

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Now I have seen
and testified that He
is the Son of God.

JOHN 1:34



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.



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.



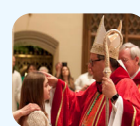
RITE of CONFESSION

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,

Today is the 50th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision by which the Supreme Court allowed broad legal rights to women to have abortions in the United States. Last summer this decision was overturned, leaving state laws to set the primary legal restrictions on abortions. This has resulted in some states, like Missouri, where abortions are illegal for almost all situations. In other states there are almost no legal restrictions against having an abortion. This is still a legal concern that needs our attention to protect the rights of innocent lives, but it is even more obvious that we can't just look towards laws, but need to touch people's minds and hearts about abortion.

One of the challenges for people choosing to have an abortion is that it can be obvious the many impacts having a child will have on their lives. For some, it is not just their lives that they are thinking of, but other family members that may depend upon them, and even considering the future of their unborn child in some ways. Another challenge that they must realize is the fact that this child already is a human life. If they were holding that child in their arms and caring for them the way they would in the months after their birth, the thought of taking that child's life is obviously not a choice to be weighed. Until that child is born, it may be harder to realize the reality of the child's life versus the challenges that may come, but that doesn't change the fact that this is a living child.

It has become even easier to ignore that fact that an abortion is the ending of a human life by the fact that many, if not most, abortions are no longer described as surgical procedures. What is described as a medication abortion, or taking a pill to induce an abortion early in a pregnancy, can make it even more difficult to realize that this child that you have not seen is being killed. Pro-Life clinics often have ultrasound machines to help a mother recognize their child by seeing them in their womb. This isn't a trick, but a truth, to help a mother realize that they are already caring for their child, and recognize the real life and death repercussions of their actions.

No longer having the national legal decision to have a public demonstration to protest can make it harder to clearly see, rally behind, and quantify a goal, but it is still there. We believe that life starts at the moment of conception and so must be recognized and especially protected in this most vulnerable state. As the laws change as well as medical procedures, it doesn't excuse us from protecting these children, but it may change the ways we need to try. Remembering and praying for the millions who have lost their lives to abortion, may we continue to keep the incredible gift of life clear in our minds, and help one another to recognize the response that the life of an innocent child demands from us.

Peace,

Fr. Nick





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 in love."

RCIA

On this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the theme of today's readings is the same as last Sunday: the commissioning of God's servants to reveal God's salvation to the world. (Workbook for Lectors) Jesus begins to teach with the proclamation; "Reform your lives; the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Just as the first

disciples who leave their fishing nets to follow Jesus, so also for us, the coming of the kingdom will mean letting go of something, but also the discovery of something new. What do you hope for? What do you want to learn from Jesus? This weekend we conclude our input on the Sacraments with discussing Eucharist. Now is also the time for Sponsor letters for Rite of Election. More to come on this upcoming Rite.



Roger and Missy teach the RCIA session about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

IN LOVING Memory

Gene Combs
Brother of Jim Combs

Randy McAtee
Husband of Judy McAtee

Marian Brueggan
Sister in law of Carol Ochsner

Albert Mormino
Uncle of Chiharu Hunt



If weather allows, the cemetery committee plans to do the Cemetery cleanup on Saturday, February 4th at 9:00am. We will be removing Christmas decorations and any broken and weathered items. If you have Valentine's Day or new items, those will be left. If the weather doesn't allow, we will keep trying each Saturday morning in February. Cleanup takes less than an hour, and we greatly appreciate the community's help. If you are interested in helping, please contact Angie Bauman at 636-578-2185 (call/text) or email Bauman.est.2008@gmail.com

PRAY, PRAY Every Tuesday in Chapel!

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

Eldercare Ministry with Sisters of the Most Precious Blood:

Do you have a calling to work with retired religious sisters? We are in search of someone to work with our Health Care Team and our Sisters living at Abbey Senior Health in O'Fallon, MO. Contact Mary Ann at msignaigo@collaborativegovernance.org for more information.



The Assumption Athletic Association plays their CYC 1st-8th baseball and softball games at Knights of Columbus. The CYC is in need of umpires this summer, April-June. Boys and girls, ages 13+, flexible schedule, great way to earn money this summer! If you are interested, please contact Matthew.j.flick@gmail.com or 228-233-9388 to sign up.



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



It Is Hard To Imagine That There Could Be Any Life At The Other End Of Our Grief

Take the Journey from Grief to Healing

Coping with grief and loss can be difficult. If you are seeking support after suffering the loss of a loved one, Assumption's caring Grief Support Team wants to help. Know that you are not alone... with Christ, you can find comfort and healing in the midst of grief with the help of this amazing group.

