Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you/rest.

- Matthew 11:28 -

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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 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.



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RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

Sacraments/Other Information

(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.



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 Ouan at 636-240-1020.



Welcome

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Hello,



Well it is the 4th of July weekend, and we know that is a federal holiday with many public celebrations (although a bit modified or limited this year). But did you know that it

also is a part of our Church calendar in the United States? And no, not just as July 4th, but as Independence Day. There is even a Mass for Independence Day that can be used throughout the dioceses of the United States, it has special prayers written just to be used at the different parts of Mass on that day. I guess that can seem a bit strange if we are thinking that we need a rigid wall of separation between Church and State, but such a separation was never intended by either. Look at the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights;

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

It describes that the federal government would not establish a religion or prohibit the exercise of one's religion, not that they be separate and can never have any association with one another.

Sometimes life seems like it may be easier if we could just have a complete separation between the two, but we know that's not possible. Just the definition of such basic things like life, person, even religion itself affect the workings of our government, and are also topics that we know are affected by our faith and beliefs. Freedom isn't that easy, and we realize that each of us mess it up sometimes, all the way back to Adam and Eve. But it also gives us an opportunity, the opportunity to do good, to show our care and love for one another, to choose to follow and listen to God, to choose to unite together and to strive to build up His kingdom.

The opening prayer at Mass for Independence Day is:

Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the people of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Happy 4th of July. Our country isn't perfect, but it allows us opportunities to live out and share our faith that should truly be appreciated and celebrated. May we be grateful for the freedoms we have, and conscious of our opportunities to live out our faith in the ways we use them and protect those of others. Peace,

Fr. Nick

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Holy Family...Pillar of Formation



"...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

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The *Annual Catholic Appeal* brings a special opportunity to follow Jesus' commandment, to show Him and the world that you are His disciple. Your gift, no matter how large or how small, is a demonstration of unity with your fellow Catholics, your family and friends, and your community. It is an expression of love and mercy for people you may never meet. It is a joyful witness to your love for Jesus Christ. <u>THANK YOU</u> to everyone who has already made a contribution!

OUR 2020 CHALLENGE GOAL IS \$185,320

Unafraid, we make sacrifices for others, not because they are Catholic, but because –*We Are Catholic*.

OUR TOTAL PLEDGED TO DATE IS \$90,446

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal pledge cards have been mailed to all parishioners who have given to the ACA in the last 5 years and will not be available for pick-up at church. In addition, this week, we mailed individual pledge cards to your home. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to provide cards in the back of church.

Gool CALLS SPECIAL PEOPLE **TO HIS** WORK ON EARTH.

Any parishioner who has not received a pledge card and would like to give, you may: Stop by the parish office and fill out a pledge card or let us help you give online. Give online at archstl.org/aca. Click the "Donate Today" button. NOTE: In order to calculate pledges made by Assumption parishioners, please add "Assumption -344" to the comment box located in the Additional Information section.

For questions, contact Jeannette Hamann at: (636)240-3721 ext. 247 or email *abvmjeannette@yahoo.com*. Thank you for your support.

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..."



Usually, Independence Day celebrations include patriotic displays, political ceremonies and speeches, parades, concerts, carnivals, fairs. Family reunions often occur on this day; many families host or attend picnics or barbecues. Even though things may look different this year, however you plan to celebrate Independence Day, enjoy yourselves and ensure you make the most of this extra days holiday!

Let us pray...

On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families. Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing You. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Week at a Glance **TUESDAY** 7.07.20 **WEDNESDAY 7.08.20 MONDAY 7.06.20 Mass Times/Intentions** 6:30am Cletus Swagman 6:30am James Schoeffer 6:30am Caroline Wolf 8:00am Alice Deterding 8:00am Dawn Thornton 8:00am June Fierling Readings 1st Reading: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 1st Reading: Hos 2:16, 17-18,21-22 1st Reading: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Gospel: Mt 10:1-7_ Gospel: Mt 9:18-26 Gospel: Mt 9:32-38 7:30 - 8:00am Church Reconciliation 7:30 - 8:00am Church 7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment Or by appointment Or by appointment

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St. Francis ... Pillar of Prayer



Many might wonder: When will this pandemic be over? Who isn't tired of all the limitations and changes? We wish we knew the answer to when this was coming to an end, what we do know is that God is working through all it.

