Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



Jesus said,
"The kingdom of heaven
may be likened to a
man who sowed good
seed in his field."

Matthew 13:24

July 19, 2020

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.



ANOINTING 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,

In the calendar of the Church we are close to the middle of what is called Ordinary Time, the sixteenth out of thirty-four weeks actually. The word ordinary means that this isn't one of the special seasons of the liturgical year like Christmas or Easter, or even Advent or Lent. But it doesn't mean ordinary as just in regular, but rather as in numbered, that is week 1, week 2, I think it is hard for most of us to think of any time as ordinary this year, but we know we need some normalcy to our lives or most of us will stress out way too much.

In looking at what is this normal, or ordinary, hopefully we have also found significant ways that we include God and prayer into it. We still have the dispensation from going to Sunday Masses, and due to risk factors for some people it is best that they avoid the congregations at Sunday Masses. If that is us, have we established other good prayer practices such as on-line Masses to help. If we are attending Masses, has it become a natural reaction for us to put on our masks before we enter, and to leave our kneelers down at the end of Mass. Simple things like this are interesting in that they can become habits to the point that we know varying from them eventually just feels strange even if we not aware of it, we know something is off.

Actually the changes in practices for distributing the Holy Eucharist is becoming that way for me in a very good sense. While the new procedures are becoming standard, they are also reminding me of not only the virus precautions I wish to take to prevent the possible spread of any virus, (and hopefully can be realized some day) but also the proper respect for the Body of Christ that I am consuming and distributing (that I should not be relaxing.) These changes and new practices are hopefully providing a stronger sense of reverence in our now standard practices.

Not being able to shake hands or even smile at people in greetings have stretched many of us. Hopefully we realize it doesn't mean that we don't care to do these things, but that maybe we are a little more aware and conscientious of it with others in our daily practices. And these are not things we take for granted or just dismiss.

One thing that I know many families have had the opportunity to do more than usual over the past few months is having family meals. Hopefully this has been a very positive aspect for your families, and also a part of that is meal prayers. When people are eating alone, out in public, or with friends instead of family it can be easier not to say a meal prayer, so maybe this period has allowed us to strengthen that tradition in us so that we might be more inclined to also pray when in these other circumstances.

The 'new normal', or in this case I might say the 'new ordinary', is not just meant to get our lives back to a standard practice. But hopefully we have recognized in that practice the ways people, and God, are so important in all of our daily lives.

Peace and stay well,

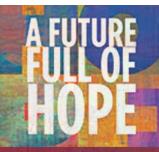
Fr. Nick



truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body. held and joined together by every supporting ligament Adult Formati brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love."

- Ephesians

4:15-16



Support over 60 ministries in the archdiocese.

Donate Now

Annual Catholic Appeal

We are ALL in this together! Your Parish Matters and Makes a Difference

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 \$99,221

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.







434 PLEDGES RETURNED OUT OF 3,165 **PARISHIONERS** Your pledge makes a difference! Let's make our **GOAL!**



"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





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 7.20.20	TUESDAY 7.21.20	WEDNESDAY 7.22.20
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Margaret Phillips	6:30am Cletus Swagman	6:30am Sr Audrey Hemsath
	8:00am Jackie Alt	8:00am Karen Brady	8:00am Mason Keeven
Readings	1st Reading: Mi 6:1-4,6-8	1st Reading: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	1st Reading: Cor 5:14-17
	Gospel: Mt 12:38-42	Gospel: Mt 12;46-50	<u>Gospel: Jn 20:1-2, 11-18</u>
Reconciliation	7:30 - 8:00am Church	7:30 - 8:00am Church	7:30 - 8:00am Church
	Or by appointment	Or by appointment	Or by appointment

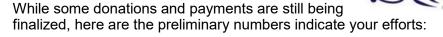


Yeehaw!

Thank you for your incredible support of the Assumption Boots & Bling Virtual Auction!

Once again, our Assumption community has shown its generosity. Thank you to the MANY people and businesses that sponsored, donated, helped plan, solicited items, purchased items and contributed to our Fund the Need!

We would like to recognize our Auction sponsors:
Trailblazer Sponsor
Jarrell Mechanical Contractors
Tycoon Sponsors
Vito Tabacchi RE/MAX Gateway Realtors
Lonestar Sponsors
Peoples Bank & Trust



- -We brought over 300 people together online to support Assumption!
- -We crushed our goal of \$10,000 for our Fund the Need by raising \$23,360!
- -Raised a total of approximately \$73,000!

Thanks again for all you do to make Assumption such a supportive and generous community!

And save the date for April 24, 2021 for our 8th annual dinner auction! Happy Trails!

