

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hurricane Ian - Relief

Let Us Pray

For those lost For those grieving For those rebuilding For those suffering Lord, hear our prayer

October 23, 2022



BAPTISM

Scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. 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 - 7:50am 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

403 N. Main St. O'Fallon,
MO 63366
www.assumptionbvm.org
636.240.3721

Hello,

This week I am providing a summary of our financial history over the last four years. You might recall that the COVID-19 pandemic began in the beginning of 2020. This drastically affected our means of worship and schooling, as well as some of our related income and expenses. Fortunately, with a government funded forgiven PPP Loan and education grants, with archdiocesan grants, conscientious budgeting, and continued generosity from our parishioners through this period, we have come through with our finances close to where we had started, but having paid down our loan some and reestablished some operational reserves.

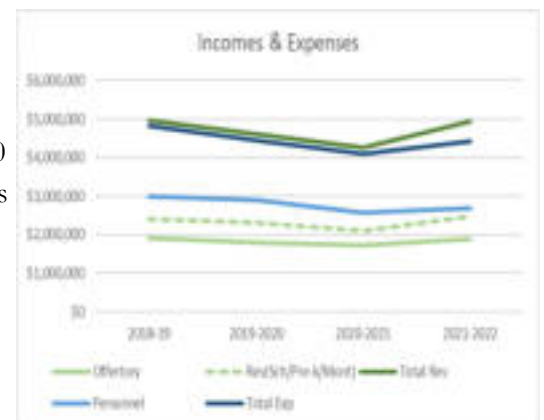
As we go forward, we recognize that over the last year inflation has been affecting all of our budgets, and while last year we were able to keep our expenses under control, this year will be a little different. Throughout the archdiocese and our parish the standard raise entering the 2022-23 year was 3.2%. Some of our contracted service expenses have gone up significantly more than this, and current projections, along with our loan interest rates, continue to go up. Our loan balance for the school addition should go below \$1,000,000 this December, but we still have a few more years until it is paid off.

With these considerations, and hoping that many of our parishioners are also getting some increase in their incomes, we are budgeting for \$2,000,000 in our offertory next year (roughly a 5% increase from last year, but also less than a 5% increase from where we were in 2018-2019, prior to COVID). I know it is easy to just continue to support your parish at the same amount as before, especially for our most faithful supporters who have regularly scheduled donations, but I would ask you to consider increasing this amount. For those who may not have donated regularly in the past, know that we do have a need, and to continue to operate as we are an increase in the offertory is necessary.

One sign that we are past the worst impacts of COVID was the successful Fall Festival last weekend. That helps us not only in our bottom line as a fundraiser, but also brings so many of us together socially and volunteering to support and be an active part of our parish. Next week we should have some preliminary numbers for you on the financial side. For now, I want to thank Larry & Donna Johnson, Russ Schaller, and all those who lead, supported, and participated in the Festival. It is one way that we not only live as a parish, but hopefully also invite and attract others to be with us, so we may build up the Body of Christ.

	2018-19	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Cap Camp	\$51,374	\$103,316	\$47,660	\$41,365
Offertory	\$1,925,468	\$1,789,080	\$1,719,711	\$1,900,798
Rev(Sch/Pre-k/M)	\$2,404,853	\$2,315,635	\$2,112,993	\$2,474,154
Total Rev	\$4,974,508	\$4,623,984	\$4,254,021	\$4,940,558
Personnel	\$3,003,981	\$2,908,835	\$2,571,455	\$2,698,543
Total Exp	\$4,835,917	\$4,441,704	\$4,109,314	\$4,437,908
Cap Exp	\$247,935	\$126,587	\$137,296	\$182,472
Net Income	-\$157,043	\$9,082	\$783,133	\$213,590
Loan Principal	\$133,891	\$137,301	\$135,524	\$272,766
Surplus/Deficit	-\$290,934	-\$128,219	\$652,607	-\$63,003
Loan Balance	\$1,633,120	\$1,495,819	\$1,360,295	\$1,087,529
		(expect go below \$1M in Dec.)		
Oper. Reserves	\$311,843	\$511,282	\$719,869	\$639,867

(Checking account and SLAF account balances available for general parish use)



Peace, 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."



Support our Parish on Giving Tuesday!

