

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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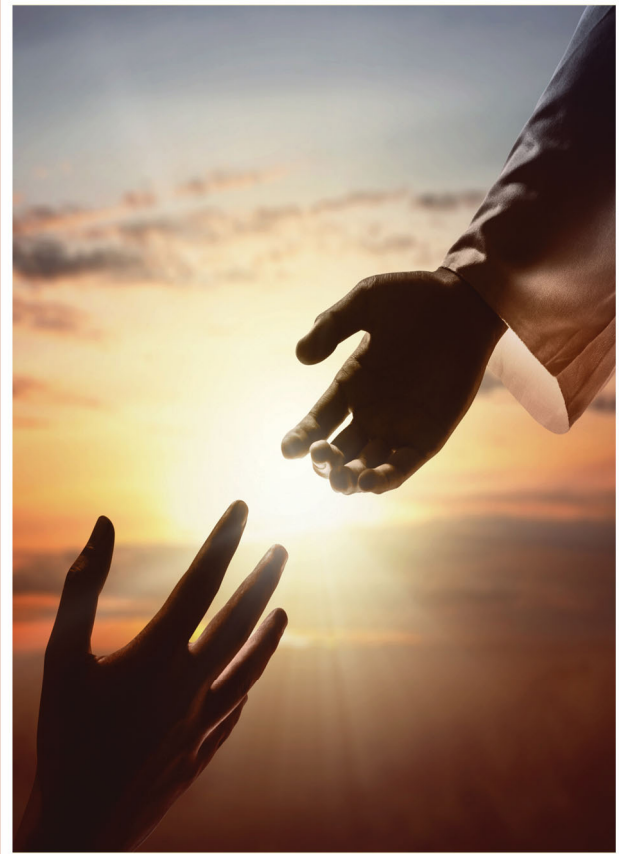
Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

Jesus said,
"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me,
even if they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and
believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26

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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 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.



ANOIDNTING 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.

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Hello,

As we continue the Lenten season, we also continue our battle with the coronavirus, or COVID-19. In some ways I have to say I have a bit less anxiety since some of the restrictions and "Stay-At-Home" instructions have been issued, as it feels there is a little more certainty of at least today and tomorrow, than we were going through last week. Some of our current restrictions for the parish are as follows:

No public Masses, this is to extend at least through Easter as the priests of the diocese have also been given instructions on how we may celebrate our Holy Week services with a maximum of 10 people present. (We expect to be live streaming all of these services.) (We also will make available blessed palms that may be picked up from the chapel and probably some other convenient location on our campus.)

Our school and PSR have been closed and are planning to remain at this time until April 27th. Distance learning through use of the internet has been incorporated and I have heard very positive comments about what our teachers have been able to do to continue educating our children.

Funerals can be celebrated, but they can only have a maximum of 10 people in attendance.

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.

If you are able to, I ask you to go to our webpage (assumptionbvm.org) as we are trying to provide a variety of ways to stay in touch and to offer you resources for prayer and reflection in this time of isolation. Along with the Sunday Mass the priests are taking turns providing daily reflections for each day (this can be accessed online or if you register for our e-mail news you will have an e-mail sent to you daily). We also have a 40-day subscription to FORMED that you may use (it provides movies, books, and various religious resources for prayer and reflection). We also are in the process of uploading a video of praying the stations of the cross in our chapel and are open to other suggestions.

While you are on our website, you also have the ability to donate to the parish on-line. I am grateful for all the support you give to the parish but only a minority currently donate to the parish on-line, and without our weekly gathering for Sunday Mass our envelope collections are severely reduced. As you are aware, we were not in the best financial situation before this but were making progress. I have asked the archdiocese to suspend our loan and other payments to them at this time (which they have done) and am also asking for a short-term infusion of money. I also ask for you to consider what support you may continue to provide for the parish at this time.

