Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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







Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

~ 2 Corinthians 5:17



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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.



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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.



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.



FUNERALS Please contact Amanda Suchara, Funeral Coordinator, 636-577-3776, to make final arrangements.



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Christ is the way to the light, the truth and the life



I commend to you a beautiful reflection from St. Augustine. He teaches us about the "Man Born Blind," yet he also connects with the "Woman at the Well" and points to next week's story of Lazarus. Jesus is, indeed, the Way, the Truth and the Life. -**Fr. Mitch**

The Lord tells us: I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. In these few words he gives a command and makes a promise. Let us do what he commands so that we may not blush to covet what he promises and to hear him say on the day of judgement: "I laid down certain conditions for obtaining my promises. Have you fulfilled them?" If you say: "What did you command, Lord our God?" he will tell you: "I commanded you to follow me. You asked for advice on how to enter into life. What life, if not the life about which it is written: With you is the fountain of life?"

Let us do now what he commands. Let us follow in the footsteps of the Lord. Let us throw off the chains that prevent us from following him. Who can throw off these shackles without the aid of the one addressed in these words: *You have broken my chains?* Another psalm says of him: *The Lord frees those in chains, the Lord raises up the downcast.*

Those who have been freed and raised up follow the light. The light they follow speaks to them: *I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness.* The Lord gives light to the blind. Brethren, that light shines on us now, for we have had our eyes anointed with the eye-salve of faith. His saliva was mixed with earth to anoint the man born blind. We are of Adam's stock, blind from our birth; we need him to give us light. He mixed saliva with earth, and so it was prophesied: *Truth has sprung up from the earth.* He himself has said: *I am the way, the truth and the life.*

We shall be in possession of the truth when we see face to face. This is his promise to us. Who would dare to hope for something that God in his goodness did not choose to promise or bestow?

We shall see face to face. The Apostle says: Now I know in part, now obscurely through a mirror, but then face to face. John the Apostle says in one of his letters: Dearly beloved, we are now children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be. We know that when he is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. This is a great promise.

If you love me, follow me. "I do love you," you protest, "but how do I follow you?" If the Lord your God said to you: "I am the truth and the life," in your desire for truth, in your love for life, you would certainly ask him to show you the way to reach them. You would say to yourself: "Truth is a great reality, life is a great reality; if only it were possible for my soul to find them!"

From a treatise on John by St Augustine





TIME CHANGE:

During Lent, the Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions will begin at

5:45pm, because the Lenten Tuesday Masses will begin at 6:30pm in the Chapel. Please come and pray for the Pro-Life Cause and for Peace and your special intentions.

HOSPITALITY:

Christian Kindness "We are ALL hospitality ministers"



DONATIONS STILL NEEDED!

The Auction Committee is still looking for donations to make or add to baskets for the Auction on April 27! We are looking for donations of Cardinals Tickets, Airline Miles, Air BNB gift cards, Amazon gift cards, Visa gift cards, Target gift cards, Gas Station Gift Cards, and any Fast Food or Restaurant Gift Cards. Please include your name and address on all donated items so we can send you a thank you note!

Please bring your donations to the school or parish office by April 12, 2019.

Limited Tickets remain to the Auction! Purchase yours at: www.assumptionbymauction.com

NO FISH FRY:

Due to construction, there will be no K of C Fish Fry's through March. More updates to come.



K of C Queen of Hearts Raffle April 2, Hall C. Doors open at 5 pm,

drawing is at 6:30pm. Proceeds support the youth of our parish.

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bulletin:
April 14th Bulletin ~ Announcements
are due by April 3rd at 9:00am.April 21st Bulletin ~ Announcements are due by April
10th at 9:00am.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY, NEXT Weekend, April 7!



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.

New Member Registration, THIS Weekend, March 3rd!

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.



2019 Assumption Dinner Auction

When: Saturday, April 27th 2019 Doors Open at 6:00 pm Dinner at 7:00 pm Silent Auction ends at 9:30 pm Live Auction at 8:30 pm Where: Fr. Joe Kempf Parish Center Why: All proceeds will go directly to Assumption School and Parish School of Religion Who: Adults, 18+ years old Tickets: Tickets, \$65 each, are on sale, online at https://ABVM2019.givesmart.com.

What's Included: The event includes beer, wine, and a themed cocktail, a buffet dinner, coffee/dessert, photo booth opportunities, and the live auction!

Attire: Resort wear is appropriate, but salsa wear is optional!

