

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

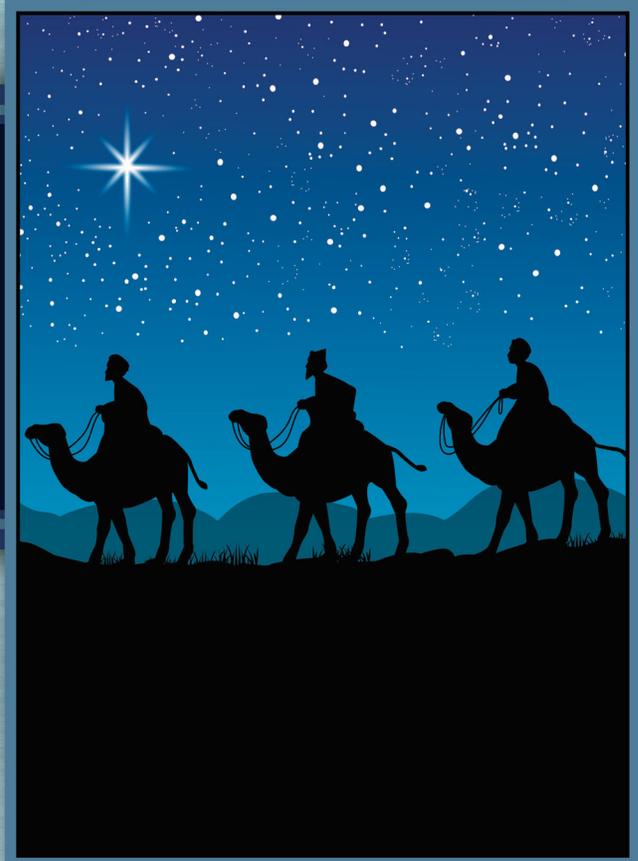
May you find Christ here... may you bring Christ to the world.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2019

*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11



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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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Epiphany

The Beautiful Feast of the Epiphany is marked by the star, which leads the visitors from the east to the birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem. We recognize God's love for all creation in this one poignant scene. The star, the wise men, Gentiles, the infant Jesus with His mother, Mary; every detail of the scene eloquently proclaims salvation from God revealed in the Word made flesh.

And then the warning comes; the wise men must not return to Herod. The brightness of God's Glory cannot be overcome by the darkness; yet the darkness is stubborn in its effort. This has always been true. In our first reading Isaiah is encouraging the Israelites who have just returned to Jerusalem after fifty years of exile. In our second reading Paul is teaching us that Jesus is savior of all the nations, this same Paul who spent more than ten years persecuting the very Christ he now proclaims. God's message of light and life and love has always been accompanied by a shadow of fear, by hints of despair and by our vulnerability to sin.

This Feast of the Epiphany is another invitation to community. The shepherds, the magi, all the angels who sing Glory to God in the Highest; none of them are alone. The whispers from the darkness are more easily dismissed when we are standing together in the light of day, when we are sharing our faith freely with one another and with the world. The voices of darkness, like Herod, are shrewd enough to catch our attention with flattering half truths; we need each other to help one another remain focused on the star and on the message of the angel. I know that without the loving honesty of my friends speaking to me from their hearts I would not be the person of faith I am today; my friends have saved me by reminding me who I really am and how I am truly called to live.

I have an idea for an Epiphany promise, hopefully more meaningful than a New Year's Resolution. Let us commit to praying every day. Let us commit to saying "I love you" to someone we love every day. And let us commit to sharing with someone we love one message from an Angel every day, one sign of God's love we have witnessed. So, before I complain about what may have gone wrong, I will share one piece of evidence of God's love...and maybe sharing the evidence of God's love will dismiss the complaint along with the darkness out of our lives. And let us commit to gathering as a faith community to celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday.

God's glory revealed on this Feast of the Epiphany is truly present in power and majesty whenever we gather as the Body of Christ. Let us then become the light which has come into the world.

Fr. Mitch





HOSPITALITY:

Christian
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"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality

Epiphany Home Blessing



One interesting custom for Epiphany is for families to ask God's blessing on our own homes. The ritual calls for parents to mark, with blessed chalk, the main entrance door with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year. This year's mark will be:

20 + C + M + B + 19

The numbers stand for the year in which the blessing is inscribed (2019). The letters stand for the names traditionally given the Magi who found the Christ Child: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They are also an abbreviation for the Latin blessing: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, or "Christ bless this dwelling." Blessed chalk and holy water will be available after masses this weekend (January 5/6).