I realize that this is a very challenging time for all of us in different ways. We are fortunate to have so many electronic ways to stay in touch, but we also realize the limitations of these means, hopefully appreciating all the more the fact and reason why Christ was conceived, born, and died for us. The limitations we are imposing on our ourselves at this time are 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. Know that you are in my prayers and please keep one another in your thoughts and prayers,
Peace,

Fr. Nick



FORMED

We are excited to announce that our parish, for the next few weeks, has become a partner in a dynamic faith formation program called FORMED. This program is designed to help our parish form adults in the Catholic faith comfortably in your own home. Head to formed.org to investigate all the resources that are now at your finger tips. As a member of our parish, you can access FORMED anytime on the web, using your computer, smartphone, or tablet. It is extremely important that we as Catholics not only know our Catholic faith, but also bear witness to Christ in our daily lives, particularly at this moment in time. We strongly encourage every parishioner to take advantage of this excellent resource and to learn more about our amazing and beautiful faith. So go check it out! It's this simple to access:

“...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



ASSUMPTION PARISH IS EXCITED TO OFFER

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

Courtesy of FORMED. For the next 40 days Assumption Parish is able to offer you a free subscription to FORMED. So we'll provide the movie, you provide the popcorn and drinks!

SIGN IN TO SELECT AND VIEW A FAITH BASED FAMILY MOVIE BY:

1. Visiting www.FORMED.org and click "sign up"
2. Select I belong to a parish or organization
3. Find our parish by name or zipcode
4. Enter your email and you're in!
5. Click on the tab "movies" & search for what you want to watch



"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

- ♦ Visit our 24 hour Prayer Chapel (Northwest door ramp entrance code 3721) **STILL OPEN.**
- ♦ Lenten Journey with ARCHSTL - Text *lentSTL* to 84576 to join.



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

Holy Thursday – April 9, Live Streamed ~ 7:00pm

Good Friday – April 10, Live Streamed ~ 3:00pm

Holy Saturday – April 11, Live Streamed ~ 8:00pm

Easter Sunday – April 12, Live Streamed ~ 10:00am

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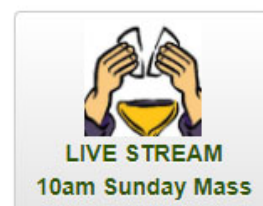
Watch Assumption's 10:00am Mass LIVE!

www.assumptionbvm.org

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. There, you will find the link to click on to view the live Mass. Questions? Please call Jeannette Hamann at 636-240-3721 ext 247.



Look for THIS link on our parish website:



Week at a

	MONDAY 3.30.20	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY 4.01.20
Readings	1st Reading: Dn 13:1-9, 19-30, 33-62 Gospel : Jn 8:1-11	1st Reading: Nm 21:4-9 Gospel: Jn 8:21-30	1st Reading: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Gospel: Jn 8:31-42

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=PLpTzvCOJa7DCHfIdjcDiaydw7XUGHYQOE:

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:

*Patricia Malon
Wife of Raymond Malon*

*Ada Albers
Infant Granddaughter of
Donna & Steve Albers*

*Allene Meinke
Mother of Liz Pawloski*

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



PRAYER:

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

Prayer

*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 to open the door.

THURSDAY 4.02.20

1st Reading: Gn 17:3-9
Gospel: Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY 4.03.20

1st Reading: Jer 20:10-13
Gospel: Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY 4.04.20

1st Reading: Ez37:21-28
Gospel: Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY 4.05.20

1st Reading: Mt 21:1-11
2nd Reading: Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Gospel: Mt26:14-27:66

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 is closed, 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"

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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, in the 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

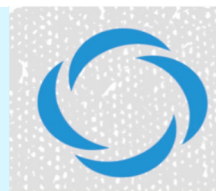


**Are YOU in need?
OR
Would you like to
help someone
IN need?**

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



LIFE TEEN:



@assumption_LT



@assumption_life_teen



Assumption Life



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

Youth Formation



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

**From the Principal's Pen****A New Educational Plan for Assumption**

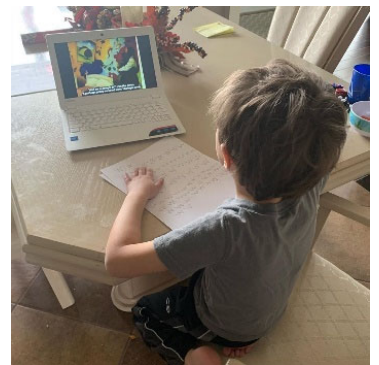
With unprecedented times, we are faced with changing our teaching means and methods to assure that every student continues learning what was planned in our curriculum for the year. This process is called Distance Learning or E-Learning.