Online Auction Participation: If you're unable to attend, you can still participate from home! Online bidding available for the Silent Auction by registering at *https://ABVM2019.givesmart.com*.

*Must be present to participate in the Live Auction.

St. Francis . . . Pillar of 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

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THE WAY OF THE CROSS



Divine Mercy - Way of the Cross Friday, April 5, 7:00pm in Church

The most important reason for reviving the practice of making the Stations of the Cross is that it is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. It takes the reflection on the passion out of our heads, and makes it an imaginative exercise. It can involve our senses, our own experiences and our emotions... to the extent that - we come to *experience* the love of Jesus for us.

This format is dedicated to the Way of the Cross and highlights the profound spiritual wisdom St. Faustina had of the truths of the Faith. Each Station has a relevant quote from the Diary for meditation upon while praying the Stations. Immediately following the Stations, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

During the Season of Lent, please join us either at 2:30pm in the Chapel or 7:00pm in Church (except where noted in the bulletin).







St. Faustina



Prayers for Healing and Hope

Please plan on joining us for Prayer; The Sacrament of Reconciliation and The Anointing of the Sick. This service is combined with our Penance Service. If you are seeking healing through prayer, would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick, join us in Church Thursday, April 4, 2019 - beginning at 7:00pm. This beautiful prayer service will include scripture, witnesses of how prayer brings healing and hope, beautiful music and prayers for illness, heartache or struggle.

Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 4.1.19	TUESDAY 4.2.19	WEDNESDAY 4.3.19
Mass Time / Intentions	6:30am Lucille Meinert 8:00am Terry Letford	6:30am Matthew Sullentrup 8:00am Carl & Laverne Keeven <u>6:30pm Michelle Luecal</u>	6:30am Vocations 8:00am Howard & Shirley Klenk
Readings	1st Reading: Is 65:17-21 <u>Gospel : Jn 4:43-54</u> 7:30 - 8:00am Church	1st Reading Ez 47:1-9, 12 <u>Gospel: Jn 5:1-16</u> 7:30 - 8:00am Church	1st Reading: Is 49:8-15 Gospel: Jn 5:17-30 7:30 - 8:00am Church
Reconciliation	<u>4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel</u> Old Testament Bible Study 10am	Lenten Mass 6:30pm Church 4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel	4 - 4:30pm & 9 - 9:30pm Chapel
Other Events/Activities	Meyer 2 School Faculty 2:30-4:15pm Hall C Finance Committee 7-10 Meyer CRHP Cont. Committee 7-9 pm Multi-Purpose Room	Bible Study Fr. Mitch 9:30am Myr 2 Rehearsal for Lion King 3-6pm A/B K of C Queen of Hearts 5pm Hall C Perp Help Devotions 6:15pm Chapel CRHP Women 6:30pm Chapel Dinner Auction Mtg 6-8:30 pm D/E	Pastoral Team Mtg 1:00pm Myr 2 Rehearsal for Lion King 3-6pm A/B Life Teen 7:00pm Meyer RCIA 6-7:00pm Meyer 2 SVDP 7-8:30pm Hall A

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St. Francis ... Pillar of Prayer



Holy Thursday - April 18, 2019

- 7:30am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer.
- 7:00pm The Easter 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 19, 2019

- 7:30am Gather in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer
- ◆ 12:00pm Gather in Church for "Tre Ore"
- 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 20, 2019

- 7:30am Gather in church for the Office of Morning Prayer
- 7:00pm (Sat) *Easter Vigil* Gather in church for the Night watch for the Lord. Reflective readings will begin a half hour before Mass.
- 7:45pm (Sat) *Easter Vigil* Gather in church for our main Easter Mass which includes Baptisms and the lighting of the Easter fire.
- Note: there will not be a 5pm Mass or Reconciliation

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

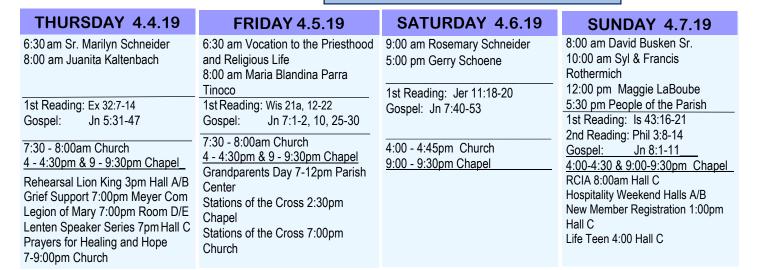
Easter Sunday Mass Schedule – April 21, 2019

- 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

Dollars for Dillon

night FUNDRAISER FUNDRAISER and Sue Snyder. Saturday, April 13 7:00pm. For more information: dollars4dillon2019@gmail.com With Loving Sympathy

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of: Kathy Filmore daughter of LaVina Eickhoff Roger Ellis brother in Law of De Christiansen Jack Ziegemeier father of Kurt Ziegemeier Dorothy Dennis aunt of Kim Hunt





PRAYER:

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

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Holy Family...Pillar of Formation

March 31, 2019



"...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 **Adult Formatio** ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love." Ephesians

4:15-16

Pick up a

prayer

card for

RCIA.