November 29 is Giving Tuesday, a day to take a break from online shopping and consider online giving to charities and other nonprofit organizations. Our parish is again teaming with other Catholic causes on Giving Tuesday in a program called **#iGiveCatholic**.

Our focus for this year's **#iGiveCatholic** appeal at Assumption is the future of our church. How do we keep the Catholic Church alive in O'Fallon for the next 150 years?

The health and safety of our parishioners, visitors, students, teacher and staff are of paramount importance to us. On any given school day, we need to provide a safe and secure environment for 400+ children, as well as 30+ teachers and staff.

Your gift through **#iGiveCatholic** will be used to help financial assistance to provide a safer environment, we have identified several potential enhancements to our campus. These include:

1. Electric door locks controlled by key fobs or badges
2. Security cameras in parking lots and other areas
3. Privacy film on windows in the hallways, so that outsiders cannot see into the building
4. Modifications to restrooms to promote safety while preserving privacy
5. Additional lighting in the parking lots and walkways

Thank you for your consideration and support!

You don't need to wait until Giving Tuesday. Just go to www.stl.igivecatholic.org and search for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. Thank you and God bless you!

50 + Club October 24th!



Monday, October 24, 6:30pm—Hall C

SPEAKER: Curtis Prize, *our wonderful seminarian*, will speak of his calling to serve.

Non members are welcome to check us out!

Membership dues for the upcoming year can be paid; \$15 single dues, \$30 couple dues.

*Any questions contact;
Bob or Liz Allmeyer
at 636-240-8638.*

**Branson Dec-5-9 Trip.
Parking at Assumption
will be discussed.**



**Logan
Hepp**



**Curtis
Prize**



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults makes clear in nearly 20 different paragraphs that the process of initiation takes place within the larger community of the faithful. The Rite calls the community of the faithful to be engaged and involved in this process. It also places the celebrations of the rituals in the context of Sunday Mass—unless there are pastoral reasons not to do so—in order to assure that the entire community participates (see Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 31).

What is your role in helping these seekers? The Rite of Acceptance will be celebrated next Sunday, Oct 30 at 8:00am Mass. We encourage you to extend your hands over the group during the Rite as well as any prayers for them during Mass. By offering prayer, support, and example for those who are seeking Christ, the community of the faithful becomes an active, engaged, and important part of the RCIA process.



A special thanks to all the volunteers, parishioners, sponsors, and community

for coming out last weekend to enjoy the Annual Assumption Fall Festival—it was a banner year and a huge success!

Here's a glimpse of the festivities over the two-day event. To see all the photos that were taken, please visit the Assumption Facebook page [@assumptionparish](https://www.facebook.com/assumptionparish).

Can you find our Seminarian, Logan Hepp?



Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

MONDAY 10.24.22

6:30am Kristie Nickles & Family
8:00am M.C. & Marge Gentemann

7:30 - 7:50am Church
Or by appointment

TUESDAY 10.25.22

6:30am John Stezer
8:00am Patricia Mueller

7:30 - 7:50am Church
Or by appointment

WEDNESDAY 10.26.22

6:30am In Thanksgiving
8:00am Marge Gentemann

7:30 - 7:50am Church
Or by appointment



ALL SAINTS DAY – Tuesday, Nov. 1st

Holy Day of Obligation

Catechism of the Catholic Church says this about: *The Communion of Saints* – Paragraph 5. (Profession of Faith)

#946 After confessing "the holy catholic Church," the Apostles' Creed adds "the communion of saints." In

a certain sense this article is a further explanation of the preceding: "What is the Church if not the assembly of all the saints?" #479 The communion of saints is the Church. #947 "Since all the faithful form one body, the good of each is communicated to the others. . . . #948 The term "communion of saints" therefore has two closely linked meanings: communion in holy things (sancta)" and "among holy persons (sancti)."

Sancta sanctis! ("God's holy gifts for God's holy people") is proclaimed by the celebrant in most Eastern liturgies during the elevation of the holy Gifts before the distribution of communion. The faithful (sancti) are fed by Christ's holy body and blood (sancta) to grow in the communion of the Holy Spirit (koinonia) and to communicate it to the world.