Adults, ages 18 and up, are invited to join the group for a new winter session. The first meeting will be on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00pm in the Meyer Room (Parish Center). During these sessions, participants will have the opportunity to engage in prayer, personal sharing (if comfortable doing so), biblical reflection, and so much more.

The Assumption Grief Support Sessions are free, but registration is required. For more information, please contact Lynn Crews at 636-294-0821 or lynn.assumption@gmail.com. Please register by February 6th.

Eucharistic
REVIVAL



The Eucharistic Revival Continues In 2023 ~ Enkindle the flame of your Eucharistic faith this year at "The Eucharistic Revival" from 10-11am in the Assumption Chapel, February 11, March 11, April 15 and May 20. Assumption Parish serves as the host church for the western part of the St. Louis Archdiocese for these powerful talks which are presented by Dr. Larry Feingold, Professor of Theology & Philosophy at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. All are welcome to attend!

"The Eucharistic Revival" is part of a national effort led by The Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis, and other Bishops across the United States. Set your faith on fire and be sure to join us for the following presentations in 2023:

- Feb. 11: The Fruits of the Sacrifice of the Mass
- March 11: The Graces of Holy Communion
- April 15: The Eucharist Builds Up the Communion of the Church
- May 20: Eucharistic Spirituality and the Eucharistic Life

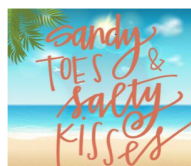
Guests attending the presentations are encouraged to pre-register by emailing martiochs@archstl.org or by calling 314-792-7413.

	MONDAY 1.23.23	TUESDAY 1.24.23	WEDNESDAY 1.25.23
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Robert L. Grant 8:00am Joe Grivois	6:30am Karen Ballmann 8:00am Susan & Joseph McHugh	6:30am John Mueller 8:00am John Rothermich
Reconciliation	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment



50+ CLUB will be gathering on Monday January 23, 6:30pm Hall C

Why not start the New Year with Flexibility in mind. Can we *sit* and *exercise* at the same time? Assumption parishioner, Debbie Gentry, PT is the owner of At Home Partners, and will show us how! How about a Spring walk program? Debbie is available for all types of exercise and would love to share her knowledge. So, bring your stretch bands (they will be provided if you don't have one) and let's have fun!! We forgot to ask for dessert volunteers for this meeting. We will need sweet energy to replace all the energy we will burn!! Please call Ruth Rothermich at 636-294-3921 to be placed on list.



SIGN UP NOW FOR... **Act Two Theatre Production**, of *Sandy Toes & Salty Kisses*! Thursday, **February 2nd** at 7:30pm. (at the Performing Arts Theatre in the St. Peters City Hall) \$5 suggested donation. Tickets will be available to pick up.



SIGN UP NOW FOR... **FZN Dinner and Production of The Anatomy of Gray**! Thursday, **February 9th** (tables have been reserved) The play is set in Indiana during the late 1880's, the play deals with loss, love, and healing in a unique coming-of-age story.

Any questions, please call or email. Liz or Bob Allmeyer 636 240-8638, (lizallmeyer@gmail.com).

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

Prayer

Retrouvaille - St Louis 2023 Weekend, Feb. 24-26

The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples Facing Difficult Challenges in their Relationship.

- A Marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.
- A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.
- Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect.
- Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

For more information or to register, call 314-453-0110
or Helpourmarriage.org



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. Sign up at: assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com

THURSDAY 1.26.23	FRIDAY 1.27.23	SATURDAY 1.28.23	SUNDAY 1.29.23
6:30am John Mueller 8:00am Sr. Luella Dames	6:30am Michelle Zerbe 8:00am Linda LaSauce	8:00am Bruce Kreycik 5:00pm Vince Scully	8:00am Alice & Francis McHugh 10:00am Ron Hanebrink 12:00pm Karen Brady
7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	5:30pm People of the Parish By Appointment

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Continuous
conversion
of mind and
heart

"Following
Jesus is the
work of a
lifetime"



From the Principal's Pen

Assumption Chess Team (K-8) Enters CYC Qualifying Competition

The Catholic Youth Council's (CYC) mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ in word and action by serving the needs of every boy and girl, regardless of ability, religious affiliation, or ethnic background, to develop discipline and skills necessary to obtain and sustain individual achievements, build character and to develop valued relationships and teamwork. Chess is one area that most people are unaware.