Baskets

are in the

Narthex





This weekend at the 8:00am Mass we will celebrate the "Second of three Scrutinies" for those in our catechumenal process who are preparing for initiation at the Easter Vigil. RCIA recommendations use the Lectionary's "scrutiny readings" from Year A at the 8:00 Mass. Last Sunday our Gospel reading of the "Woman at the Well" focused on our need for the living water that Jesus offers us. We thirst for Gods mercy and we are reminded that he knows our heart and everything about us.

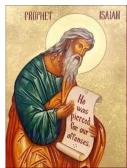
The scrutinies are among the most ancient prayers in the Christian liturgical tradition. As early as the second century, Christian communities would help those who had been chosen for Baptism to prepare for their initiation by laying on hands and by prayers for protection and deliverance from evil. Today we continue to celebrate these powerful rituals. We also understand today that our prayers for protection from evil are not limited to those engaged in the catechumenal process. Just as our entire community is called to journey with the elect throughout the Lenten season, we recognize the need we all share for freedom from evil and its effects. We urge you to prepare for the celebration of the scrutinizes in a personal way by discerning what it is in your own life that needs to be freed from sin's bondage. Because our rituals proclaim who we are, we must take care in how we use them with the baptized candidates (those baptized in other religions). We are called upon to keep clear the difference in the two groups. The community is helped to appreciate more clearly the awesome mystery of baptism. The rites for the elect make clear that they will become a new creation through the Sacrament of Baptism. When appropriate ritual distinctions are kept, we become more aware of how the baptized candidates are already one with the faithful because of their baptism. The Lenten journey of the baptized candidates, though still a focus of special pastoral care has much in common with the Lenten renewal of the faithful accomplished through prayer, works of charity, and celebration of the sacrament of Penance.

Please continue to pray for the men and women in the coming weeks and remember to take prayer cards home.

<u>March 31, 2019 — Fourth Sunday in Lent</u>

1 SM 16: 1B, 6-7-, 10-13A; PS 23: 1-6; EPH 5: 8-14; JN 9: 1-41

In the entire Bible from Genesis in the Old Testament through the Gospel of John, the incident reported in John 9, the Gospel Reading on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the restoration of sight to the blind man is the only instance of a blind person since birth being healed. No other prophet or apostle or priest ever performed such a miracle.



Isaiah the prophet had predicted "The eves of blind will be opened" (Isaiah 35:5) in his prophecies of the Messiah. Of course, we need to understand that the "eyes of the blind will be opened" has a double meaning. Yes, the blind man can see, but he can also understand and comprehend what Jesus' saving grace means.

This time during Lent is a time for us to open our eyes as well. We need to see and to embrace the fact that Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer. To see we need light. In the Second Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Paul says, "Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.

Is that not what our whole purpose in Lent is? To seek the light; to find an understanding of the Lord's place in our lives; to open our eyes; and to become Disciples of the Lord? We often make reference to the fact that we are called to be disciples. What does that mean? According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, it meant, "Do not keep Christ to yourselves. Share with others the joy of your faith. The world needs the witness of your faith; it surely needs God."

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~ Excerpts from: Catholic Diocese of

Holy Family...Pillar of Formation

March 31, 2019



Sun March 31- Life Night: "Spring Cleaning Your Life: Body, Soul, Spirit" (Hall C) - 7PM Wed April 3 - Faith & Film Wednesday (Meyer Room) - 7PM Sun April 7 - Life Night: "Lip Sync Battle!" (Hall C) - 7PM Wed April 10 - Fireside Chat (Parish Center) - 7PM Sun April 14 - Life Night: "Umm..." (Hall C) - 7PM Wed April 17 - Fireside Chat (Parish Center) - 7PM Fri April 19 - Walking Stations of the Cross (Main Church) - 7PM link: Sun April 21 - NO Life Night or Life Teen Mass (Easter) Wed April 24 - "Hoops and Habits" (St. Dominic HS) - 6:45PM Fri - Sun April 26-28 - Spring Retreat!