Most people remain at home for Mass - we count on everyone to do what is needed and to stay safe.

THANK YOU for praying with us online (www.assumptionbvm.org) and thank you for sharing our Masses with others. We have more people praying with us each weekend than we could fit in church even without any restrictions! For those who do come, Covid-19 has led to many changes in Mass. Yet, people have been so cooperative. We thank everyone for wearing masks throughout; for being careful to protect each other through good social distancing; for helping sanitize our church after Mass & events; and for just being respectful about it all.

Meanwhile, babies are being baptized; 1st Communions & Confirmations are happening; couples are joining together in the Sacrament of Marriage; our St. Vincent de Paul Society is reaching out to those in need; we are fixing what needs fixing to keep our buildings and campus beautiful; people are burying their loved ones; we are planning for a new school year; and the Word of God continues to make a difference in people's lives. Even before we were allowed to open our doors for Mass, the church was not closed... God's work continues!

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



Due to our 8th Grade Confirmation, we will <u>NOT</u> have a 9:00am morning Mass on Saturday, July 11th. Thank you!

THURSDAY 7.09.20	FRIDAY 7.10.20	SATURDAY 7.11.20	SUNDAY 7.12.20
6:30am Sr. Janet Doher, CPPS 8:00am Robert Hudnut	6:30am Charles Grabenhorst 8:00am Eileen Loeffler	10:00am Sr. Mary William Pezold, CPPS 5:00pm Charlie Voehm	8:00am Bud & Gen Schware 10:00am Cindy Gabilsky 12:00pm Bernard Luettkenhuas 5:30pm People of the Parish
1st Reading: Hos 11:1-4, 8-9 Gospel: Mt 10:7-15 7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: Hos 14:2-10 Gospel: Mt 10:16-23 7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: Is 6:1-8 Gospel: Mt 10:24-33 4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: Is 55:10-11 2nd Reading: Rom 8:18-23 Gospel: Mt 13:1-23 By appointment

St. Monica . . . Pillar of Hospitality





HOSPITALITY: Christian Kindness "We are ALL hospitality ministers"



July 5, 2020 – Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time ZEC 9:9-10; PS 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; ROM 8:9, 11-13; MT 11:25-30

The theme of humility is central to our readings today. God Himself is a humble God, so if we wish to follow Him as Christian stewards, we too, must be humble. In fact, humility is key to the stewardship way of life, and to a peaceful and fulfilling life.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus Himself speaks to the Father of the privileged role that humble souls play in God's plan of salvation. "*I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.*"

What does it mean to be a *"little one"*? It means that we acknowledge we don't have it all figured out, but that we are very much in need of a savior. It means we recognize that all we are and all we have been given is a gift from God. It means we embrace the steward-ship way of life.

It is not easy, but deep peace and consolation come with this way of life. Jesus offers these warm and encouraging words to entice us to embrace it. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Let us resolve to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, embracing the humble path of stewardship. It is the path that leads to peace here and now, and ultimately leads us to heaven.





Monthly Outdoor Mass

Wednesday, July 15th, 7:00pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine in O'Fallon, MO. Please bring a lawn chair for distancing. Our celebrant will be Fr. Nord. Please call Ruth at 636-233-1082 with any questions.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Kathleen Giesmann Sister of Rosella Schneider



OR abvmpsr@yahoo.com.

Returning students may register by logging into your 'Teacherease' account.

PSR CATECHISTS NEEDED

PSR is looking for spirit-filled, enthusiastic people to share their love of Christ! Catechists are needed for the 2020-2021 year. Classes are held on Tuesday and Wednesday evening and a small stipend is offered. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact: Ann Marie Quan at *abvmpsr@yahoo.com* OR (636) 240-1020.

PREVENT AND PROTECT UPDATE:

To all those who work or volunteer here at Assumption Parish, involving our CHILDREN, the VULNERABLE or the ELDERLY, you must be registered into the new Prevent and Protect site in order to be in Compliance with the Archdiocese. This is MANDATORY. You can go to our website; www.assumptionbvm.org, go to Quick Links, scroll down to the Safe Environment link, this link will take you to my link where you will find directions on how to register. If you have started this registration but have NOT received your **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**, that means you are not in Compliance with the Archdiocese, so please go back into your P/P account and double check your requirement checklist to see what needs to be completed and submitted.

