

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May you find Christ here....May you bring Christ to the World.

THE POOL
OF SILOAM
JERUSALEM

I was blind and now I see.

JOHN 9:25

MARCH 22
2020

fourth Sunday
OF LENT

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 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

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 I'm sure all of you are aware of the situation regarding the coronavirus over the last week has only gotten worse. I am sorry to have to write to you again about more serious measures that need to be taken to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Archbishop Carlson has mandated that beginning Tuesday March 16th, all public celebrations of Mass and other liturgies, as well as Morning Prayer, Stations of the Cross, and all other group services, Bible studies and activities are to cease beginning immediately. The current plan and hope is that we will resume Masses beginning April 6th; however, this will be re-evaluated as we approach that date. The archbishop has given a dispensation for all Catholics in our archdiocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass through Sunday April 5th.

Similarly, our school has been closed and will only be operating through remote learning through computers with the hope that we may also return to our school building on April 6th.

Our parish has the tradition of live-streaming our Sunday 10am Mass and we currently plan to do this so that people may participate in that manner or to watch it later in the day as it is kept on our website.

Holy Communion for the sick or homebound and anointing of the Sick will continue as needed and specifically for those who are seriously ill or in danger of death.

For everyone else I realize that you will be unable to receive the Blessed Sacrament in the Eucharist over the next few weeks but we are still called to stay united to Christ and the Church, especially during these difficult times. This spiritual communion can be maintained with numerous practices; participate in Mass online (our live-streaming Mass), reflect on Scripture, engagement in further spiritual reading, and prayer. **A particular prayer which might be used by St. Francis is:**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Other sources for daily prayers and readings along with details regarding televised Masses, assisting those in need, and other actions or cancellation of actions due to the virus can be found throughout this bulletin.

These actions are being done out of respect for God, the life he has given us, and the lives of one another. Slowing the spread of the virus by limiting public interactions may result in personal hardships, but they are being done to reduce the number of lives lost in this pandemic.

Please keep one another in your thoughts and prayers,
Peace,

Fr. Nick

P.S. I will try to keep in contact with you regularly through e-mail and changes in our webpage. If you have not been receiving our e-mails please considering calling or e-mailing the parish to add your e-mail address to our list.





ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Office of Communications and Planning

“...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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 16, 2020

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Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Announces the Suspension of All Public Masses

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson has suspended all public Masses immediately. This decision from Archbishop Carlson follows many conversations with his advisory team, and health and government officials. Pending further updates on the spread of COVID-19, parishes within the Archdiocese of St. Louis have preliminary plans to resume Masses beginning April 6; however, the archbishop will re-evaluate at a later date.

The [Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis](#) offers live-streamed and televised options for Holy Mass. Some other parishes also have the capability to live-stream Masses, and parishioners are encouraged to check with their parish offices. The Office of Communications and Planning will share live stream Mass times on archdiocesan social media accounts.

Our churches will remain open for prayer and confessions. Holy Communion may be distributed outside of Mass at times determined by the pastor; however, all ministers—ordinary and extraordinary—need to be in good health. Parish priests will make the decisions regarding available times for prayer and sacraments.

The decisions to continue with baptisms, weddings and funerals will be made at the parish level with the understanding that the celebration of these sacraments are to include only immediate family members.

All fish fries that remain open will offer either drive-through or pick-up options only.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis will continue to support the needs of the greater St. Louis community through its parishes and charities. The archdiocese understands the economic impact that this emergency is having on our community as a whole. However, in times like this, it is even more urgent for us to pray for and assist our brothers and sisters who are in the most need. We encourage you to consider supporting our parishes through online giving, mail-in or drop-off donations, and also organizations that are responding to this crisis, such as [Catholic Charities of St. Louis](#), [The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Louis](#) and the [Annual Catholic Appeal](#).

Please direct questions to communications@archstl.org.

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"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

Lenten Opportunities 2020

Unfortunately we have had to cancel all of these gatherings.

- ◆ Reading, Rice Bowls, and Activity Materials are available in the Narthex.
- ◆ Attend Daily Mass at 6:30am in Motherhouse Chapel or 8am in Church.
- ◆ Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Tuesday Night Masses in the Chapel : 6:00-6:30pm
- ◆ Thursday Lenten Series: Bishop Barron – "Conversions"
- ◆ Prayers for Healing and Hope: Thursday, March 19th
- ◆ Reconciliation Weekend Service: Chapel – April 3 & 4
- ◆ Visit our 24 hour Prayer Chapel (Northwest door ramp entrance code 3721) **STILL OPEN.**
- ◆ Participate in praying the rosary on Sundays before each Mass!
- ◆ Attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Daily – 7:30-8:00am and Saturdays 4-4:45pm
- ◆ Lenten Journey with ARCHSTL - Text *lentSTL* to 84576 to join.



CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

***Perpetual Help Devotions on HOLD**
***24 Hour Chapel Open**

Until further notice, we will not be holding Perpetual Help devotions. Our 24 hour prayer chapel will remain accessible through the North side door near the ramp, please use code 3721 open door.

Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 3.23.20	TUESDAY 3.24.20	WEDNESDAY 3.25.20
Readings	1st Reading: 65: 17-21 Gospel : Jn 4:43-54	1st Reading: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Gospel: Jn 5:1-16	1st Reading: Is 7:10-14;8:10 2nd Reading: Heb 10:4-41 Gospel: Lk 1:26-38
PRAYER RESOURCES : Magnificat: Their online version is being made temporarily available to everyone for free: www.magnificat.com/free. Free temporary access is also available in Spanish: www.magnificat.com/gratis. Give Us This Day: https://giveusthisday.org/Free. Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe: https://youtu.be/M-KF_ZxbkD4?list=PLpTzvCOJa7DCHIfdjcDiaydw7XUGHYQOE			

Adult Confirmation – May 31st at the Cathedral Basilica, St. Louis

Are you an adult Catholic who received all of your Sacraments of Initiation except Confirmation and would like to? Please call the parish office at 636-240-3721, and a priest will set up a time to meet with you and walk you through the process of Adult Confirmation.



If you are homebound and would like Communion brought to you, we do have parishioners who visit other parishioners once a week, visit and pray with them, and give them Communion. Please know that these parishioners will take proper precautions before entering your home as recommended by the CDC. Please call the Parish office at: 636-240-3721.



Our priests are still offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please know that they will take proper precautions before entering your home as recommended by the CDC. Please call the Parish office at: 636-240-3721.



Please pray for the repose
of the soul of:

James Blankenship
Husband of MaryAnn Blankenship

Mike Watts
Cousin of Kim Lawry

Viola Engel
Mother of Stephen Engel



PRAYER:

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

Prayer

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way—better
for each other
because of the worst.

LAURA KELLY FANUCCI

THURSDAY 3.26.20

1st Reading: Ex 32:7-14
Gospel: Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY 3.27.20

1st Reading: Wis 2:1, 12-22
Gospel: Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY 3.28.20

1st Reading: Jer 11:18-20
Gospel: Jn 7:40-53

SUNDAY 3.29.20

1st Reading: Ez 37:12-14
2nd Reading: Rom 8:8-11
Gospel: Jn 11:1-45

SCRIPTURE & SPIRITUAL READING

Daily Readings: <http://usccb.org/calendar/index.cfm?showLit=1&action=month>

Catechism Online: <http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/catechism/index.html>, or http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM.

**HOSPITALITY:**

Christian
Kindness
"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality

Parish Office Update

The parish office will be intermittently staffed, but the staff will all be available to answer any of your questions! We can be reached by calling the parish office phone # (636) 240-3721 and hitting the staff members three digit extension # found below. This will go directly to our personal phones. (Or, you can always send us an email) All of us in the office want you to know that we are here for each of you! ~Matthew 28:20 *"I am with you always"*

Parish Secretary: Peggy Brewer	ext. 221	peggy.assumption@yahoo.com
Bookkeeper: Mary Knapp	ext 243	marian.assumption@yahoo.com
Baptisms & Weddings: Angie Gloriod	ext 235	angie.assumption@yahoo.com
Communion to the homebound and needs due to Covid 19: Jeannette Hamann	ext 247	abvmjeannette@yahoo.com
School or PSR Questions: Melinda Kruper	ext 333	abvmmelinda@yahoo.com
Parish Manager: Jim Hager	ext 225	jjhager99@yahoo.com

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Even though we do not have public Masses, we still have ongoing employee and facility expenses. Envelopes still can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office. (Drop box next to parish office door)

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

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 can reset it.)
- ~ 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 use your credit card, or draw from checking or savings account

- ~ You may also give to the Special Collections through this one account
- ~ If you pay your bills through Online Banking, just add Assumption and you may continue to do so.

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

If you have questions or need additional help, please call Mary Knapp, 636-240-3721, ext. 234.

Important



**Are YOU in need?
OR
Would you like to
help someone
IN need?**

As we all muddle through these troubling days, we have had generous parishioners who have offered to help anyone who is in need of someone to grocery shop for them, especially the elderly, or someone who is in need of a meal or two. **OR**, if you are someone who would like to assist in this way, please call Jeannette Hamann at the parish office: (636)240-3721 ext. 247.

ASSUMPTION LIFE TEEN

CANCELLED



Wed April 15 - West House Wednesday (West House) - 7pm
Sun April 19 - Life Night: "8th Grade Welcome Fiesta" (Hall C) - 6:45pm

LIFE TEEN: @assumption_LT

@assumption_life_teen

Assumption Life Teen



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

Youth Formation



**Parish Dinner
Auction
POSTPONED!**

**NEW
DATE
TO BE
ANNOUNCED**



Easy Options for Getting the Assumption Parish Bulletin!

1. You can have Assumption Bulletin sent directly to your email! It's EASY! Follow the directions below.
Go to <https://www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx>
 - Enter criteria to find Parish by state, city, or zip code and then click on the Search button.
 - Choose parish from list of results by clicking on the green arrow on the left.
 - Complete a simple registration form and SUBMIT. It's that easy!
2. Go on line to the Assumption parish website: assumptionbvm.org
3. Pick up a Bulletin from the Chapel Vestibule anytime!
4. Would you like the bulletin to MAILED to your home? Just call the parish office and request this!
We will be glad to mail one out to you!

