

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

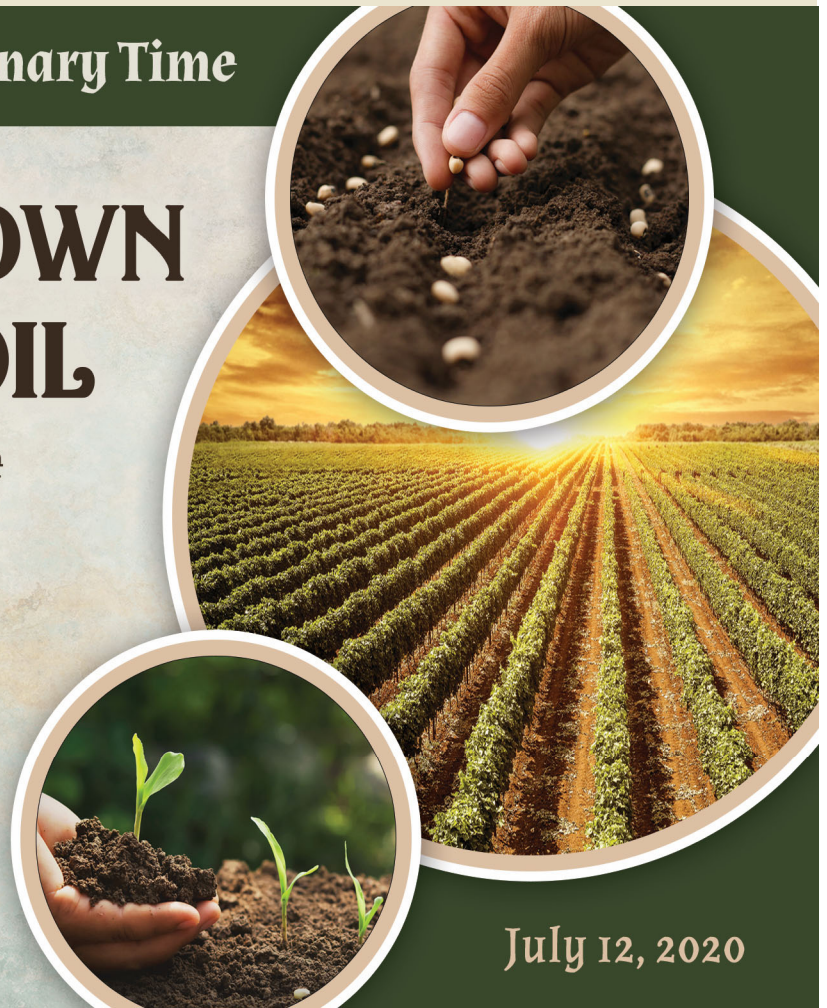
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SEED SOWN ON RICH SOIL

is the one who hears the
word of the kingdom
and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit
and yields a hundred
or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23

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July 12, 2020

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

Weekdays 7:30 - 8:00am Church
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45pm Church
Or 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.

Welcome

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Hello,

Well we've been back to public Masses for almost two months now and I first wanted to thank all of the people who have been coming to Mass and cooperating with our procedures and precautions, trying to keep themselves and each other safe. I know we have been stricter than some parishes in asking people to keep their masks on except for when they are receiving the Eucharist, and I realize that can be very uncomfortable, but I am grateful for all of those doing this out of concern for others. I have had numerous people tell me that this practice has made them feel safe enough to attend Mass here while they wouldn't have otherwise.

I am also grateful for all of the people who have been helping to sanitize the church after Masses. I know this seemed like it would be an incredible task when we first came back, and yet with numerous people helping it has proved to go quite smoothly both on Sundays and weekdays.

I apologize for the breaking up of our livestream broadcast of our 10am Mass last Sunday. It was due to problems with our internet connection in the church that we believe has been addressed. I know that there are many other options for participating in the Mass online that people have, but also am grateful for the priority that people put on participating in our Sunday Mass here at Assumption and recognize the way that it does allow us to stay connected as a parish. Some of our new equipment has made it much easier to make these broadcasts for our Sunday Masses along with other special Masses such as our Confirmations, funerals, and Graduation.

