8:00am Alma Jean Gouge

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

WEDNESDAY 1.4.23

6:30am Kristi Nickles & Family
8:00am Norbert & John Rothermich

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



Assumption Adoration Chapel

Adoration at Assumption is available 24/7 in the old church by using the code at the North transit entrance. (please call the parish office for the code, 636-240-3721.)

EXPOSITION is on Tuesday and begins after the 8:00am Mass.

We are always in need of Adorers.

Please sign up at:

assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com.



PRAY, PRAY Every Tuesday in Chapel!



Everyone...PLEASE come to pray the Rosary on Tuesdays at 6:15pm followed by Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction.



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

Payer

Giving Online: It's easy, convenient, and environmentally friendly!

Please join us in our Financial Vision: We each give financially as God asks of us:

- ♦ For the physical and spiritual needs of all who would ever come here
- ♦ For the needs of those who suffer, and
- ♦ For our own spiritual well-being and growth

Tips: What you might want to know about Online Giving before beginning:

When given the option to create an account or give a one-time gift, you will want to **CREATE AN ACCOUNT:**

You can manage/edit your level of giving at all times

You may use your credit card, or draw from checking or savings account

Instructions:

- ~ Go to Assumption's website: assumptionbvm.org
- ~ Scroll down to the 6 blue boxes, and click on: **Online Giving**
- ~ Click on: Login/Create an Online Giving Account
- ~ Create username and password and keep it in a safe, easily accessible place.
(If you forget your username, call Mary Knapp in the parish office.
(If you forget your password, you must reset it online.)
- ~ Follow the prompts for adding your personal information
- ~ Click on: New Donation, and then Designation: Sunday/Weekly Offering
- ~ Input the amount, frequency, and date of withdrawals. Click Save.
- ~ You may also give to the Special Collections through this one account

*Thank you for what you sacrifice so that people might find
Christ here and bring Christ to the world.*

If you have any questions, please call Mark Vogt, 636-240-3721, ext. 225.



THURSDAY 1.5.23	FRIDAY 1.6.23	SATURDAY 1.7.23	SUNDAY 1.8.23
6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Juanita Kaltenbach	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Frank Keeven	8:00am Ruth Rothermich, Spec. Int 5:00pm Shirley Mackey	8:00am Juanita Kaltenbach 10:00am Robert Hoffman 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm Eddie Wills
7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	By Appointment



Youth Formation

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

From the Principal's Pen

5th Grade Film Canister Rockets

Have you ever wondered how fireworks or toy rockets launch into the air? Our 5th graders, with instruction from Mrs. Cronin, discovered how amazing it is to see something lift off against Earth's gravity. The strong push required to launch a spacecraft comes from a chemical reaction in its rockets. The strong push the 5th graders needed came from two simple household ingredients: baking soda and vinegar.

When baking soda and vinegar are mixed together, the reaction produces water and carbon dioxide gas. By using a capped film canister, the carbon dioxide gas built up until the pressure of all of the contained gas caused the canister to pop open. The pressurized carbon dioxide then quickly escaped the canister through the open bottom. That is how the chemical reaction provided the thrust the canister needs to launch.

Student groups recorded data on the amount of baking soda in comparison to the amount of vinegar used for each flight – then also recorded how much time it took to launch the rocket.

In speaking with the 5th graders, their data showed that when the least amount of vinegar was used, it took a little longer to launch. They also learned that when there was less vinegar in the canister, there was more space for carbon dioxide gas and that takes time to build up enough pressure to pop the lid open.

**Mixing the ingredients, preparing for launch.**

nice work

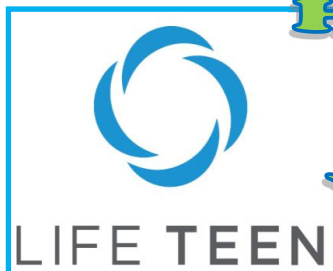


Thanks for reading about ASSUMPTION!

Enjoy Life throughout 2023!

Pat Hensley

**LAUNCH!**



Happy New Year from Assumption Youth Ministry!



We have seen the Holy Spirit move in such beautiful ways in our teens and middle school youth this semester. Here are some highlights:



- This summer, over 50 teens attended multiple powerful retreat opportunities, including the Life Teen Leadership Conference, Steubenville Youth Conference, and Life Teen Camp Covecrest.
- Life Teen's Fall Kick Off at Bowlero had the highest turnout we've seen for Kickoff in years!
- Our middle school youth at Edge learned about the Holy Spirit and Confirmation through a round of "Hot Ones," where our pastor, music director, DRE, and youth minister ate hot wings and spoke about their experience of Confirmation.
- In only our second year of Edge ministry, we have a thriving Edge Core Team serving our middle school youth, including enough teen leaders that every small group has a teen and adult leader!
- Our Life Teen ministry was featured in the St. Louis Review, honing in on the power of invitation and intentional ministry.
- We have three non-Catholic teens who have encountered Christ and the Church through Life Teen and are preparing to fully join the Church at Easter Vigil!
- During our Life Teen Fall Retreat – which had nearly three times the number of teens we had on the same retreat last year – teens experienced a transformative weekend of prayer and community, encountering the Lord and growing in their understanding of their call to Endless Days with the Lord.

