Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



I love you, O Lord, my strength. O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

Psalm 18:2–3

1, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970, CCD.

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

Sacraments/Other Information



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



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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 Ouan at 636-240-1020.

Welcome

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Hello,



In case you hadn't noticed we are in an election year and Election Day is coming up in just a few weeks. Archbishop Rozanski had an article in the Review the other week you can

still reference on-line that I thought was very good addressing how we need to form a Catholic conscience in preparation to vote. A tool to help us with this is the document the US bishops update and publish every four years called *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.* (To find these and other sources go to Archstl.org/vote.)

The fact that the US bishops consider they need to update this document every four years makes me consider that there may be both some different areas of concern that I hadn't considered before, and also some different thoughts about them. Same sex marriage and embryonic stem cell research are just two topics that I know I never thought about when I first voted but have become significant concerns over the last decades. Racism has been a concern for much longer than I have been voting, but how we talk about it, the understanding of what can and needs to be done, and its effects on society have all been constantly changing.

Even if everything around me stayed unchanged through the years, I do not doubt that there are places where I could use changing. I know there are people who I consider both intelligent and very moral Catholics who have very different opinions on some political topics, and even on who they may vote for. If this is the case, I think I need to be open to hear these perspectives if I am going to properly form my conscience. Listening to others not only allows me to grow in my understanding and the forming of my conscience, but also allows me to better inform others.

Even if I do not change my mind, how can I ever expect someone else to change their mind if I don't take the time to listen and discuss our differences. Obviously whatever has been said before has not worked, but maybe something new will. We realize Jesus was often getting criticized for eating and associating with sinners, but he knew these were the people he needed to talk to, to offer forgiveness, to be open to accept their change. If I never spend time with anyone who doesn't agree with me how will I ever be able to convert them from their errors, and how will I ever have the opportunities to convert from my errors? A little humility is needed by each of us if we are going to be open to hear one another, it is also needed if we are going to be open to hear God.

Peace, Fr. Nick

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 4:15-16

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ALL SOULS DAY – Monday, 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 7:00pm 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.

Book of Remembrance

As the month of November approaches, please know that we will be praying in a special way for all of our loved ones who have died. There will be sheets of paper at the doors on which we encourage you to write the names of family members and friends who have died. These sheets will be collected into our Book of Remembrance, and brought forward at Mass on All Souls Day, Monday, November 2nd so that we may pray for them with devotion, and remember them with love.

October 25, 2020 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

EX 22:20-26; PS 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 THES 1:5C-10; MT 22:34-40

Today's readings are all about the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.



Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets, as well as the purpose of all

God's laws, in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments.

He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love.

Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life's work of every "grown-up."



Something wonderful has been happening right here at Assumption Parish! God has been at work, doing what God does: calling people into a relationship with Him. This weekend at the 8:00 am Mass we celebrated God's action among us with a ritual called the Combined Rite of

Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and Rite of Welcoming the Candidates for Full Communion.

This ritual involves us all. Seven have come to this community of faith, seeking God. Over many weeks they have met Jesus the Christ, whom we know to be God's revelation. They have heard Christ's stories, and have felt the Spirit move them to respond to his call to leave old ways behind and to come and follow him. They know only some things about Christ and the Church. But this they know: they are ready to follow Him and to learn how to do that as Roman Catholics.

So, for we who are the people entrusted with their care and formation, this means that we accept them robustly today as children of God, that we live lives that permit the Gospel to shine through, and that we openly share RCA with them our ministries, our faith in Christ and our prayer.



St. Francis . . . Pillar of Prayer

October 25, 2020



"For thus says the Lord: When

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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

Society of St. Vincent De Paul needs your help this Christmas! **Neighbors In Need Christmas Day**

Our SVDP is again sponsoring a Christmas program for our neighbors in need and our homeless clients that will take place on December 12th. We all know that 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone. So, *please* know that all donations of any kind will be GREATLY APPRECIATED. If you are not attending Mass in person but would like to help, we can assist you



online, by phone or we will pick up any donations as well. There are several ways that you can help those in need!

GIVING TREE GIFTS - Our giving trees will be up and filled with gift needs. November 21-29. If you are still feeling a little uncomfortable. we will also have a giving tree located outdoors.

ADOPT A FAMILY OR SENIOR - If you feel that your family or organization would like to adopt a family - WE NEED YOU!! Please see the form on the next (perforated) page. -

Our **Neighbors In Need** lack the necessities that we often take for granted. When they pick up their items from the Adopt-A-Family or Giving Tree, they are invited to walk through the hall and choose a gift for themselves and/or one to give. If we have enough donations, they are able to pick up other *needed* items. Below are some ideas of items to help our Neighbors in Need.

STOCK THE HOUSE ITEMS - New items (unwrapped) such as: family games, lamps, Kitchen or bath towels, blankets or comforters, tool sets, hardware mini kits, hand mixers, crockpots, pillows, batteries, sheet sets, inexpensive prepaid phones for homeless, phone cards.