"Parents! Do you ever have times of feeling overwhelmed, especially when it comes to integrating our Catholic faith and parenting? Do you wonder how to best support your child through the unique challenges of the 21st century while learning what those challenges are and how to deal with them? We are excited to talk about these things as well as having you join us as you learn about what your teens are talking about at Assumption Life Teen.

Join us as we begin a regular Sunday "Parent Life" where we will gather for some food and fellowship at 6:45pm after the weekly Life Teen Mass while the teens are at Life Teen youth group. We especially encourage parents of middle and high schoolers to join us!

Our first Parent Life will be on April 14 with a laid back intro night. See you there!"

Please go to the Assumption Life Teen Webpage for the Sign-up Genius Assumptionbvm.org/youthministry/life-teen



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



our Spring Retreat at High Hill Camp. You can complete this Google Form to make sure you get up-to-date info and registration info. Find the link at the Assumption Life Teen Webpage or below: assumptionbvm.org/Youth-Ministry/ Life-Teen



DO YOU WANT TO TAKE OFF TO SPACE? We're getting ready for a great VBS! This year, our theme is Miraculous Mission. VBS children will learn that Jesus saves the world! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where God points to our Savior, Jesus. They will get to learn about the vast and amazing love that God has for each of us!

Our VBS will be held June 10-14, 9:00am -12 Noon, in our Parish Center and School Buildings.

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving at VBS?

We need your help to make it a BLAST! Please go to the adult volunteer section to sign up for running a station or leading a group. assumptionbvmschool.org/summer/registration

PLEASE NOTE: Adult volunteers must be in compliance with Protecting God's Children requirements. Questions about 'Protecting God's Children', please call Lynn at 314-578-0741

6th -12th graders, WE NEED YOU! Sign up for Counselors in Training, but space is limited! Sign ups are open for students, PK-5th grade as well. All sign ups are on the summer camps page!

St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service



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

Upcoming

Events

Tuesday Lenten Mass 6:30pm

Stations of the

2:30pm Chapel

7:00pm Church

Parish Auction 6:00pm

April 2

April 5

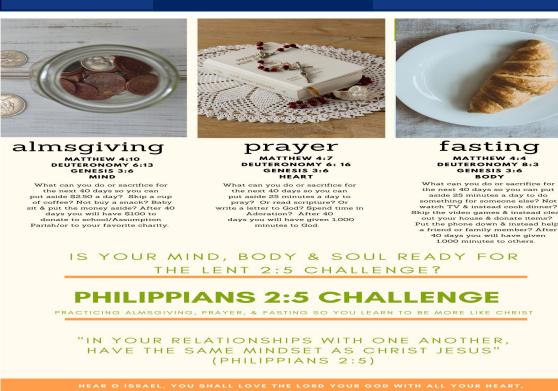
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St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service



CHARITABLE GIVING FOR MARCH, 2019

February Revenue: \$126,000 Commitments to Charity:

St. Vincent de Paul Counseling for those in need Total	\$4,000 <u>\$500</u> \$4,500
YTD Sunday Offering Revenue	\$1,259,000
YTD Charitable Giving	\$81,656

Thank you for the spiritual sacrifice of your life to God. Your commitment to tithe enables us to bring Christ to the world, especially to the poor.





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

Our Gifts to God and Parish



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

	March 10, 2019		July 1, 2018-Mar 10 2019					
	Envelopes (504)& On Line	\$	38,770	\$	1,291,307			
	Loose	\$	1,083	\$	44,185			
	Total	\$	39,853	\$	1,335,492			
Needed to sustain our mission \$1,380,100								
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The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12) We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36) God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20) TITHING

March 31, 2019

Assumption 24./Seven Men's Group presents

5th Annual

Assumption Easter Egg Hunt Sunday April, 14th 2019 Children 12 and under grab your Easter Basket and head to the soccer fields to help the Easter Bunny search for his missing eggs. The hunt will start 30 minutes after each Mass on Sunday, April 14th. Head to the soccer fields after each Mass. We can't wait to see you there!

Find the Golden egg for a special prize! (One per child please)
Get your family picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

> There will be donuts after 8am and grilled hot dogs, soda, and water will be for sale after the 10am and 12pm Mass.

Proceeds will help support and fund the annual Easter egg hunt.



HOSPITALITY Christian Kindness "We are ALL hospitality ministers"



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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. CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS Assumption Church #083750 403 N. Main Street O'Fallon, MO 63366

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