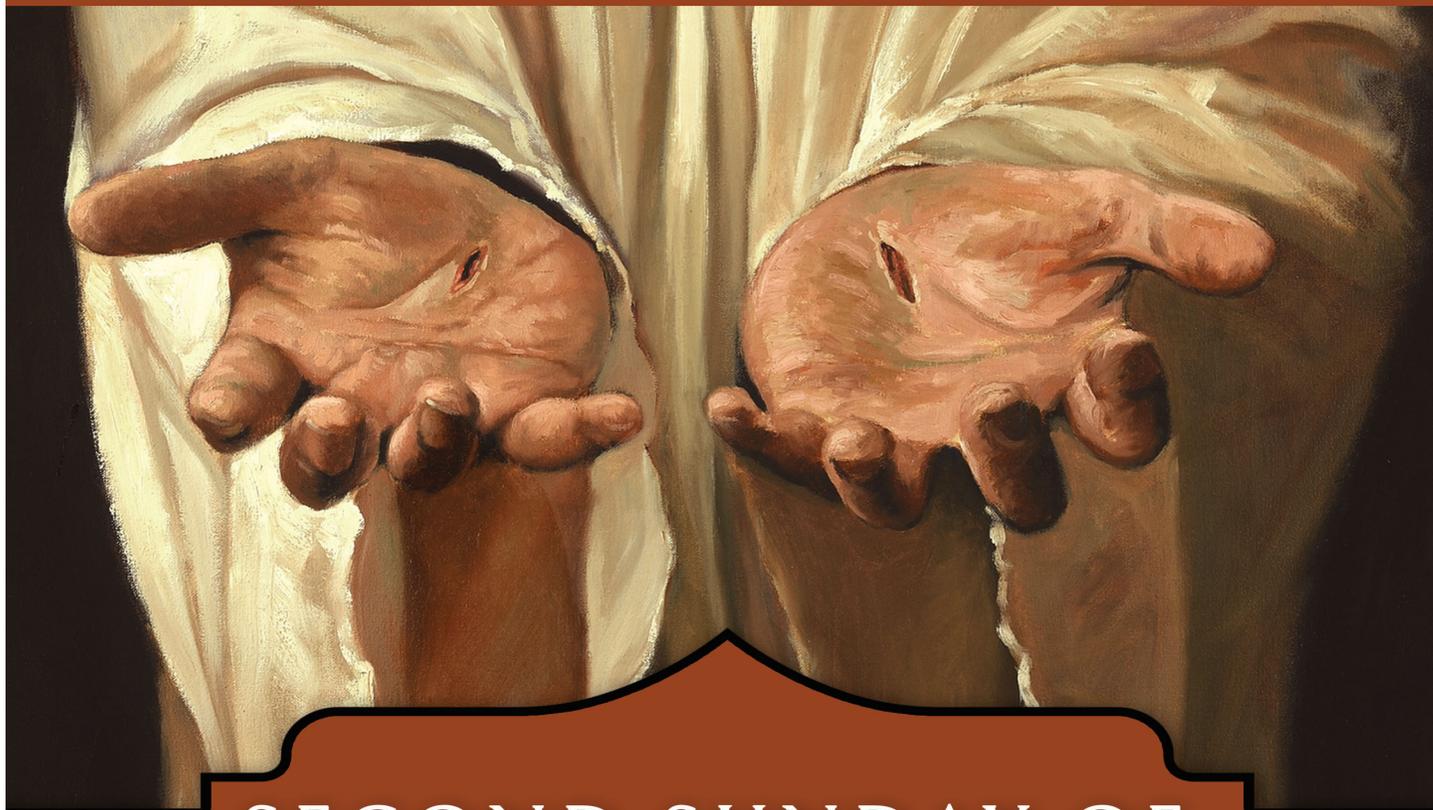


Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May you find Christ here...

...may you bring Christ to the world.



SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 8, 2018

Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

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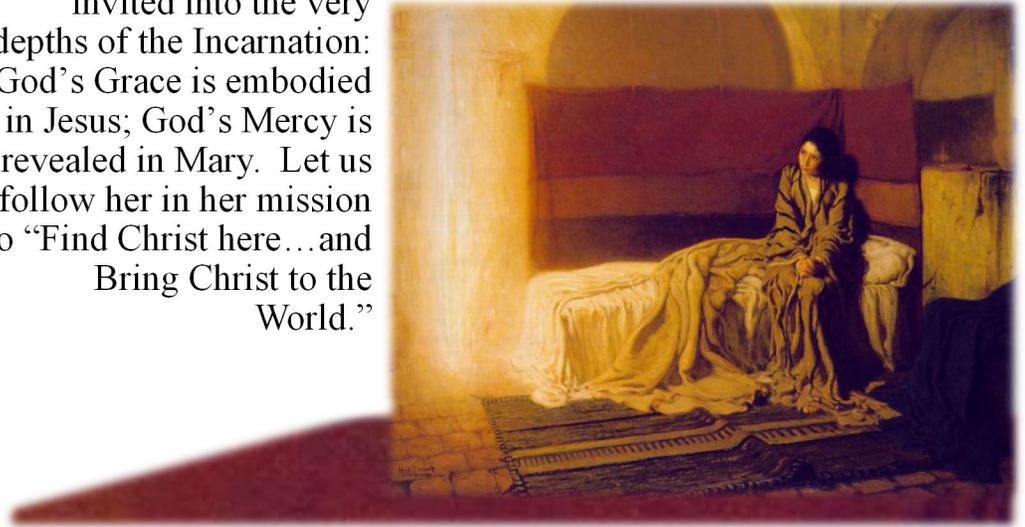
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The Annunciation - April 9, 2018

It is only in the light of the Risen Christ that we are invited into the very depths of the Incarnation: God's Grace is embodied in Jesus; God's Mercy is revealed in Mary. Let us follow her in her mission to "Find Christ here... and Bring Christ to the World."



Yet you do not blink,
In the intimacy of a bedchamber
Your soul is awakened from sleep,
Fragile flesh before angelic brilliance.
Your rumpled night sheets tossed aside,
You listen in peace with your whole self
TO the question that will define history.
Holding its breath for your answer,
All heaven pauses.

"LET IT BE DONE TO ME..."

Here it begins.

In such utter simplicity,
In quiet strength, t the appointed hour,
With the rippled rungs of time at your feet,
And the broad lines of history at your back.
At the balance of His grace in your will,
Eve reborn, humanity to be redeemed
Through a child, from a virgin
Whose name is Mary.

Father J. Michael Sparough, S.J.

*God bless you. May you find Grace and be Mercy.
Fr. Mitch*



Let us welcome Diana Dunlap and Carol Keller who at the Easter Vigil last Saturday were welcomed into our parish community as well. "I feel energized", "This parish community welcomed me with open arms", I am truly blessed to be a part of the Assumption church community", tears and more tears.... were the reactions of our newly welcomed neophytes and candidates last weekend.

We want to thank all who turned in prayer cards and walked the journey with us all year long. Our Easter retreat was filled with so much awe as they shared your prayers and welcome. You are great! You are what makes us Church!

What is next for those who entered the Catholic Church this Easter? We have reached the 4th period of the RCIA process, which is the neophyte year. All who were baptized and received into full communion are called neophytes in this period, until the anniversary of their initiation next Easter. The final period of regular weekly formation extends through the Easter season, the seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. This post-baptismal catechesis is called mystagogy. It is a time for deepening the Christian experience, especially in appreciation for the sacramental life, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the Catholic community. The neophytes now share with Christ, and his Body in the parish community, the intimate communion of the Eucharist. Now they have access to all the means of sanctification. We as a parish community pledge to help them grow and mature in the Christian life and to develop a genuine Catholic world view. Please pray for all those who God has called us to join us as we continue on our pilgrimage to our Father in Heaven. (The Association for Catechumenal Ministry (ACM))



Planning for the Assumption 2018 Fall Festival is already underway!