Right now I don't know of any changes we will be making to these procedures in the near future but know we will try to keep the sacraments available and as safe for people to participate in as possible. Many are choosing not to come to Church yet out of appropriate concern for their health and the health of others they might come in contact with. Please keep me informed of ways we may help you and also keep us united as a parish.

This last week I gained a deeper appreciation for the challenges others are having to face when I was able to celebrate Mass in the large chapel across the street with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, and another time recently with residents of Twin Oaks Senior Living in their chapel. With the sisters we were able to celebrate Mass in a fairly similar way as we do in our church, with proper distancing and masks. At Twin Oaks I was on the other side of a Plexiglas wall they put up to allow for family visits while maintaining separate areas. This reminded me of how many of our lives may be more difficult and have more inconveniences due to the virus, but there are others that it is impacting in a much greater way. I know I need that reminder to encourage me to continue safe practices that not only help myself, but also will hopefully help our whole community.

I look forward to the day when things improve so much that someone will ask me "When can we start passing the collection baskets again?" and I can respond, "Today." Until then thank you for your continued respect of this gift of life God has given us.

Peace, and stay well,

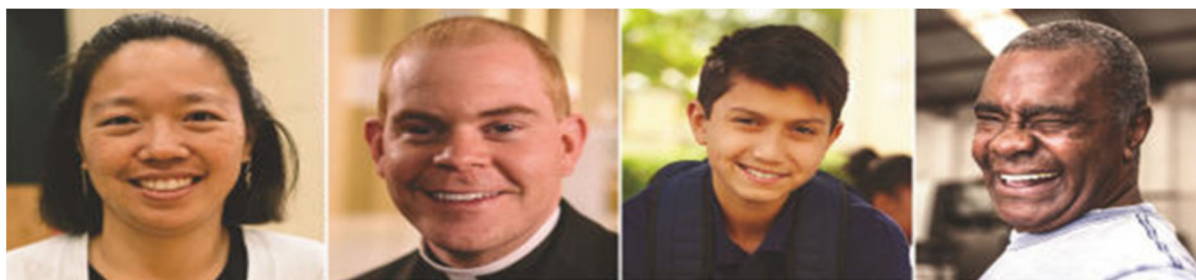
Fr. Nick



"...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



BECAUSE
WE
ARE CATHOLIC

Together, as one Church, we reach out to people in need, not because they are Catholic, but because we are Catholic.

Learn more: aca.archstl.org

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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. **THANK YOU** 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 \$97,076

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, 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. 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.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE A CONTRIBUTION!

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





"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

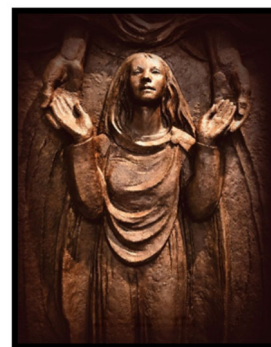


150th Anniversary of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Anyone who drives down Main Street in O'Fallon, Missouri can see that the people of God at Assumption Parish have built something beautiful. However, as beautiful as our buildings are, the true beauty is not in the buildings, but in what they hold. They hold Love. For that is our commitment at Assumption: that – by how we live - ***Christ's love would be known in our every gathering.*** The real beauty comes from *you*, and it is right that we would celebrate!

On September 17, 1871 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary became a PARISH! Next year, we will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary and we want to celebrate! If you feel called to share in the planning, organizing and coordinating of the festivities please call or email Bruce Prinster - 636-272-6389 or email - bprins01@yahoo.com

Through the intercession of Mary, may all who ever come to this parish named in her honor, find her Son here, and then bring His love to the world.



Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 7.13.20	TUESDAY 7.14.20	WEDNESDAY 7.15.20
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Harland Stroud 8:00am Pat Liston	6:30am Carmella Bamert 8:00am Jim Hager	6:30am Living & Deceased CPPS Parents and Relatives 8:00am Michael Porzeinski
Readings	1st Reading: Is 1:10-17 Gospel: Mt 10:34-11:1	1st Reading: Hos Is 7:1-9 Gospel: Mt 11:20-24	1st Reading: Is 10:5-7, 13-16 Gospel: Mt 11:25-27
Reconciliation	7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment



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.



July 12, 2020 – Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

IS 55:10-11; PS 65:10-14; ROM 8:18-23; MT 13:1-23 OR 13:1-9

In today's Gospel from Matthew, our Lord shares the Parable of the Sower who scatters seed on many different kinds of land. This is a wonderful analogy for the **stewardship way of life**, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In this parable, some of the seeds land on a path where birds carry them off before they can begin to take root. Other seeds land on rocky ground with little soil. As soon as things begin to heat up, they get scorched and die. Then there are seeds that land on soil cluttered with thorns which choke the seeds just as they are beginning to grow strong.

Finally, there are seeds that land on deep and healthy soil. These seeds produce abundant fruit.

This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

How does this happen? Stewardship living removes the "rocks" of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly ambition that make us self-centered, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which continuously nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the **Sower to do His work in us**, slowly and steadily. The Master Gardner will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.



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

Prayer

THURSDAY 7.16.20	FRIDAY 7.17.20	SATURDAY 7.18.20	SUNDAY 7.19.20
6:30am Sr. Mary Brendan Block 8:00am Norbert Rothermich	6:30am Patricia Mockler 8:00am Mark Bellanca	9:00am Sr. Sharon King, CPPS 5:00pm Kathy Kinkead	8:00am Arthur Molitor 10:00am Jim Hager 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm Hugo Nanny
1st Reading: Is 26:7-9,12, 16-19 Gospel: Mt 11:28-30	1st Reading: Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 Gospel: Mt 12:1-8	1st Reading: Mi 2:1-5 Gospel: Mt 12:14-21	1st Reading: Wis 12:13, 16-19 2nd Reading: Rom 8:26-27 Gospel: Mt 13:24-43
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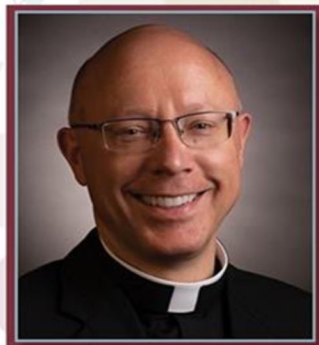
HOSPITALITY:

Christian
Kindness
"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality

CATHOLIC FUNERAL PLANNING

with Msgr. Henry Breier



LIVE WEBINAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020
AT 7:00 PM



presented by
Roman Catholic Foundation
of
EASTERN MISSOURI

On Wednesday, July 15, 2020, the Roman Catholic Foundation will host a free webinar on Catholic Funeral Planning. Monsignor Henry Breier, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis will discuss important issues related the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, viaticum, the funeral mass, the rite of committal and the disposition of the body, including the church's teaching on cremation. The live webinar will begin at 7:00 pm. You can register online at <https://rcfstl.org/event-info/catholic-funeral-planningwebinar/> or by calling 314.918.2892.



MO Catholic bishops support Medicaid Expansion on August 4th Ballot

Expanding access to Medicaid will help many low-income, working Missourians get access to healthcare coverage through the Medicaid program. It will also help Catholic hospitals improve their operating margins by reducing uncompensated care. The Missouri bishops are supporting this effort. Will you join them? For more information on Medicaid, and to listen to a podcast about the Medicaid expansion ballot proposal (Amendment 2), please visit the Missouri Catholic Conference website at www.mocatholic.org



Please pray for the repose
of the soul of:

Joan Mohr
Wife of Layne Mohr

Aubert Miller
Husband of Ruth Miller

Deborah Riley
Wife of Dennis Riley

Lorraine Salfen
Mother of Margie Prinster

Linda Navarre Jezik
Sister-In-Law of Ree Wysong

Edith Britt
Aunt of Kim Lawry



LIFE TEEN: @assumption_LT



@assumption_life_teen



Assumption Life Teen



July 17-19

Please contact Carl and
Debbie Gentry at
Carl.Gentry@gmail.com or
Debbie.Gentry@gmail.com



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

Youth Formation



Parish School of Religion

PSR REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 PSR program is now open.