Learning experiences:

There are two primary ways we continue teaching and learning: one where the teacher emails lessons, work, and educational links to students, then students complete and return everything to teacher through email. Teachers create daily teaching videos for their students, to explain how to complete the task, with examples. Along with that, every teacher creates a prayer video which is sent to their students. All teachers use the same prayer with their students to unite us as a church community. We use Teacher-Ease to accomplish this form of teaching and learning.

Google Hangouts is also used for our older students because they have Chromebooks of their own in grades 5-8. Google Hangouts is a way to bring all of the class students - through video - to their teacher. Literally, the teacher sees, hears and interacts with all students and likewise, students interact with their teacher. It is like being in the classroom, but in a different format. Through this process, teachers can begin the student's day with prayer, teach lessons, answer questions, etc. This is known as a virtual classroom.

Even though students and teachers are not on campus, the faculty are all still working during this time. All faculty are available to help students and parents as needed via email through designated "Office Hours". Our office hours are 9:30am-11:30am and 1:30pm-2:30pm daily. Know, too, that you can email any of us during the day or evening and we will respond.



Thanks for reading our school news!

Dr. Pat Hensley



Attention MEN of Assumption Parish

Our **That Man is You!** Program continues online via Zoom.
The meetings will look pretty much the same, but on your computer or Phone.
Please check your TMIY email for the link to this coming week's Session.
If you are not receiving the TMIY emails or would like to join in on the sessions,
please contact Deacon Richard at DeaconRichard@charter.net or 314-397-2433
Session 24 (4/11/2020): The Triumph of Mercy

- Enlarging the Human Heart
- Encountering the Father, Rich in Mercy
- The Story of St. John Bosco
- The Power of a Good Confession
- The Gift of Peace
- The Superabundant Mercy of God
- John Paul II and Mercy



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Matthew 25:40

Service

My name is Kaitlyn Reynolds, and I am a parishioner at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church as well as an alumni of St. Patrick Catholic School. The reason for my writing is that I am a pre-medical student home from college (Georgetown University in Washington, DC) due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and I have recognized a great need within our communities with which I need assistance meeting.

I have started a project called the *Mercy Angel Drivers*, which is a volunteer group of college students who drive to pick up and deliver prescription medication for senior citizens who cannot leave their homes due to the outbreak. I wanted to request that this be shared within each of your respective communities (via bulletin, end of mass announcements, etc), as we are in need of more volunteer drivers between the ages of 17 and 25. Additionally, I want all of the elderly parishioners to know that this resource is available to them. We are ready to start as soon as possible!

Please feel free to review the website that I have created surrounding this project for more in depth information at <https://mercydriversxr.weebly.com>.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
Kaitlyn Reynolds

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 15, 2020	7/1/2019 - 3/15/2020
Envelopes & On Line	\$ 29,436	\$ 1,277,671
Loose	\$ 675	\$ 46,529
Total	\$ 30,111	\$ 1,324,200

Needed to sustain our mission \$1,347,000

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



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.



March 29, 2020 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

EZ 37:12-14; PS 130:1-8; ROM 8:8-11; JN 11:1-45 or JN 11:3-7, 20-27, 33b-45

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.

In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks God's own words to us. *"I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord."* Our God wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.

How can we do this? Our second reading, from Romans, tell us. *"Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."*

The disciplines of Lent and a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to *"the flesh."* The sacrifices we make as Christian stewards are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God.

As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

~ Excerpts from: Catholic Diocese of Wichita



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult 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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