*Come and celebrate Mass with us surrounded by our parish saints... and the saints that are even walking among us. **Monday, Oct. 31st 5:30pm (Vigil). Tuesday, November 1st – 6:30am; 8:00am; and 7:00pm.**

ALL SOULS DAY – Wednesday, November 2nd

All Soul's Day is a Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. All Saints' Day, together with All Souls' Day is known collectively as Hallow tide. All Souls' Day remembers all those who have died, not just the great and the good, but the ordinary person on the street. **At the 7pm Mass** on November 2nd we will bring forward our Book of Remembrance to honor your family and friends who have gone before us. As part of a conclusion, we will process to the cemetery after the closing prayer. As part of our procession this year, we will have luminaries to light our way.



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

Payer

Attention Women of the Parish:

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT

CRHP is a process designed to make us more aware of God's presence in our daily lives.

This renewal experience allows us to discover how our walk of life is interwoven with our journey of faith.

All too often we become creatures of habit and allow our busy schedules to crowd out the time needed for spiritual growth.

Women's CRHP: November 12-13

Please contact: **Beth Handshy** at (314) 280-7925 or bhandshy@gmail.com
or **Amy** at (636) 262-6751 or amy.whitelaw@bjc.org

This is *your* time... this is *your* invitation... reserve *your* spot to
experience this AWE-some weekend! Sign up TODAY!

Welcome
ladies



THURSDAY 10.27.22	FRIDAY 10.28.22	SATURDAY 10.29.22	SUNDAY 10.30.22
6:30am Nancy McDonough 8:00am Margaret Peters	6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Virgil & Mary Peters	8:00am Bob Bross 5:00pm Bill Boyd	8:00am Desi & Margie Wurzbacher 10:00am Stephanie Carpenter 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm Stephanie Carpenter
7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	4:00-4:50pm Or by appointment	By Appointment



From the Principal's Pen



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

Youth Formation

Community Helpers and Fire Prevention Week for our Pre-School Classes

When instructing our PreK students about "Community Helpers", our teachers make it a mini-experience. Teachers begin by explaining that there are many community helpers and some of them are **construction workers, dentists, librarians, grocery store workers, and even teachers**. She shows a picture for each type of community helper, asks students if their parents or grandparents are community helpers, and then asks students what each of these community helpers do.

In order to make this a true experience, on Tuesday, October 11th, the O'Fallon Fire Department came to teach our preschool students about fire safety and prevention. Students listened, saw the Fireperson put on the fire coat, hat, mask and oxygen tank. The fireman got close to the students, so they could touch the uniform, hat and oxygen tank.

Then, everyone went outside to see the Fire Engine and listen to how the engine works. As part of the experience, each child was able to enter the cab of the engine and pass through it to the other side. They loved every minute.

Lastly, during centers time, all students had an opportunity with DRAMATIC play, to become a fireperson with hat, first aid kit, and hose. The teacher created a "burning" building out of refrigerator boxes, with paper flames. Each of the children took turns being a fireperson and being the people saved! This was a great experience for all.



Thanks for reading about our school!

Blessings, Pat Hensley

Excerpt from a letter from the Archbishop regarding Hurricane Ian Relief. He says in part:

"To help provide immediate and long-term aid to those recovering from these disasters, I am asking our 178 parishes in 11 counties to assist in helping those affected by Hurricane Ian. The funds collected in this special appeal will become part of the **Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund** and will be used to support the efforts of **Catholic Charities USA** and/or **Catholic Relief Services**, the office relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from this and any future disasters. We join other diocese across the country in the response for support to help with water, food, shelter, and sanitation, along with long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. The funds will be distributed where they are most needed." ~Archbishop Rozanski

Envelopes are at the entrance of Church. Please pray about helping our brothers and sisters affected by Hurricane Ian. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless those recovering.



Happy Fall from Assumption Youth Ministry!

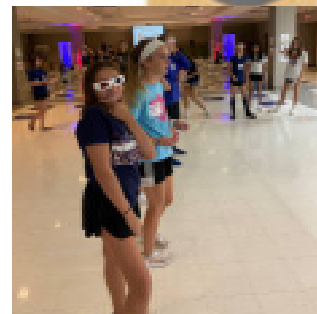
We have already seen the Holy Spirit move in beautiful ways in our teens and can't wait to see what else the Lord has in store for us this semester!