At the first Chess Meet, the Assumption Chess Club (CYC) attended the Qualifier Competition at St. Joseph-Cottleville, with several other elementary school team. Congratulations to 8th grader, Timothy Johnson and 2nd grader Sebastian Felix who medaled as individuals. Assumption K-2 Chess TEAM (Sebastian Felix – 2nd, Dylan Hopkins – 1st) who came in 5th place for their age group.



Robo-dudes receive 2nd Place in the Innovation Project

Last week, I spoke about a different Assumption Robotics Team (The Lego Legends) ... now onto another Assumption Robotics Team: Robo-dudes!

Congratulations to the Assumption School Robo-dudes 6th Grade Robotics Team for taking home the second place Innovation Project Award at the FIRST LEGO League qualifier in December! The

FIRST® LEGO® League guides students through STEM learning and exploration. From Discover, to Explore, and then to Challenge, students learn to understand the basics of STEM and apply their skills in an exciting competition while building habits of learning, confidence, and teamwork skills along the way.

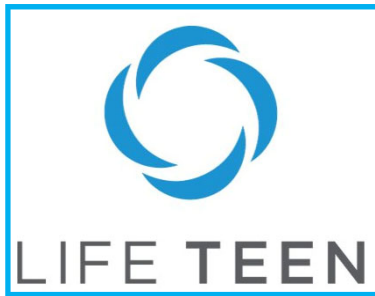
A special shout-out to mentors and Assumption alumni Ben Hembrook of CBC High School and Garrett Drohr of St. Dominic High School, and the team coaches for all their support.

We are so very proud of the Robo-dudes! They were fantastic at the CHALLENGE competition this year.



Thanks for reading about Assumption!

Pat Hensley



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 past semester.



We begin 2023 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!

Sunday, January 22

Life Teen: Dating with Dignity – We're Just Talking
6:30 – 8:45pm

All teens are invited to join us as we begin our first series of the Spring Semester, Dating with Dignity. This series is not meant to encourage teens to start dating immediately, rather it recognizes that our youth will spend the next decade trying to date as well as part of discerning vocations. This series is meant to equip teens with the wisdom of the Church on how to date with dignity and clarity.

Our second night will focus in on communication and how essential good communication is to all relationships in our lives! Teens, expect food, fun, fellowship, and real talk. Bring a friend!

Wednesday, January 25 ~ No EDGE: Core Formation Night



Youth Formation



2023 Save the Dates:

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



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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY! FEBRUARY 3rd

Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7
5:00-7:00pm ~ Dine In and Take Out

MENU: Fried Cod/Cat fish Meal or Sandwich, Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Cole-slaw, Mac N Cheese, Desserts. Tea and coffee free, Full Cash Bar available: beer, wine and mixed drinks. You can pay with a credit card or cash.

\$15 - Fish dinner, includes 3 sides / \$14 - Fish Dinner, Dine in Senior rate

\$10 - Sandwich plate, includes 1 side / Children, 13 and under \$5



202 W. 3rd Street, O'Fallon



"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

Hospitality

Athletic Association News

Basketball season is underway! Coaches – don't forget if you coach 5th graders and older, you must have taken "Play Like a Champion" course. Online sessions are available. Schedules are available on the CYC *TeamSideline* page under "Coaches Corner".

Golf and Baseball/Softball Signups are open. Golf registration is open now through February 6, Baseball/Softball is open through January 31.
St. Charles CYC District (teamsideline.com)
Search under Current Programs.

Assumption is hosting a Chess Tournament!
Saturday February 25, in the parish center.
The Chess team is doing a fantastic job this year!



Donations



Needed Items

Calls to St Vincent De Paul from our neighbors in need continue to be on the rise. The pantry is currently in need of the following items: shampoo, deodorant, paper towels, pump hand soaps, jelly, pancake syrup, mayo, 2-4 lb. bags of sugar, vegetable oil, Sloppy Joe's mix, brownie mix, canned pears, canned mixed fruit, taco shells or tortillas, taco seasoning, Hamburger Helpers (including tuna-helper or chicken-helper). **PLEASE NOTE:** We are OVER-STOCKED on all canned vegetables and all types of beans. Thank you for your continued support!

Our Gifts to God and Parish

Weekly Offertory

	January 8, 2023	YTD 7/1/2022 - 1/2023
Actual Collections	\$ 37,835	\$ 1,079,115
Budget Target	\$ 36,000	\$ 1,092,000
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$ 1,835	\$ (12,885)

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

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

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

TITHING

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

**HOSPITALITY:**

Christian
kindness
"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality

Come Grow with Us!



