

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Easter SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2020

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This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Psalm 118:24

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.



ANOIDTING 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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Happy Easter,



I imagine this is a very different Easter for all of you as it is for me. Still living under the seclusion, fears, concerns, illness and other effects of COVID-19 is a constant reminder of our mortality and can make it difficult to get past the feelings of Good Friday, but we are now at Easter Day and beginning the Easter Season.

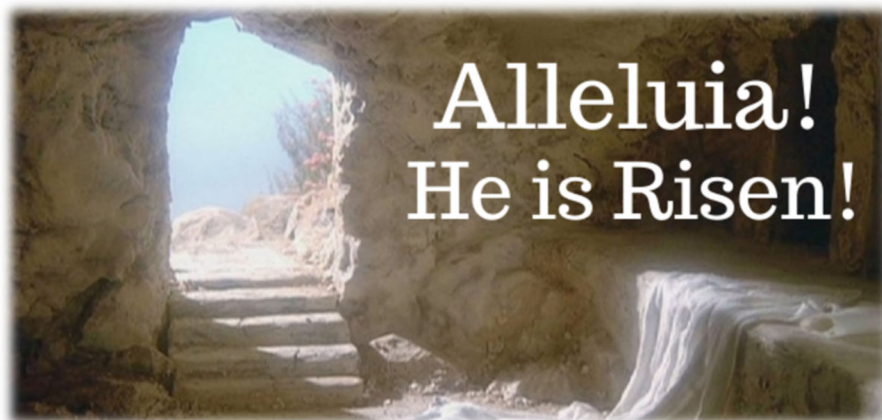
In some ways this can be helpful as the reminder that while we celebrate Easter, Christ's resurrection and conquering of death, that we are now still a part of this mortal life. God means for us that eternal joy of heaven, and while he may have opened the doors on this day, and we have hopefully accepted the invitation to come follow, that we are not there yet.

While still facing the struggles and challenges of this life we need to live knowing and trusting in the gift of the eternal life we celebrate today. We are not there yet, but we can live in a way that shows that faith and joy knowing what God desires and has opened the gates for us all. Living in this way will not only change the way we face the challenges of today, but can also bring that faith, hope, and joy to others, sharing in God's love.

We live our lives today with the respect and gratitude for the gift we have of this current life, to live it as faithfully as we can. But always with the knowledge that Easter shows us, of the eternal life God offers.

Peace and Joy this Easter day,

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:

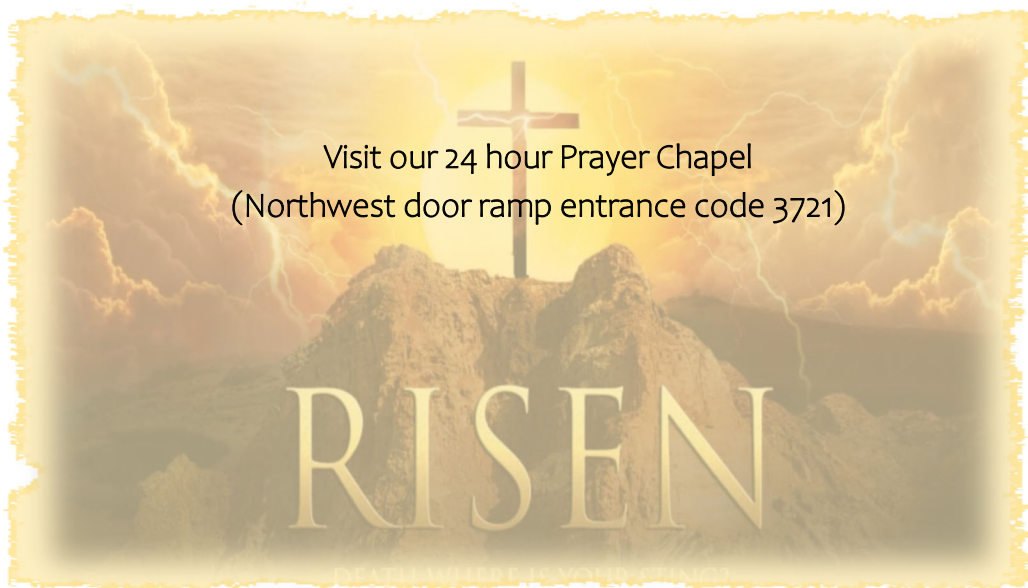
1. Visiting www.FORMED.org and click "sign up"
2. Select I belong to a parish or organization
3. Find our parish by name or zipcode
4. Enter your email and you're in!
5. Click on the tab "movies" & search for what you want to watch