Sunday, October 23

Life Night: Aesthetic – God in Media ~ 6:30 - 8:30pm in Parish Center

All teens are invited to join us for a night focusing in on how God is present in media and also how to consume media wisely. We will start with our LT Mass at 5:30pm. TEENS, please sit in the front rows, then head downstairs to Halls B and C for a great night of fun, food, and friendship. See you there!



Wednesday, October 26

No EDGE: Fall Break



Save the Date:

November 18-20: Life Teen Fall Retreat

March 3-5: Luke 18 Retreat



Connect with us on Social Media:

Instagram: @assumption_life_teen // @assumption_edge

Facebook: Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

QUESTION? Contact Becky Whitaker, Dir of Youth Ministry

636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com



A success story from Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Conference:

In recognition and support of the Pro-life mission, St Vincent DePaul Society has recently developed a Pregnancy Care Program, ensuring pregnant mothers in crisis, considering abortion, they will be supported making a life affirming choice for their unborn child. Working in conjunction with Birthright of St Charles, Assumption SVDP did exactly this, supporting a single Mom with two daughters, facing unplanned pregnancy alone, and the father deciding to be absent in this child's life. She made the difficult decision to choose life for her unborn child. Due to pre-existing long term health issues, her pregnancy was considered high risk as well and was also impacted by the pandemic. The development of hypertension and preeclampsia resulted in loss of work thus loss of wages, adding financial distress. SVDP provided support throughout pregnancy and three months post-partum, with car repairs, food, and necessities to provide for baby, through Mary Queen of Angels, one of our many helping hands. We are so thankful to share with you that, a beautiful, healthy baby girl came into this world as a child of God. Your St. Vincent de Paul Conference is grateful for your generous support of our mission and this resultant success story.

Peace, Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Conference



Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary 10th Annual Fashion Show ~ October 27th



DON'T
MISS
THIS

Assumption Parish Center
Doors open at 5pm and
Dinner is at 6:30pm
Tables of 8 - \$240 and
single tickets, \$30

**Funds raised benefit local charities. For more information,
reservations and sponsorship opportunities, please contact
Rosemary Pieper at 636-544-3576.**



"As each one
has received
a gift, use it to
serve one
another as
good stew-
ards of God's
varied grace."

- 1 Peter
4:10

Service

SPECIAL OPTION: Friday Night, Nov. 4

- Gathering in the Vineyard 6:30 - 9pm
- A special evening with our speakers and women of WINE for anyone feeling called to lead women to Christ.
- Includes social hour, dinner, networking, and fun.



Register at CatholicVineyard.com

Saturday, November 5, 8am - 3:30pm
Immaculate Conception Parish
7701 Towne Square Avenue, Dardenne Prairie, Mo

*Called
by
Name*

Inspiration, faith, fellowship and fun!

INCLUDES:

- Adoration
- Confession
- Prayer Intents
- Mass at 8am
- Shopping
- Fabulous Lunch
- Raffle

COST:

- \$55 - Saturday Conference Only
- \$100 - Friday Gathering & Saturday Conference

wine: Catholic Women's Conference

IN LOVING
MEMORY

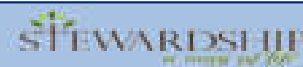
Doras Paez
Wife of Mauro Paez

Elwood (Buck) Moore
Husband of Betty Moore

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY Every Tuesday in Chapel!

Everyone...PLEASE come to pray the Rosary
on Tuesdays at 6:15pm followed by Perpetual
Help Devotions and Benediction.

Our Gifts to God and Parish



Weekly Offertory

October 2, 2022

7/1/2022 - 10/2/22

Actual Collections	\$	35,935	\$
Budget Target	\$	46,500	\$
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$	(10,565)	\$

471,251
544,500
(73,249)

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

TITHING

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

Original Loan	\$ 3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$ 1,020,796
Monthly payment	\$ 20,923

Last expected payment, August 2026

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



HOSPITALITY:
Christian
kindness
"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality



SVDP Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program

SPONSOR FORM ~ Please return by November 5th



Now is the time to discern your desire to
help others during the Christmas season.

The Assumption St. Vincent de Paul organizes a Christmas program each year that provides assistance to needy and homeless families in our area. An important part of this is pairing these neighbors with our parishioners who are willing and able to provide gifts to them for Christmas.