Gather your family at the main entrance to your home.

All make the sign of the cross.

Parent: **"Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.
Blessed be God forever."**

Family: **"Blessed be God forever"**

Parent or reader: *(reading from Sacred Scripture)* **"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage."** *Matt 2:10-11*

Parent imparts the blessing: **"Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect Your love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord."**

Family: **"Amen"**

Then the parent sprinkles holy water on those gathered and sprinkles it about the home.



January 11 - 13

ABVM Musical
"Newsies"

January 14

*8:00am Mass will
be in the Chapel

IMPORTANT! The Guadalupe Room

The purpose of our beautiful Guadalupe Room when we built our church building was for our brides to dress on their wedding day as well as a quiet space for mom's to bring their babies during Mass when needed.

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, if there are any items left in the Guadalupe Room they will be removed. We will be cleaning this room daily. We ask that you **DO NOT** use this room as a pick-up/drop-off any longer as we are keeping this room clean and reflective. Also, there will no longer be shelving units in this room, these units are moving to the Chapel alcove where there is 24 hour access for anyone who needs to pick up a booklet, etc. **Thank you** for your assistance in keeping our Guadalupe Room beautiful and to be what this room was intended for!





“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



Please Pray for TheRepose of the Soul of:
*Mary Lee Hillner
 Mother of Tina Johnson*
*Dale Taylor
 Father of Tim Taylor*
*Gladys Reppell
 Sister of both
 Marge Gentemann and
 Alice Forbeck*

Come Pray the Rosary Before Weekend Masses

Please join us in Church 30 minutes before each Weekend Mass, for the Rosary. We will gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.

All are welcome, EVERY TUESDAY!

Please come and pray for peace and special intentions. The Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions; Every Tuesday at 6:15pm in the Chapel.



Prayer Teams

Are you in need of prayers for yourself or someone you love? Please know that we would like to pray with you and for you. Prayer teams are available in the front of Church after each Mass this weekend to offer up your pray requests. Please come forward after dismissal so that we may pray with you.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
 ~ *Philippians 4:6-7*

PLEASE NOTE

The 6:00pm Confession and Benediction are no longer taking place on Thursdays in the Chapel.

Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 1.07.19	TUESDAY 1.08.19	WEDNESDAY 1.09.19
Mass Time / Intentions	6:30am Dan Steffan 8:00am Special Intention	6:30am Barbara Hogan 8:00am Margot Scarborough	6:30am Living and Deceased Parents and Relatives of CPPS 8:00am Maria Blandina Parra Tinoco
Readings	1st Reading: 1 Jn 3:22- 44:6 Gospel: Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	1st Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10 Gospel: Mk 6: 34-44	1st Reading: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Gospel: Mk 6: 45-52
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 Auction Meeting 6:00pm Meyer 1	Bible Study w/Fr. Mitch 9:30am Meyer 2 K of C Queen of Hearts 5pm Hall C Perp Help Devotions 6:15pm Chapel Liturgy Comm. Mtg 7:00pm Meyer 2	Life Teen 7:00pm Meyer 2

Monday, January 14th, 8:00am Mass will take place in the Chapel.

STEWARDSHIP
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PRAYER:
A heart to
heart with God
"Our strength
comes from
the Eucha-
rist"

January 6, 2019 — Epiphany of the Lord

IS 60: 1-6, PS 72:1-2,7-8, 10-13; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2:1-12

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, we observe today the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word **“epiphany”** means manifestation and throughout the Christmas readings we have seen that the newborn King is eager to reveal Himself to all those willing to accept His presence in their lives. From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi featured in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone.

We also see throughout the scriptures that God uses what is familiar to us to draw us to Himself. In the case of the magi – astrologers – He uses a star. Our Lord continues to speak to each one of us today. But we must be alert to **“hear”** and **“see”** Him in our daily lives.

How can we become better attuned to the ways God is speaking to us? We must strengthen our spiritual **“senses”** by spending time with the Lord in prayer every single day. In the same way that we set professional goals or exercise goals, we can set spiritual goals to ensure that we are taking the time to listen intentionally to God daily.