"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



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 4.13.20	TUESDAY 4.14.20	WEDNESDAY 4.14.20
Readings	1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-33 Gospel :Mt 28: 8-15	1st Reading: Acts 2:36-41 Gospel: Jn 20: 11-18	1st Reading: Acts 3: 1-10 Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

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:

Paul Dubuque
Brother of Carolyn Dubuque
Son of Pat Dubuque

Virginia Lyons
Mother of Mary Bibb

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

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

*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 for individual prayer. Enter through the North side door near the ramp, please use code 3721 to open the door.

THURSDAY 4.16.20

1st Reading: Acts 3:11-26
Gospel: Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY 4.17.20

1st Reading: Acts 4: 1-12
Gospel: Jn 21:1-14

SATURDAY 4.18.20

1st Reading: Acts 4: 13-21
Gospel: Mk 16: 9-15

SUNDAY 4.19.20

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47
2nd Reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9
Gospel : Jn 20: 19-31

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 until further notice, 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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GOD is Laughing! Easter Time!

Fr. Nick and Fr. Patrick decided they could not keep the great humor of Monsignor McCumber to themselves! So they asked him to send some of his jokes for the bulletin to share with EVERYONE! The stories below are from **Monsignor McCumber!** Just a few of his MANY funny stories that we are blessed to hear.... ENJOY!!



Palm Sunday

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Sammy stayed home from church with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. Sammy inquired as to what they were for. 'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father responded.

'Wouldn't you just know it?' Sammy complained, 'the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up.'

Easter Jokes!

- ◆ What kind of jewelry does the Easter Bunny wear?
14 Carrot Gold!
- ◆ Why did the Easter Bunny have on a hat?
Because he was having a bad hare day.
- ◆ Where does the Easter Bunny go when he needs a new tail?
To a re-tail store.
- ◆ One Easter, a father was teaching his son to drive when out of nowhere a rabbit jumped on the road. Slamming on the breaks, the son said, "I nearly ruined Easter! I almost ran over the Easter Bunny." His father replied, "It's okay son—you missed it by a hare."



A Hoppy and Blessed Easter to All!

Since Easter is not a set date on the calendar, how do we know when to celebrate it? Easy answer? No, for many people will say Easter is 40 days past Ash Wednesday. But, how do we know on what date does Ash Wednesday fall? So, this is not our answer. This simplistic calculation for 'When is Easter' works for most years:

1. Start your calculation from the Vernal (or Spring) Equinox, which is usually on March 20th.
2. Consult a diary to determine the next full moon. Easter falls on the following Sunday.

LIFE TEEN:



@assumption_LT



@assumption_life_teen



Assumption Life Teen



From the Principal's Pen

Have you ever wondered why the Resurrection is called "Easter"? Emily Sanna, wrote this article in the U.S. Catholic, which I share:

In many Romance languages, the word for the Feast of the Resurrection is tied directly to Passover: *Pâques* (French), *Pascua* (Spanish), and *Pascha* (Latin) all come directly from *Pesach*, the Hebrew word for Passover.

To understand why, we first have to go back to the Hebrew Bible and the story of the first Passover. Moses tells the Israelites to slaughter a passover lamb and paint its blood on their door lintels. Then, when the Lord strikes down the firstborn of every Egyptian family in retribution for the enslavement of the Israelites, he "will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you down" (Ex. 12:23).

Paul was the first to connect the risen Christ to Passover. In 1 Corinthians 5:7, he refers to Jesus as the paschal lamb who has been sacrificed for his people's salvation. Add to that the fact that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples during Passover and it makes sense that even today the Feast of the Resurrection is connected with the Jewish holiday.

In English, this tie remains in our practice of lighting the Paschal candles and celebrating the Paschal mystery. But the meaning of the holiday's name itself is a little more unclear: Where in the world did the word Easter come from?

The short answer is that nobody really knows. Some historians suggest that it came from the phrase *hebdomada alba*, Latin for "white week," used to describe the white garments new Christians wore when they were baptized during Holy Week. In Old German, the word became *esostarum* and, eventually, Easter.