PRE-K - 8TH GRADE School Admissions

Open January 29

school tours 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Assumption Catholic School
203 W 3rd Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366
636-240-4474 | info@abvmtech.org

Assumption School Tuition Assistance Available Now for K - 8 AND

Open Enrollment for Pre-K through 8th grade begins January 29th!

If your school is not measuring up, get a fresh start at Assumption Catholic School, where we challenge and inspire students in preschool through 8th grades! Tuition assistance applications for the 2023-24 school year are available, and school admissions opened to current Assumption families, Friday, Jan. 20, and will open to new students on Sunday, Jan. 29.

Assumption School has been educating children for over 150 years, and is a great place for spiritual, personal and educational growth. The school nationally ranks above average in math and reading, and every teacher is certified. In addition, this leader in education offers a rigorous academic program and grading scale, and a state-of-the-art campus that features an X-STREAM Lab (science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and math), STEM Robotics program, 1-1 technology, Certified Nature Explore Classroom, after-school enrichment courses, summer camps, before- and after-school care, and weekly Mass and prayer services.

Secure your future today! CURRENT and NEW student registration, as well as scholarship applications will soon be available. Here are enrollment details for the 2023-24 school year:

- Jan. 17 – The 2023 - 24 TTEF Scholarship Application officially opened. Visit <https://ttef-stl.org/> for scholarship details and information about how to apply. Educational scholarships are available for students in Kindergarten through 8th grades. First come first served basis. We encourage ALL families to apply!
- Jan. 20 – Registration opened for all returning Assumption students.
- Jan. 29 – Assumption School Open Enrollment begins with an Open House from 11am - 12:30pm. All are welcome to register and tour the Assumption School and Early Childhood Center buildings.
- Feb. 1 – MOScholars applications open online. Interested families should take the prequalification survey at <https://ttef-stl.org/moscholars-application-closed/> or click on the QR code (→), before completing the full application.
- Feb. 28 – Deadline to submit TTEF Scholarships.
- March 27 – Award letters for all TTEF 2023-24 programs will be emailed to families.



To learn more about Assumption School and "Why Choose Assumption," visit us online at <https://bit.ly/AssumptionEnrollement2023>, or call Dr. Patricia Hensley, Assumption Principal, at 636-240-4474. School tours are available throughout the year. For more information about tuition assistance at Assumption School, contact Mark Vogt, Assumption Business Manager, at 636-240-3721 ext. 225.

Friends
of birthright stl
cordially invite you
to be our guest at our



Annual Member Lunch and Baby Shower

Thursday, February 9, 2023
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

St. Anselm Parish Center (lower level)

Please bring a practical unwrapped baby gift

RSVP to

www.birthrightstl.org/friends/membership/
or leave a message at (314) 391-4062

Handicap Access Available

Guests are Encouraged!

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood

offer an Open House Tour of their beautiful historic chapel and heritage area. To schedule a tour or for more information, contact Sr. Cecile Gunelson at 636-293-8013. **Address:** 204 North Main Street. O'Fallon. **Directions:** Use the entrance at Main and 3rd street and take the first right. Parking is available on the south side of chapel. Chapel is handicapped accessible.



Stewardship Through Estate Planning

As the New Year begins, consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by establishing an estate plan. Everyone should have an estate plan comprising either a will or a trust. A will is a legal document that allows you to control how your assets are distributed **after** your lifetime. Without a will, the probate court will decide who acquires your assets upon your death. Typically, the court will divide your assets between your surviving spouse and children, or your blood relatives. The court will not provide for any charitable intentions you may have.

A trust allows you to control how your assets are distributed **both during and after** your lifetime. Establishing a trust requires that you transfer ownership or title of your assets to the name of your trust. Since the trust owns the assets, there is nothing for the courts to control when you die. This is beneficial since, unlike a will, you avoid all the costs, delays and publicity of the probate process. However, depending on its complexity, a trust can be more expensive to create than a will.

Most importantly, an estate plan allows you to determine how and to whom the gifts God has bestowed on you will be distributed when you can no longer serve as your own steward.

For detailed questions on wills or trusts, contact an estate planning attorney. If you are planning on giving to a charity, please consider Assumption Catholic Church as part of your estate plan. You may contact Fr. Nick or Mark Vogt in the Parish Office (636-240-3721) for additional gift giving opportunities to benefit the parish or school.



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

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Fri 8:00am-3:00pm

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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.