Questions....please call the parish office. 636-240-3721.



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



Assumption St. Vincent DePaul NEWS

St. Vincent DePaul is still running business as usual except they are visiting our neighbors in need face to face. One bit of good news is that Ameren U.E. will not shut off anyone's utilities if they are struggling!! They will give them until after May 2! Thank you Ameren! St. Vincent DePaul is IN NEED of boxed goods as well as toilet paper. If you are able to help, please bring items to the parish office. THANK YOU!!

Quilts of Valor

These pictures are of the quilts being worked on March 11th in the Parish Center. The finished quilts are then given to men and women who have served in combat.



The Assumption Quilters are happy to host this event!



We hope that we will be able to celebrate the Triduum together. If not, we are considering how best to live stream these services.



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday



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Service

Holy Thursday – April 9

7:30am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer.

7:00pm The Holy Triduum begins. Gather in church for the celebration of the Eucharist of the Lord's Supper.

After Mass: Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the Chapel all night!
Containers will be in the Narthex for Rice Bowl collection your gifts for the poor.

Good Friday – April 10

7:30am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer

12:00pm Gather in Church for "Tre Ore" – Video recording by Bishop Barron

3:00pm Gather in church for the "Walk the Way of the Cross" – lead by our Life Teen

7:00pm Gather in church for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion

(Containers will be in the Narthex for Rice Bowl collection your gifts for the poor.)

Holy Saturday – April 11

7:30am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer

7:15pm (Sat) Easter Vigil - Gather in church for the Night watch for the Lord.
Reflective readings will begin a half hour before Mass.

8:00pm (Sat) Easter Vigil - Gather in church for our main Easter Mass which includes Baptisms and the lighting of the Easter fire.

All are invited to a reception in the Parish Center afterwards to meet the newest members of our faith!

Note: there will not be a 5pm Mass on Saturday or Reconciliation

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule – April 12

8:00am Mass in Church

8:15am Mass in Chapel

10:00am Mass in Church

10:15am Mass in Chapel

12:00pm Mass in Church

Note: there will not be a 5:30pm Mass on Easter!

Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

Includes Christmas Collection	March 8, 2020	7/1/2019 - 3/8/2020
Envelopes (427)& On Line	\$ 38,622	\$ 1,248,235
Loose	\$ 968	\$ 45,854
Total	\$ 39,590	\$ 1,294,089

Needed to sustain our mission \$1,313,000

Loan Balance as of 1/31/2020: \$1,511,937

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

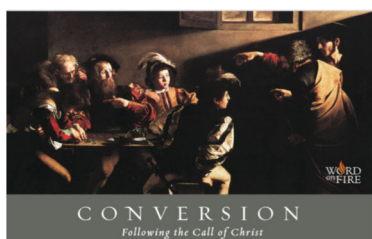
STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

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

TITHING



Weekends, Now through Palm Sunday, April 5th, Deacon Richard and the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life office, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers and adults as part of our fourth annual diocesan-wide Pro-Life service project to assist families in need. Last year we collected over (325,000) thousand diapers for those in need and we'd like to exceed that total this year. We would ask that you please consider placing the purchasing of infant, toddler or adult diapers on your shopping list and **bring them to the "Diaper Plastic Tub" in the Chapel Vestibule.** All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our parish community, St. Vincent de Paul, and many others in need. **For more information, contact Deacon Richard at 314-397-2433.** We would like to stress the need for the larger size diapers, 3's, 4's and 5's. We ask you to pray for the success of this project and please be as generous as possible.



Adult Faith Formation Lenten Series: **CANCELLED**

Both morning and evening (Thursday) sessions are **cancelled.**

Questions? Please contact Rachel Martin, 636-240-4474, ext. 309 or martin@abvmtech.org



50+Club NEWS

March 23rd Meeting and pot luck is **CANCELLED.**



You can watch Assumption's 10:00am Mass LIVE!

Can't attend Mass – NO PROBLEM – we will bring Mass to you!! We will be **Live Feeding** our 10:00AM Mass each week so that WE CAN be together! SHARE this with everyone you know!! Simply visit our home page at www.assumptionbvm.org and under **"Quick Links"** you will see **"Live Streaming Mass"** click on the link. There, you will find the link to click on to view the live Mass. **NOTE:** You will only see the live link available 15 minutes before Mass begins. Please know that the video cameras will mainly be pointed in the direction of the sanctuary area. Questions? Please call Jeannette Hamann at 636.240-3721 ext 247.

Heart of the Nation Catholic Masses

For those who don't have the luxury of a computer or smart phone or cable... Catholic Masses are available with Free TV antenna on the following channels:

Channel 11.1 at 8:30am
Channel 2.2 at 9:00am



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Faith Formation

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by Tuesday 9:00am

WEBSITE

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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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