Assumption St. Vincent de Paul will provide a food basket for our families in need. If you are interested in purchasing the *gifts* for a family or individual, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. After receiving your form, we will match you up with one of our families or individuals in need and send *you* their wish list! This will take a little time, so please return forms to us *as soon as possible*... and no later than November 5th.

Thank you so much for your generous help!

Your name: _____

You are: An Individual ____ Family/group ____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

You/Group would like to sponsor: ____ A family w/children ____ A senior ____ No preference

We *suggest* 2 gifts per family-member, with each gift ranging from \$30-\$40. *So please remember*, (for example) if you have a family of 4, that cost could be \$240 - \$320.

The **MAXIMUM** number of family members you would like in your sponsored family _____

**Please drop off your form at the Assumption Parish Office
or drop in the collection basket at Mass. Completed forms due by November 5th**

*If you Have any questions or need more information, please call:
Betty at 636-795-0406 OR Pat at 636-385-6462.*



ATTENTION ALL MEN: At "That Man is You!" (TMIY) this Saturday, will be learning about: *The Prophetic Vision of St. John Bosco*

Speaker: Mark Hartfiel

"If we really understood the Mass, we would die of Joy." What Catholics believe and don't believe about Transubstantiation. Are we devoted to the breaking of the bread? The Two

Pillars: The Vision of St. John Bosco. A Renewal of the Rosary. The Program for the Third Millennium

Come Join Us... That Man is You! Saturday Mornings 7:15 to 8:30am.

For information, contact: Deacon Richard Tadlock DeaconRichard@charter.net or 314-397-2433.





Fall Service Project: Our Lady's Inn

Our Lady's Inn is a ministry that provides housing and support to expectant mothers and their babies. We will be collecting donations in October if you feel led to give. There is a donation box located in the pre-function area (parish center) for you to drop off donations.

Amazon Wishlist
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1fVC2Ko7BX48T?pf_rd_p=1

ST. CHARLES WISHLIST

General Household
 Paper products: plates, bowls, cups, forks, spoons
 Paper towels
 Ziploc bags - all sizes

Food
 Fresh fruits/vegetables
 Ginger Ale, Sprite/7Up

Babies/Kids
 Diapers size 5, 6, pull-ups
 4 oz. baby bottles
 Baby monitors
 Baby thermometers
 New baby bath tubs

Moms
 Maternity clothing size L-2XL
 Leggings size L-2XL
 Sleepwear size L-2XL

After Care
 Towels, washcloths, and bathmats



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 - Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

Friendsgiving

For the moms and babies of Birthright St. Charles

Ticket sales open from Oct 21 thru Nov 21

Purchase a \$25 raffle ticket for a chance to win

1st prize - \$5000

2nd prize - \$1000

Your generosity will provide families a hearty Thanksgiving dinner

Buy tickets on-line at <https://bidpal.net/friendsgiving2022>

or mail a check to: St. Charles Friends of Birthright

PO Box 400, St Charles MO 63302

or use Venmo business @STCFGB,

Provide a valid email and number of tickets in the description

Limited to 500 tickets sold

MOUSE RACE DERBY NIGHT

5701 Highway N, Cottleville, Friday, November 4th. Hosted by KC Ladies Auxiliary, Doors Open at 6:00pm, Race Starts at 7:00pm. \$20/person, \$160/table (Max of 8 people), Bring own snacks, Beer and Soda Provided, Cash Bar for Wine and Mixed Drinks, Seven Races, Raffles, Pot of Gold, Mouse Roulette, Attendance Prizes, Prize for Best Derby Hat, Net proceeds will benefit Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service



Haunted House Fundraiser!

Halloween Haunted House and Graveyard fundraiser for the Adopt-a-Family Foundation. This charity helps the underprivileged in our local community. Saturday October 29th and Monday, October 31st, HALLOWEEN, 6:30 – 9:0pm, at 4404 Spotted Fawn Ct. Wentzville starting at dusk. Admission is free (donations only). Questions? Contact Brian Niehaus at 314-341-5269 or wentzvillehaunts@gmail.com.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Hours - Mon-Thu 8:00am-4:00pm

Fri 8:00am-3:00pm

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](http://assumptionparish.org)

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 314-578.0741.

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