When we establish a regular, intentional time for prayer, we will find that the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the **“stars”** He places before us to draw us into closer relationship with Him. We will begin to see that He is indeed present in our lives at every moment.

~ Excerpts from: Catholic Diocese of Wichita

Prayer

THURSDAY 1.10.19	FRIDAY 1.11.19	SATURDAY 1.12.19	SUNDAY 1.13.19
6:30 am Sr. Gregory Heggemann	6:30 am Bob Achelpohl	9:00 am Jack Muller	8:00 am Drew Firlé
8:00 am Patricia Winters	8:00 am Gerry Schoene	5:00 pm Drew Firlé	10:00 am People of the Parish
1st Reading: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 Gospel: Lk 4:14-22	1st Reading: 1Jn 5:5-13 Gospel: Lk 5:12-16	1st Reading: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Gospel: Jn 3:22-30	12:00 pm James Barry
7:30 - 8:00am Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel	7:30 - 8:00am Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel	4:00 - 4:45pm Church 9:00 - 9:30 pm Chapel	5:30 pm Janice Ek
CRHP Women 6:00pm Meyer 2 Legion of Mary 7:00pm Hall D/E			1st Reading: Is 60:1-6 2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Gospel: Mt 2:1-12
			4:00-4:30 & 9:00-9:30pm Chapel
			RCIA 8:00am Hall C Baptism - After Noon Mass, Church Life Teen -After 5:30pm Mass Hall C

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“...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

Adult Formation

“Roses For Life” Campaign Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

“Roses for Life” will be distributed this weekend at all of the weekend Masses. Roses and pencils will be provided in the pew. Please sign the rose tab and keep the rose as reminder of the cause. The signed tabs will be collected after Mass and sent to our Congressional Representatives. Thanks for taking the time to participate.



Save The Date!
Upcoming RETREATS - 2019!

Men's Retreat: February 9/10
Women's Retreat: March 9/10



A CRHP Retreat is a weekend retreat designed to bring parish members together in Christ and emphasizes continued growth in Christian life. During the weekend you will find love and laughter, great food and friendship, and a renewed sense of belonging to Assumption parish. Give yourself a weekend you won't forget. Come and be spiritually renewed while enjoying awesome fellowship, making new friends, and sharing faith with fellow parishioners. It is an experience worth your time! It's also another wonderful way to begin the New Year and kick off Lent!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For the Women's Retreat, please contact:
Mo Rackers at: 636.357.8004 or morackers@gmail.com
For the Men's Retreat, please contact:
Jim Berry at: 401.318.0266 or tim.berry@pharma.com



IMPORTANT: Are you a volunteer for the School or Parish? You MUST be in compliance

In order to be in compliance with the Archdiocese, you must have a Signed Code of Conduct, a completed Worker Registration Form. (Background Check) and a PGC Class.

IF YOU TOOK THE CLASS, BUT DID NOT COMPLETE THE FORMS, you are not in compliance and cannot volunteer. If you need either of these forms (Code of Conduct or Worker Registration), please contact Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741, or lynn.assumption@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: *Our Parish is going through the Archdiocesan Audit and each volunteer must have ALL completed paperwork on file for our parish to be in compliance.*



Congratulations

Keith and Cathy Fetsch

PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT

The Precious Blood Sisters seek a part-time (20 hours/week) **Personal Care Assistant** to support the personal needs of the Sisters living at their O'Fallon, MO campus and, on occasion, to help Sisters living elsewhere. Valid driver's license, basic computer skills, and excellent communication skills required. Experience in working with elders is preferred. Flexible to rotate on-call duty evenings, weekends and holidays. Submit resume, cover letter and references to Jane Freise, jfreise@cpps-ofallon.org, or 204 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366.



IT'S LUKE 18 TIME!

High Schoolers:

It's time to sign up to be Disciples and Core Team members where you have a blast leading 8th graders closer to Jesus and deeper in their faith! Service Hours are available for this retreat. Sign up at this Google Form Link: https://goo.gl/forms/WsOvgj4F3UnsYy0s2

8th Graders:

This overnight retreat weekend is only open to 8th Graders and is always one of the high points of the year for 8th graders time and again!