The Fall Festival Committee is made up of volunteers from our parish who donate time and talent to make this event happen year after year. We currently have several captain positions open on our committee and are in need of parishioners to fill these positions. Not only is this a great way to meet new people and become involved in our parish community, but your participation will help ensure our Parish's largest event is a success!! Please contact Aaron Bruns at 913-620-8830 or the parish office for more information.

This Week At Assumption

Sunday, April 8

RCIA

8:00am Hall C

Spring Choral Concert

3:00pm Chapel

Baptism

After the Noon Mass

Life Teen

7:00pm Hall C

Monday, April 9

School Board

7:00 pm Meyer 2

CRHP Men

9:00 pm Rooms D/E

Tuesday, April 10

Bible Study with Fr. Mitch

9:30am Meyer 2

Perpetual Help Devotions

6:15pm Chapel

PSR Confessions - 6-8th Grade

6:30pm Church

Tuesday, April 10 (continued)

PSR Cup Blessing- 2nd Grade

6:30pm Hall C

Liturgy Committee

7:00pm Conference Room

Strategic Planning Committee

7:00pm Meyer 2

Graduation Meeting

7:30pm Hall A

Wednesday, April 11

PSR Confessions - 6-8th Grade

6:30pm Church

PSR Cup Blessing- 2nd Grade

6:30pm Chapel

RCIA

6:00pm Meyer Combined

Life Teen

7:00pm Meyer Combined

Stewardship Committee

7:00pm Rooms D/E

Thursday, April 12

Grief Support Dinner

6:00pm Parish Center

Thursday, April 12 (continued)

Legion of Mary

7:00pm Rooms D/E

First Communion Parent Rehearsal

7:00pm Church

Friday, April 13

Fish Fry

5:00pm K of C Hall

Sunday, April 15

RCIA

8:00am Hall C

Marriage Planning

11:00am Meyer Combined

Baptism

After the Noon Mass

Mass - First Communion

3:00pm Church

Life Teen

7:00pm Hall C



Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 8

8:00am Margaret Wallis
10:00am Muriel Williams
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm Shawn Reesor

Monday, April 9

6:30am Martha Mitulski
8:00am Winford Wood

Tuesday, April 10

6:30am Leroy & Ron Winkelman
8:00am Norbert Rothermich

Wednesday, April 11

6:30am Sr. Paula Stander
8:00am Paul Westhoff

Thursday, April 12

6:30am Barbara Thompson
8:00am Rev. Theodore Pieper

Friday, April 13

6:30am Robert Halford
8:00am Sylvester Rothermich

Saturday, April 14

9:00am Sr. Lorraine Brueggemann
5:00pm Connie Loomis

Sunday, April 15

8:00am Andy Thornhill
10:00am Kenneth Lang
12:00pm People of the Parish
3:00pm Martha Mitulski
5:30pm Wendell Lehman

Stewardship ACTION

THE TIME IS HEAR & NOW..

Time is one of those gifts that many of us may take for granted. We may not give a second thought that we may not be here tomorrow. This, in turn, leads to all kinds of excuses for not starting something today and waiting for "tomorrow" before we begin. Each of us at some point in our lives has said some version of "I'll wait until I have all my ducks in a row before I start".

Matthew Kelly said "Time is a precious gift. It is so precious that God dispenses it to you one second at a time. Don't waste time." Look at your calendar. How do you treat your gift of time? Do you waste it away with mindless inactivity or do you go to the other extreme and clutter it with too much activity? Do you leave time for God in your daily schedule?

Remember what the Gospel of Matthew says, "Therefore stay awake! For you do not know on which day the Lord will come." This is our call to stay ready and to be vigilant; to use our time wisely and in a way that brings us closer to God.