TWEEN GIFT ITEMS (Teen Items) - There is always a large need for: comfy sleep pants, ear buds, phone chargers, power banks, sports balls, lotion sets, earphones, gift cards, teen games.

ALSO COLLECTING any new or used wrapping paper and/or wrapping supplies that you would like to clear out. We try to give our families some 'wrapping supplies' for their families gifts.

PLEASE KNOW.... We do offer 'no contact' PICK UP at your home, or you can drop items in the



Week at a Glance

Mass Times/Intentions

Readings

Reconciliation

SVDP bin in Church. Whatever you feel comfortable with ... We are happy to assist in any way!

All Christmas Program info, including links and Adopt-A-Family forms, are now on the parish website! Questions or to set up a donation pick up, please contact Tammy Young at 314-603-2395 or styoung6@aol.com. Thank you so much to all of our generous parishioners!!



MONDAY 10.26.20

TUESDAY 10.27.20

6:30am Helen Copeland 8:00am Joseph & Susan McHugh

1st Reading: Eph 4:32-5:8 Gospel: Lk 13:10-17

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

6:30am Shannon Bafaro 8:00am Tom Swoboda

1st Reading: Eph 5:21-33 Gospel: Lk 13:18-21

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

WEDNESDAY 10.28.20

6:30am Sr Audrey Hemsath CPPS 8:00am Glennon Hibbeler

1st Reading: Eph 2:19-22 Gospel: Lk 6:12-16_ 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment

St. Francis ... Pillar of Prayer

October 25, 2020

SVDP Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program



Sponsor Form ~ Please return by November 7th

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 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 7th!

Thank you so much for your generous help!

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THURSDAY 10.29.20	FRIDAY 10.30.20	SATURDAY 10.31.20	SUNDAY 11.1.20
6:30am Sr Rosemary Russell CPPS 8:00am William Kaufhold	6:30am Eileen Loeffler 8:00am Norma Jezik	9:00am Georgia Bauer 5:00pm Mildred & Ignatius Budziloski	8:00am Mark Henke 10:00am Jim Herr 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm William Kaufold
1st Reading: Eph 6:10-20 Gospel: Lk 13:31-35	1st Reading: Phil 1:1-11 Gospel: Lk 14:1-6	1stReading: Phil 1:18b-26 Gospel: Lk 14: 1, 7-11	1st Reading: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 2nd Reading: Jn 3:1-3

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

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4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment

PRAYER: A heart to

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Gospel: Mt 5:1-12a

St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service

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

Youth Formation

From the Principal's Pen **Blessing Bags**

During the past weeks, our 4th grade classes have

been discussing service and how to help others, during Religion classes. Students and teachers brainstormed some ideas on ways they might help others in our community. "Blessing Bags" were decided upon, which required the students to bring in donations. Within days, our students had donations of toothpaste, deodorant, socks, and snacks.

Since these items were going to another group of people, students wore masks and gloves and assembled over fifty (50) hygiene bags and over fifty (50) snack bags! These bags will be handed out, by a volunteer, to the homeless in downtown St. Louis. I am so proud of the hard work and compassion our Assumption 4th graders displayed and the generosity of their families in donating items for our bags. As St. Francis said, "It is through

giving that we receive", and our students live their faith giving generously and without expectation.

Adoration and 1st Graders

Pope Benedict XVI recommended that children be taught to appreciate spending time in the presence of the Eucharist as part of their preparation for First Communion. Likewise, Pope Francis has used Matthew's verse, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them; for it is

such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs", (Mt 19:14) to promote having children attend Eucharistic Adoration. The first week of each month our students attend Eucharistic Adoration. Of course, this year is a bit different, so last week students watched a video that explained what Adoration is and why it is important for the faithful to adore the Blessed Sacrament. Then, today students from each grade level went to the Chapel for adoration for children. Adoration prayer can be done in several ways: Meditative Prayer, Contemplative Prayer, and silent conversation with Jesus are common practices, as is saying the rosary. But Eucharistic Adoration can also be as simple as just sitting and soaking up God's love in the presence of Jesus.

Assumption's mission statement identifies the importance of faith and faithful action:

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Elementary School, united in Christ and guided by the spirit of our Blessed Mother, is rooted in the Gospel message of love and acceptance. In educating the whole person, "Mind, Body, and Spirit" we transform each student through the power of faith and

knowledge, inspiring each to bring Christ to the world.

Our school's first purpose is transforming each student through the power of faith and inspiring each student to bring Christ to the world. How do we bring about this transformation? Having our students experience a strong, faith based curricular education.

Surprise, it's Officer Carlsen!

When entering the part-time Pre-K 4's class today, there was "Officer" Carlsen, teaching a small group of her students. They began with the weather person, a little girl, walking to the window and explaining what she saw. The teacher, Officer Carlsen, recorded the information using her pictures of sun, blue sky, and wind. Then, the calendar person, stood and was asked to identify what month it was, what day it was (Monday, Tuesday, etc.) and lastly, what the date for today was. As the student spoke, the others, seated in a group, listened and watched as the officer pointed to the month name, day, and date.