If interested or want more info, please fill out this Google Form: https://goo.gl/forms/V8aOabMy64fal9WB3

These links are also on the Assumption Life Teen web page as well as our calendar of Youth Ministry Events at: www.assumptionbvm.org/youth-ministry/life-teen



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Assumption Life Teen

CYC Golf Registration is now open for boys and girls in Grades 1-8. Please sign up at aab63366003.siplay.com Contact Jeff La Barge at 314-495-9198 or jslabarge@yahoo.com

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

Youth Formation

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Then the magi opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Mt 2:11



to benefit Assumption School and Athletic Association.

January 26th 2019 Parish Center at Assumption Parish in O'Fallon, MO
Doors open at 6pm, Games start promptly at 630pm,
Beverages and Food provided.

Texas Hold'em

Entry fee: \$60 buy-in \$70 at the door \$30 rebuys available

Top Prize: World Series of Poker 2019 Las Vegas Package, includes airfare, hotel accommodations, and Entry into a WSOP event.

Bunco

Entry fee: \$25, \$30 at the door

Top Prize: Ameristar Hotel and Spa Package

General Admission

Food, drink, Raffles, Bags, Live Music & entertainment will be Included at the same cost as Bunco

General admission is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

To register online go to http://assumptionbvmschool.org/Activities/Poker-Bunco-Night
Event sponsorship opportunities available. Please contact Adam Johnson at adam10johnson@gmail.com with questions or for sponsorship information.



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Kindness
"We are ALL
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Hospitality

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SHOWTIMES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 | 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 | 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 | 5:30 PM

St. Dominic High School | Amy Dickherber Performing Arts Center



**New Member
Registration,
THIS Weekend,
January 6th!**

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,
THIS Weekend, January 6th!**

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.



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
- ~ Under Quick Links on the right, 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 on line.)
- ~ 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 Jim Hager, Director of Administration, 240-3721, ext. 225.



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

A CHALLENGE GRANT

One of our families has responded to our year end giving request with a challenge grant: they will match every new contribution, using "Year End" envelopes or noting year end gift in the memo line, up to \$10,000. Please take advantage of this generous gift by making a year-end gift to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. Thank you for your generous support of our faith community. God bless you.

Fr. Mitch

Our Gifts to God and Parish



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

	December 16, 2018	July 1 - Dec 16, 2018
Envelopes (471) & On Line	\$ 24,293	\$ 859,162
Loose	\$ 899	\$ 26,189
Total	\$ 25,192	\$ 885,351
	Needed to sustain our mission	932,500

Loan Balance as of 10/31/2018: \$1,699,000

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

Montessori at Mary's House - What we believe:

In Mary's House:

We believe we are a community holding each of these roles: educator, parent and child of God, working collaboratively to create a safe, loving, interesting environment for the youngest of God's children. Thus, we have prepared Mary's House with child-sized furniture, calm and active areas, and interaction that support independence as they develop a need for it.



- ◆ We believe and are committed to Montessori education as an aid to life for not only the children but for the adults as well.
- ◆ We believe we are interdependent and it is our challenge to constantly grow with the children.
- ◆ We believe we learn as much from the children as they learn from us.
- ◆ And, we believe the children bring to our community an unconditional love of life and a world that energizes everyone.

If you are interested in learning more about our program or how to enroll your child (6 weeks- 3 years old) please contact Melinda Kruper, 636.240.3721 for more information.



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The St. Vincent de Paul team would like to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to everyone who donated gifts from the Giving Tree, food, clothing and time to this year's Adopt-A-Family program!

Your generosity provided 107 families a Christmas experience they might have missed. Although the much-appreciated volunteers are too numerous to mention, a very special thanks to the O'Fallon Fire Department for their organization and "manpower"!! This ministry thrives because YOU "BRING CHRIST TO THE WORLD!"



January 12/13 is St. Vincent de Paul weekend. At this time the pantry is low on the following non-food items: toilet paper, laundry detergent, liquid dish detergent, cleaning supplies, Kleenex, deodorant, razors, shampoo. Please remember to CHECK FOOD EXPIRATION DATES before donating food. Thank you for your continued support!

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ASSUMPTION SCHOOL
 636.240.4474

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 (peggy.assumption@yahoo.com)
 by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE

www.assumptionbvm.org
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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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