The pastoral letter "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response" says "Jesus' call is urgent. He does not tell people to follow him at some point in time in the future, but **here and now** – at this moment, in these circumstances." This applies to all of us, regardless of our age, our gender, our race or our economic status.

As good stewards, God asks that, in gratitude, we return the "first fruits" of our time to Him. We should find it incredible that our Creator wants to spend quality time with us, both as a community and with each of us individually.

In our prayer time, we should pay attention and discern Jesus' voice from the other voices that may be competing for our attention. We need to ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in discerning Jesus' voice so that we can determine how God is calling us to use our gifts to build His kingdom on earth, right here and right now. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me" ~ **John 10:27**.

Let us pray for the intercession of Saint Expedite, patron saint against procrastination...

"Saint Expedite witness of Faith to the point of martyrdom, in exercise of Good, you make tomorrow today. You live in the fast time of the last minute, always projecting yourself toward the future. Expedite and give strength to the heart of the man who doesn't look back and who doesn't postpone." Amen.



SAVE THE DATE:

Please join us for annual Assumption Crusader 5k or 1 mile fun run/walk on Saturday **August 18th**.

The 5K starts at the Assumption School Parking lot at **8:00 am**, the 1 Mile Fun Run starts at **9:00 am**.

The race benefits Assumption's School and Church.

The 5K race is timed. Awards for all finishers 10 and under and winners of the 5K.

All participants will receive a dri-fit shirt, food, beverages, and beer (for those 21 and over) after the race, plus your runner bag with goodies.

Sign up information coming soon!

50+ Club

You are welcome to come to our April 23rd Potluck in Hall C at 6:00pm. Everyone please bring a dish to share, and remember, we will also need some meat dishes.

Linda Spall ~ Cooking With Marge, will be here and present, "Spring Cleaning with Marge". We all had a lot of laughs when she was here before! Mark Strodman, (the Nurse that was here before), will give us general information about Medicare insurance supplements, advantage plan D and G. Come and share good food, laughs and learn something! Any questions, please call Martha at 294-3367. *Please note the time change for potlucks.*



Save the Date!

Summer Youth Ministry Events:

Project Life Work Camp - June 10-15 (\$175)

Steubenville Conference - July 20-22 (\$100)

Please email Phil at phil.assumptionym@gmail.com for more info or to reserve a spot!

Life Teen Welcome Party for all 8th Graders!

Sunday, April 29th-Life Night we will welcome all newly confirmed 8th graders into the Life Teen movement at Assumption. Join us up front with the High Schoolers for 5:30pm Mass and Life Night afterwards"



CALENDAR

Sun, April 8 Life Night (Hall C) - 7pm
 Wed, April 11 WORD Wednesday (Meyer Room)7pm
 Sun, April 15 Life Night (Hall C) - 7pm
 Wed April 18 WORD Wednesday Road Trip - Location TBD
 Sun, April 22 Life Night (Hall C) - 7pm
 Wed, April 25 WORD Wednesday (Meyer Room)7pm
 Sun, April 29 Life Night: "8th Gr Welcome Party!" (Hall C)7pm
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Assumption Life Teen Group

April 8, 2018 - Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

ACTS 4: 32-35; PS 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 JN 5: 1-5; JN 20: 19-31



On this Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, what we hear in the Word of the Lord enforces what we need to believe. It has a lot to do with the idea of stewardship. Some of what we hear is often misinterpreted.

The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles points out about the early Christian community: *"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his or her possessions was his own, but they had everything in common."* This is a sign of unity, the kind of unity we as a faith community are striving to achieve. The bottom line is that those in the community regarded people more important than things. Is that not what Christ expects of us?

That community recognized that God was the granter and the owner of absolutely everything. Because the Lord had touched them so deeply, they found it easier to share.

The misinterpretation often comes because some say, *"That sounds like communism or socialism."* Communism maintains that *"What is yours is mine; if you do not share it, I will take it."* The early Christian community said, *"What is mine is yours; I will share it."* It is a bit of a different viewpoint.