The 2020 Auction Committee

THURSDAY 7.23.20	FRIDAY 7.24.20	SATURDAY 7.25.20	SUNDAY 7.26.20
6:30am Deceased CPPS 8:00am Norma Jezik	6:30am James Schoeffer 8:00am Caroline Wolf	9:00am Sr Jean Rachel Brown 5:00pm People of the Parish	8:00am Paul Grawe 10:00am Charles Grabenhorst 12:00pm Jim Hager 5:30pm Eileen Loeffler
1st Reading: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Gospel: Mt 13:10-17	1st Reading: IJer 3:14-17 Gospel: Mt 13:18-23	1st Reading: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Gospel: Mt 20:20-28	1st Reading: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 2nd Reading: Rom 8:28-30 Gospel: Mt 13:44-52
7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment	By appointment





HOSPITALITY:

Christian Kindness "We are ALL hospitality ministers"



July 19, 2020 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WIS 12:13, 16-19; PS 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; ROM 8:26-27; MT 13:24-43 OR 13:24-30

Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward as Jesus uses several parables to describe the kingdom of heaven and our role in it.

First, He compares it to a field where both wheat and weeds have been sown. Both weeds and wheat are permitted to grow and only at harvest time are they separated, or "judged" — the wheat gathered into the sower's barn and the weeds finally destroyed. So it will be for each of us at the end of our time on earth. It is a sobering reminder of the justice of God.

Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is like the small portion of yeast that is mixed in with flour for the making of bread. The yeast makes up an insignificant fraction of the ingredients, yet it is vital to the outcome — without that tiny bit of yeast, the bread simply will not rise. Similarly, He compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed, "the smallest of all the seeds." But when it is full-grown it becomes the largest of all the plants, a sturdy and hardy bush where "birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

So often, the prayers we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give — in comparison to the immense needs around us — can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and mustard seed, that is not the truth! God sees and "grows" our offerings of time, talent and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine.

In justice, in gratitude, in love, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of the kingdom of heaven.

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:

William Kaufhold Husband of Martha Kaufhold



LIFE TEEN: @assumption_LT



@assumption_life_teen



Assumption Life Teen



2020 has certainly been a rollercoaster so far—many adaptations have been required of us since mid-March due to the spread of COVID-19. Unfortunately, one of the many adaptations we must now make is to amend our Luke 18 Retreat.

In reference to the alarmingly high number of cases in St. Charles county and primarily out of concern for the safety of our teens, core

members, and 8th grade youth, we will hold a mini Luke 18 Retreat this Sunday from 3 – 9:45 p.m. The entirety of Luke 18 2020 will take place outside with physical distancing. We no longer feel comfortable hosting an entire weekend retreat on our campus. This decision was data based and made by Father Nick and Father Patrick.

There will be no Luke 18 events on Friday, July 17th or Saturday, July 18th. We are asking that students be dropped off between 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 19th outside the parish center. We will be spending our time on the soccer fields, under the concession stand and on the shady hill near the back of our campus.

While this is no doubt disappointing, we are confident that this retreat is in the Lord's hands and can still be an impactful opportunity for teens to encounter Christ.



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 *ab-vmpsr@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.

Coalition for Life Benefit Dinner



Join us for the Annual Coalition For Life St. Louis benefit dinner, Wednesday, July 29, 2020. Gates open at 7:30pm. Dinner served upon arrival with program beginning at sunset. Special guest speakers will share stories of real life experiences saved by the Coalition for Life St. Louis! Featured guest speaker: Myra Neyer

Myra Neyer worked for Planned Parenthood in Baltimore. She began work there with the intent to help women

As a single mother of 7 kids, she believed she could understand with sympathy the overwhelming pressures that could bring a woman to consider abortion. After witnessing an unforgettable procedure, she quit her job and sought healing and help through ATTWN. She is eager to share her story and speak about how the Lord has been ever present in her life through the trials she faced soon after quitting. For more information contact Sylvia Kiphart 636.978.8803



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

outh 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

Assumption Temporary Maintenance Worker Needed

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish and School in O'Fallon, MO currently has a temporary full time Maintenance position open. This position will help in both maintenance and janitorial services in the church, school, and parish buildings, as well as set-up and take down for activities in the parish facilities. This position will also require compliance with archdiocesan Safe Environment policies. If interested please contact Fr. Nick Kastenholz at 636-240-3721 ext. 242 or email at: *nicholaskastenholz@archstl.org*.

Archdiocesan Respect Life Essay Contest

Every spring the Archdiocese holds an essay contest on chastity for the 8th graders. Assumption holds our own contest at the same time. The Assumption Respect Life Committee is pleased to announce this year's winners:

First place is Evan Hotfelder Second place is Sam Koenig Third place is Josie Sachs

Congratulations and thank you to all who worked so hard on their essays!

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.

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

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

credit the next day.





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)



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: assumptionbym.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.

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.

7/1/2020 - 7/5/2020 July 5, 2020 Envelopes (199) & Checks 22,051 \$ 22.051 \$ Loose \$ 116 \$ 116 Electronic 8.715 \$ 8,715 Total \$ 30.882 30.882

STEWARDSHIP

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

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

TITHING

Adult Formation

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.
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Watch Assumption's 10:00am Mass LIVE! www.assumptionbym.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

Assumption Blood Drive - Coming Soon!

Assumption Parish will be hosting another blood drive and you are encouraged once again to consid-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**. **All donors are eligible to receive a \$10 gift card**.

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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ST VINCENT DE PAUL 636.272.4758 (Helpline)

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL 636.240.4474

BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit to Parish Office (peggy.assumption@yahoo.com) by Tuesday 9:00am

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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