We close out 2022 with grateful hearts for all the ways that the Lord has drawn us closer to Him and each other, looking to the future with hopeful expectation that there is more to come!

Life Nights will resume on Sunday, January 8th with our Spring Kick Off:

Bunco Bonanza!

Edge Nights will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

2023 Save the Dates:

January 8: LT Kick Off – Bunco Bonanza

January 11: EDGE Kick Off

March 3-5: Luke 18 Retreat

June 26-30: Life Teen Leadership Conference

July 7-10: Steubenville Youth Conference

July 23-29: Life Teen Camp Covecrest



Youth Formation

Connect with us on Social Media:

Instagram:

@assumption_life_teen // @assumption_edge

Facebook:

Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

QUESTION? Contact **Becky Whitaker**, Dir of Youth Ministry

636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com



Take a Chance to Win a Golf Cart and Help Raise Money for Assumption!

Would you like to take a chance to win a brand new electric golf cart? This beautiful 2022 ICON i40L Caribbean Blue, four-person Golf Cart, courtesy of **STL Custom Cartz** and the Carrino family, is being raffled off at the 2023 Assumption School Gala (**Dinner Auction**): Prom Through the Decades on Saturday, April 22.

Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100, and can be purchased with cash, check (made out to Assumption), and online at abvm.home.qtego.net. There is no limit on the number of tickets purchased. Tickets will be available in the month of April.

To participate in the golf cart raffle, please send the completed golf cart raffle ticket with payment in a sealed envelope to Assumption School. Attention: 2023 Gala committee (which is the Auction Committee), or drop it into the church donation basket.



Assumption Gala 2023 GOLF CART RAFFLE TICKET

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Seller: _____

Seller phone #: _____
(or homeroom teacher)



Assumption Gala 2023 GOLF CART RAFFLE TICKET

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Seller: _____

Seller phone #: _____
(or homeroom teacher)



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

- 1 Peter 4:10

IN LOVING
MEMORY

Rose Korte
Wife of Gerald Korte

Patricia Birmingham
Mother of Laura Birmingham

Eileen Rowland
Mother of Dennis Rowland



Assumption Pro-Life Meeting

Please join us....

January 9th at 8:45am (following 8:00am Mass)
in the parish center, Rooms D/E.

Questions? Please call Sylvia at 636-978-8803

Our Gifts to God and Parish

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

Weekly Offertory

	December 11, 2022	YTD 7/1/2022 - 12/2022
Actual Collections	\$ 44,639	\$ 867,148
Budget Target	\$ 41,000	\$ 913,500
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$ 3,639	\$ (46,352)

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	\$ 988,349
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.*



HOSPITALITY:
Christian
kindness
"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality

Knights of Columbus Christmas Pageant a success!

The Knights would like to thank everyone who helped to make this years show such a big hit! We can't thank Jane Henthorn and Brenda Fischer enough for helping the kids learn all the Christmas songs during the show. We also want to thank our wonderful student Directors Molly Rost, Molly Vohsen and Kayla Coleman. These young ladies helped to write this years show as well! Thank you to Fr. Nick for his Academy Award winning role! Thank you to the parents for letting them participate and helping them learn lines and solos! AND thank you all, for coming to see the shows, it was our best attendance for both nights!



thank you





NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL!!

We need nominations for parishioners to serve on our Parish Council over the next three years. The Parish Council is comprised of 12 people who serve three year terms each, requiring four new people each year. The Parish Council assists the pastor in fostering pastoral activity, they provide communications with the parish commissions and other committees as well as providing consultative advice at monthly parish council meetings.

I would ask that you consider if you or someone you know may be called to serve our parish in this manner. To nominate yourself or someone else for the parish council please e-mail me at nicholaskastenholtz@archstl.org or fill out the form below and return to the parish office or in the collection basket. Once we have received our nominations they will be contacted and we will have an evening where the nominees can find out more specifically about what is involved as a Parish Council member to help them discern if this is appropriate for them. New council members will be drawn from those accepting their nomination at Mass. Any questions... please contact Fr. Nick or any of our current Parish Council members.

Parish Council Nominee

I am nominating _____ for Assumption Parish Council.

Their contact information is: Phone: _____

Email: _____

My name is (if not nominating yourself) _____

My contact information is: Phone: _____

Email: _____



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

Important

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

ImpactLife
**GOOD
GIVING**

GIVE BLOOD 11/14-1/15
AND GET YOUR CHOICE OF A
GIFT CARD OR A DONATION
TO FEEDING AMERICA.

Sunday, January 15

9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Parish Hall

405 North Main Street

Masks optional. Appointments required.

To schedule an appointment, scan QR code
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401
or go to [bloodcenter.org/group, grp #9007](http://bloodcenter.org/group_grp_9007)

**WE NEED
YOU!**



Electronic gift card values:
\$25 for first time donors &
\$20 for returning donors.

Assumption Catholic Church

OFFICE INFORMATION

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636.240.3721 Parish Office

Hours - Mon-Thu 8:00am-4:00pm

Fri 8:00am-3:00pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

636.272.4758 (Helpline)

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL: 636.240.4474

BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office

(peggy.assumption@yahoo.com)

by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE: www.assumptionbvm.org

facebook.com/@assumptionmedia
[assumptionparish](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 314-578.0741.