In fact it is stewardship. We must remember that these people knew and were following the Apostles, who received this gift from the Lord: *"As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them."* And that is mercy.

~ Excerpts from: Catholic Diocese of Wichita

Perpetual Help Devotions
TUESDAY EVENINGS
6:15pm in the Chapel.



The family of Bill Donovan would like to thank Fr. Mitch for helping Bill make the transition from this life to eternal life. His visits to our home were comforting to Bill and us. Also, Bill looked forward to Marlaine Wood coming each Monday with Holy Communion for many weeks before he died. His funeral Mass was most beautiful, allowing all our children and grandchildren to participate. The music was exceptional, and the luncheon afterwards was most delicious. The final blessing came when Amanda Suchara gave us the audio CD of Bill's funeral Mass. The sound quality is unbelievably perfect. Truly, it is something we will treasure for the rest of our lives. Thank you, Assumption Parish Family for making this all possible.

The Donovan Family

Readings for the Week ~ April 9 - 15

Mon: The Annunciation of the Lord
 Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
 Lk 1:26-38
Tue: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wed: St. Stanislaus
 Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thu: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Fri: St. Martin
 Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sat: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9;
 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
Middle School Proudly Presents:

Disney

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2

Friday, May 4 | 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5 | 7:00 p.m.

Assumption School Gym | Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

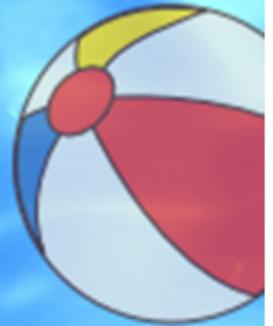
All Tickets \$7.00 - General Admission

Tickets Available

Online - highschool2jr.simpletix.com

School Office | At the Door

Questions: 636.699.9069





Divine Mercy Sunday

Hosted by

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



April 8, 2018

Beginning in Church at 3:30pm:

- *Confessions begin at 3:30 pm
- *Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- *Holy Rosary
- *Chaplet of Divine Mercy, between 3:30-4:00pm
- *Holy Sacrifice of the Mass begins at 5:30 pm

Writings from the Diary of St. Faustina who inspired Divine Mercy:

“I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.” (Diary 48) “My gaze from this image is like My gaze from the cross.” (Diary 326) “I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: *‘Jesus, I trust in You’*” (Diary 327) I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.” (Diary 48) “My gaze from this image is like My gaze from the cross.” (Diary 326) “I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: *‘Jesus, I trust in You’*” (Diary 327) “By means of this image, I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it.” (Diary 570)

Eucharistic Ministers Needed for Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will conclude with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 5:30 p.m. with our Lifeteen Mass.

We are expecting a large crowd and would like to secure Eucharistic Minister’s in advance.

We will need a total of 13 ciborium ministers (including low-gluten and the balcony) and 24 cup ministers (including the balcony).

If you are planning to attend this liturgy and would like to be a Eucharistic Minister please notify Terry Briggs at terry.l.briggs@charter.net or 314-496-4588

Divine Mercy
Christ’s Promise of Redemption
JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU



Assumption BVM

5th Annual Dinner Auction April 21, 2018



Limited tickets are still available! Tickets to the auction are \$60 per person, and include a delicious buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda, and a specialty 1920's theme cocktail. Fisheye Fun will be back again this year to capture the night's fun and will also have a "Liquor Pull" featuring bottles that range from \$15 to \$150, so make sure you have some cash on hand!

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.assumptionbvmauction.com/shop>. Can't attend? We invite you to register to bid from your phone, tablet, or computer at <http://AHS18.gesture.com>

Pre Sale items start the week of March 26! A new item will be up for bid on <http://AHS18.gesture.com> every week leading up to the auction. Here is the schedule, but you must register to be able to bid!