PREVENT & PROTECT Safe Environment Program

IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN A PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP, we are now offering ZOOM Sessions. After you have completed your registration into the P&P site, and have not already taken a PGC workshop, it will take you to the schedule, there are no live sessions...scroll down to Zoom Sessions where you can pick a session ~ click to register.

Then, 24 hours before the class the facilitator will send them an email with the passcode and id meeting info. The day of the session, log in with that code about 10 minutes before the session is to start. The facilitator will take attendance and then they will give them credit the next day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lynn Crews at: 314-578-0741 or lynn.assumption@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service



Parish Business Manager Wanted – After the sudden death of our previous business manager, Jim Hager, we are now looking for someone to fill this full-time position. This position is an administrator who supports the Pastor in his responsibilities to the parish as a steward of the physical, financial and personnel resources of the parish. If you believe you might have the gifts, the interest, and the calling to serve Assumption parish in this way please look at the job posting on the Archdiocesan website (<u>www.archstl.org/employee-opportunities</u>) for further details.

SERVICE: in action

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Matthew

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Corporate Grants and Matching Gifts

Many parishes and schools are aware that recently corporations (Boeing, Mastercard, Amazon, Pfizer, etc) are tightening the restrictions for corporate grants and matching gifts for religious organizations. Parishes are now receiving emails from corporations asking for an independent 501(c)3 for the school as they are no longer accepting our 501(c)3 because the EIN provided is for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and religious organizations are ineligible for the corporations' platforms.



Tom Buckley, Archdiocesan General Counsel, has responded to this situation as follows:

"Unfortunately, if this is their (the corporation's) position, it means you will be ineligible for future donations from them unless and until they change their mind. Our schools are not separately incorporated. They are parish run. But even if they were separately incorporated they would have to be set up under canon law as a religious non-profit, so that would not help us here either.

More and more publicly traded companies are adopting these policies.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS



··· HELPING NEIGHBORS STARTS AT HOME ···

As expected during this challenging time, our clients have grown in numbers and needs. Since mid-March, your donations have aided more than 50 families with various needs. Thank you for continuing to bless this ministry with your love and support! The pantry is currently low on the following food items: crackers, applesauce, spaghetti sauce, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, Sloppy Joe mix, jello and canned pears. Non-food items needed: shampoo, conditioner, large toothpaste, deodorant, razor blades, cleaning supplies, toilet paper. We realize some of these items may be hard to find. Grocery store gift certificates are always welcome to allow our families in need some flexibility in purchasing dairy, produce, etc. (Our Grocery Cart is currently located in the Narthex of the Church) *Thank you for "Bringing Christ to the World" through your actions. God Bless You!!*

St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service

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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.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Even though many may appropriately choose not to come to public Mass yet, we still have ongoing employee and facility expenses. Envelopes can still 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.

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SERVICE: Love in action

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Sign up for Assumption Email Blasts!

For immediate updates regarding when public Masses will begin and other parish concerns sign up for our e-mail blasts!

Simply visit our home page at *www.assumptionbvm.org*. There you will find a link to click on to sign up for 'Email Blasts'.







Once you click the link, the registration looks like this:

Just type in your email and your first name and click 'Sign Up'. That's it!



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Can't attend Mass – NO PROBLEM – we will bring Mass to you!! We will be **Live Streaming** 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? Call Jeannette Hamann at 636-240-3721 ext. 247.



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A NOTE TO OUR 50+ GROUP

We are so looking forward to gathering once again! When that will be we don't know, however we are keeping up through Fr.

Nick as to when we may be begin.

Martha sends her sincere thanks for your concerns, cards and well wishes for herself and Bill who is currently in a nursing home. Once again, we look forward to coming together hopefully in the near future. Our prayers and God' blessing to your all.

The 50+ Leadership Team.



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WEBSITE www.assumptionbvm.org facebook.com/@assumptionmedia assumptionparish

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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