The Venerable Bede, a seventh-century Anglo-Saxon historian, writes that the word *Easter* comes from the goddess Eostre, an ancient goddess of fertility and the goddess of the dawn who originated in what is now Scandinavia. Over time, early Christians started referring to the Feast of the Resurrection by the name of the month in which it was celebrated—*Eosturmonath* (what we now call April). This theory neatly ties in with some of our other Easter customs. Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny, for example, are also considered ancient symbols of fertility and tied to the worship of Eostre.

Another, related theory suggests that *Easter* comes from an old German word for "east," which in turn is derived from a Latin word for "dawn." In the past, the word *easter* could mean "to turn toward the east" and didn't necessarily have any implied religious meaning.

Historians are never going to figure out exactly where or when Easter was first used. It is one of the oldest Old English words and has been in use for over a millennium, making it impossible to detangle the strands of its history. And, in the end, it is unimportant whether Easter comes from the goddess of the dawn or the Latin word for dawn. In whatever language and whatever etymology, Easter is a time of resurrection and rebirth, a time to celebrate the risen Christ and God's promise of eternal life.

This article also appears in the April 2018 issue of U.S. Catholic (Vol. 83, No. 4, page 49).

God Bless you this Easter. Stay safe and Healthy.

Dr. Pat Hensley



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

Youth Formation



SERVICE:

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

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.

New Date!!!

On June 27, 2020, we will celebrate our 7th Annual Assumption Dinner Auction. This year the theme is **Boots & Bling**. The dinner auction proceeds directly benefit all students of our day school and PSR programs through tuition assistance, faculty development, student activities, and technology enhancements.

We know that a successful auction is not possible without the remarkable support and backing of our Assumption community. We invite all parishioners to purchase a Golden Raffle Ticket or attend the auction!

Tickets are on sale now at www.abvm2020.givesmart.com

Thank you for your support of the best auction this side of the Mississippi!

Questions? Please contact the 2020 Auction Committee at auction@abvmtech.org



Mercy Angel Drivers

If you are in need of someone to pick up your prescription or grocery shop for you - THAT is our specialty! Please visit: <https://mercydriversxr.weebly.com>.



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.

Attention MEN of Assumption Parish

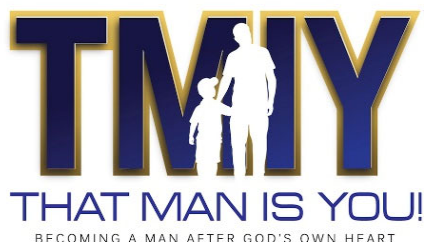
Our **That Man is You** program continues online via a Zoom Meeting. The meetings will look pretty much the same as our meetings in person at the K of C Hall, but will be on your computer or phone.

Please check your TMIY email for the link to this coming week's Session.

If you are not receiving the TMIY emails, need help logging into Zoom or would like to join in on these sessions, please contact Deacon Richard at DeaconRichard@charter.net or 314-397-2433

Session 25: Mission 12.0 (April 18, 2020)

The Saddest Story in the Gospel
The Seven Steps of TMIY! and Their Impact
Superabundant Happiness
The Profound Impact of the Family
The TMIY Mission 12.0 Challenge
The Vision of a New Springtime
The "Program" for the Future"



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

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

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

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.



Many communities might not be able to gather to celebrate the Triduum this year because of Coronavirus precautions. What does this mean for the RCIA rites of initiation that usually take place at the Easter Vigil? . The RCIA process with the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil were postponed in all our Churches. These sacraments will be celebrated with the reopening of our churches.

During the Triduum this past week, our team prepared “sessions” of ways to celebrate in their homes in a sacred way.. For example, households might wash each other’s feet on Holy Thursday. On Good Friday, everyone can venerate a cross. On the Vigil of Easter or on Easter Sunday plan a big family banquet. Light lots of candles and use water to bless each other. Tell stories of your Baptism and share with your family. This is a unique time in history, and it’s a tough time. But we have hope. Hope is the foundation of our faith.



Easter Sunday — The Resurrection of the Lord

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; COL 3:1-4 or 1 COR 5:6B-8; JN 20:1-9

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, “*commissioned us to preach to the people and*

testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all the God has done? By the way we live our ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talents and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad and let’s make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

~ Excerpts from: Catholic Diocese of Wichita



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

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by Tuesday 9:00am

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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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