March 27 at 10am -March 29 at 10am: Front Rows at 10am Easter Mass on April 1

April 3 at 10am – April 5 at 10am: Front Rows at First Communion 3pm Mass on April 15

April 10 at 10am – April 12 at 10am: Some secret items from Al Capone's Vault

April 17 at 10am – April 19 at 10am: An 'Uber' Auction Experience

All silent auction items open on April 19 at noon!

Thank you in advance for your support of our school's largest fundraiser! Please contact us if you have any questions with buying tickets or registering to bid online.

Happy Bidding!

Amy Kaller
Auction Co-Chair
(314) 452-3564





Spring Choral Concert



The Concert Arts Association invites you to join them for their 46th season of musical excitement on Sunday, April 8th at 3:00pm, as the Choral Arts Singers present their SPRING CONCERT here at Assumption Parish in the CHAPEL. Join us, along with Lindenwood University's Voices Only, in our "Circle of Life" featuring a musical journey through life. Admission is free, but donations are welcome to help the Concert Arts Association continue their efforts of bringing musical enjoyment to our community. Come one, come all, for an afternoon of delightful entertainment.

For additional information on the concert or if interested in joining the Choral Arts Singers, contact Bonnie Lang at 636-887-2899



Catechists Needed for PSR Program

We are looking for energetic, faith-filled people to help in the Parish School of Religion. Catechists (teachers of religion) serve as important models of our Christian teachings and values.

Are you being called to inspire our children and become a part of our PSR ministry?

If you would like to help, please call Ann Marie at (636)240-1020. We need you!

STEWARDSHIP *a way of life*

Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	March 18, 2018	July 1 -March 18 2018
Envelopes (536)& On Line	\$ 34,667	\$ 1,317,427
Loose	\$ 1,148	\$ 42,716
Total	\$ 35,815	\$ 1,360,143
	Needed to sustain our mission	1,368,000

Loan Balance as of 02/28/2018: \$1835,657

It takes an average weekly collection of \$36,000 to sustain our parish mission.

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



Please Pray for the Repose
of the Soul of:

*Stan Gish
Father of Tami Gieske*

*Mary Wester
Aunt of Theresa Meyer*

*Margaret Kelly
Of Our Parish Family*



PRO-LIFE

A note from Lynn Crews, our Child Safety Coordinator at Assumption! *April is Child Abuse Month...* Please pray for all victims, and prayers to help protect our children !

Pro Life News: Next weekend, April 14/15, Pro-Life members will be by the front doors of Church as you leave Mass, with Mothers Day Cards. Donations for the cards will go to helping young Mom's care for their babies. You will be proud to have a Pro-Life Mothers Day Card, knowing you are helping a young Mom in her needs. Thank you for your support!

Queen of Hearts Raffle

The Knights will be holding their "Queen of Hearts" drawing for **April 10th** at the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL.**

Starting April 17th, the Queen of Hearts drawings will be held at the Assumption Parish Center (5-6:30pm). We would like to thank Fr. Mitch and the parish staff for this kindness. Remember 30% goes towards Assumption Youth needs.

The April K of C Meeting will be held in Hall A of the Assumption Parish Center, on April 26th at 7:00pm.



A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.



Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.



Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.



Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

Weekend Masses

Saturday 9:00am
(Motherhouse Chapel)
Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am
10:00am
12:00pm
5:30pm

Daily Mass

Weekdays 6:30am
(Motherhouse Chapel)
8:00am

Morning Prayer

Weekdays 7:30am
Chapel

RECONCILIATION

Thursday 6-7pm (Chapel)
Saturday 4:00-4:45pm

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Required Preparation Class. Call 240.3721 ext 235 to register.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

636.272.4758 (Helpline)

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 (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

(RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For information Missy Lowrey 314.630.3983.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call 636.240.1020 for information or to register.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

For inactive Catholics returning to Church. For more information call Steve King, 699.9961 or Dee King 734.3437.

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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