THOSE NEW TO THE PROGRAM please contact Ann Marie Quan at (636) 240- 1020
OR abvmpr@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 abvmpr@yahoo.com OR (636) 240-1020.



Respect Life Apostolate News

Ultrasound Informed Consent Act – Let us pray that it passes!

This bill requires abortion providers to conduct an ultrasound before performing an abortion. Specifically, before a woman gives informed consent to any part of an abortion, the abortion provider must (1) perform an obstetric ultrasound on the pregnant woman; (2) provide a simultaneous explanation of what the ultrasound is depicting; (3) display the ultrasound images so the woman may view them; and (4) provide a complete medical description of the images, including the dimensions of the embryo or fetus, cardiac activity if present and visible, and the presence of external members and internal organs if present and viewable. Providers are subject to civil actions and penalties for violations. The bill's ultrasound requirements do not apply in cases where a physical disorder, illness, or injury caused by the pregnancy endangers a woman's life. A woman is also not required to view the ultrasound images; nor may she or the provider be penalized if she declines to do so.

Donation Container

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who continue to share their love by bringing in diapers for Birth Rite! We are excited to announce that we have a new area that you may drop off diapers and other items for Birth Rite! You will notice a plastic container near the elevator. Thank you for your continued support. If you would like more information about this effort or more about Respect Life Apostolate, please call Sylvia Kiphardt at (636)978-8803.



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

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 (www.archstl.org/employee-opportunities) for further details.

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.



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... 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!!



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.



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

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.

Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	June 28, 2020	7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020
Envelopes (199) & Checks	\$ 17,004	\$ 1,502,455
Loose	\$ 64	\$ 50,492
Electronic	\$ 10,624	\$ 236,123
Total	\$ 27,692	\$ 1,789,070

Needed to sustain our mission \$1,855,000

Loan Balance as of 3/31/2020: \$1,495,819

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

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

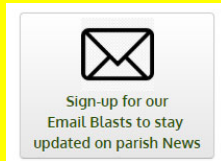
The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)
We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)
God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

TITHING

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'.



Look for These links on our parish website



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!

Registration

Thanks for your interest in joining our mailing list. Please complete the information below and click Sign Up.

* Email Address

First Name

By submitting this form, you are consenting to receive marketing emails from: Assumption Parish, 403 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO, 63366 United States. You can revoke your consent to receive emails at any time by using the [Data Protection link](#) found at the bottom of every email. [Cookies are used by our website](#)

Sign Up

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 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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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

Assumption Blood Drive – Coming Soon!

Assumption Parish will be hosting another blood drive and you are encouraged once again to consider making a donation of the **Gift of Life**. Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the parish hall on **Tuesday, August 4, 3:00pm – 7:00pm**, and we look forward to welcoming you there! While all donations are important and will be gratefully accepted, there is a critical need for blood types O+, O-, B+ and B-. If you have not donated blood since June 8, you are eligible to donate at this drive. **Donations must be by appointment only to accommodate social distancing.** During this challenging time blood donations are more important than ever. Healthy individuals are needed to keep our local blood supply at the necessary level so that the needs of patients in the area can be met. Strict protocols are in place to ensure your safety and the safety of the blood being collected.

You may go to www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org (use sponsor code 9007) to schedule an appointment, or call MVRBC at 866-448-3253 for assistance in scheduling. Please visit www.bloodcenter.org for information about COVID-19 protocols relating to blood donations. Mississippi Valley representative, Terry Deters, is also available to answer any questions you may have about donating. He can be reached at 314-852-3842. Parish coordinator, Mary Anne Robinson, can also be reached at 636-541-2823 to assist with scheduling.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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636.240.4474

BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office
(peggy.assumption@yahoo.com)
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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