Because this week is "People who help the Community Week", Mrs. Deanna Carlsen, our new part-time Pre-Kindergarten teacher, chose to introduce the week's activities by dressing as a police officer. As the day progressed, students learned about the police, talked about how they help our community, and how important they are to all people.

Thanks for reading about our school! Pat Hensley









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Sunday, October 25th. Life Night Glow in the Dark 9-Square Torunament

All teens are invited to come and see what the Life Teen family is all about in a fun, dynamic night of glow in the dark competitive fun! Expect fun, tasty snacks, community, and an opportunity to grow in relationship with others and with our incredible God. Bring a friend or three! Don't miss this fun evening! We can't wait to see you there.

Mass at 5:30 pm Life Night from 6:30-8:15pm ~ We will meet in Hall C

Wednesday, October 28th. Hang Out @ LT HQI

Come and check out the entirely renovated Life Teen Headquarters (formerly known as the West House)! Teens, LT HQ is a place for you to come relax and have a snack, do some homework, reconnect with friends, core members, and youth ministry staff. **LT HQ will be open from 6 – 8pm**

SAVE THE DATE III December 4-6**Assumption Life Teen Winter Retreat

Teens: you're invited on an incredible weekend with the Assumption Life Teen family! So much of our world and our lives are lived half-awake BUT the good news of the Gospel is that God desires so much more for us than that! Expect a retreat weekend filled with great food, impactful stories, crazy



12/4-6/20



good fun, powerful prayer, s'mores, the Sacraments and so much more! **Retreat will be held at High Hill Christian Camp, Cost: \$100.** Retreat packets available on the website & in the parish office. Scholarships available upon request.

Due to COVID-19, our Life Nights look different than they normally would as our highest

priority is the holiness and health of our teens. Here are the measures we are taking:

• All Life Nights are held in a socially distant manner. Teens may only share a sitting space with a sibling or friend they have regularly been in contact with.

• In the event of rain, we will be in the Hall and spread out in a socially distant manner.

• All teens must wear a mask any time they are inside a building or if an activity requires movement.

Hand sanitizer is always available.

Have a question? Becky Whitaker, Director of Youth Ministry

636-240-3721 ext. 243 OR *becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com*. Connect with us on Instagram: @assumption_life_teen

Youth Formation

October 25, 2020

This Advent, Assumption Parish will be giving out a special gift to help ignite a deeper spiritual journey through Advent and Christmas!

The bundle includes music by The Vigil Project, reflections by Fr Dave Pivonka TOR, and a devotional companion booklet for you and your family or small group. <u>We only have 500 copies of this amazing bundle</u>, so please RSVP if you would like to take advantage of this special gift. Reserve your copy to Ann Knichel at: annknichel@att.net or 636-240-3721 Ext. 333. Make this Advent and Christmas one like never before!

A JOURNEY THROUGH Advent & Christmas

A FREE GIFT FOR YOU THIS ADVENT!

MUSIC & REFLECTIONS PRESENTED BY:





October 25, 2020

St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service

The family of Joseph Pham would like to thank Fr. Nick and the Assumption staff and parish for their help and support with the funeral Mass for Joseph. We truly appreciate the kindness from our parish family!

Family of Joseph Pham



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Peggy Boyd Of our parish family

Larry Meece Brother in law of Mike Boyd

Russel Eggering Brother of Norma Prinster

Karen Elaine Tubb Mother of Michelle Enriquez

All are Welcome, Every TUESDAY!

Please come and pray for peace and special intentions. The Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions; Tuesdays at 6:15pm in the Chapel. Thank you Fr. Nick, for the beautiful Mass and for the stories you mentioned about Jim (Schweigert). Our family appreciates the kindness and support of Assumption parish. Thank you also to the pianist and vocalist for the wonderful music!

Family of James Schweigert

Assumption Blood Drive! Sunday, November 8, 9:00am – 1:30pm

Assumption Parish will be hosting another blood drive and you are encouraged to consider making a donation of the *Gift of Life*. Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the parish hall on Nov. 8, 9:00am – 1:30pm. If you have not donated blood since September 13, you are eligible to donate. Donations must be by appointment only to accommodate social distancing. All donors are eligible to receive a gift card or a retro inspired T-Shirt.

During this challenging time, many blood drives are being cancelled. YOUR donation is more important than ever 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. Questions? Please call Mississippi Valley rep., Terry Deters at 314-852-3842. OR Mary Anne Robinson at 636-541-2823 to assist with scheduling.



Next Date November 6

Curb Side Pickup Only ~ 5-7 pm. Call ahead to order; 636-281-9223 or 717-919-7558 OR Order on-line with a credit card: knights-of-columbus-council-2269.square.site

Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

	October 11, 2020		7/1/2020 - 10/11/2020	
Envelopes (254) & Checks	\$	23,410	\$	297,917
Loose	Ś	98	\$	1,461
Electronic	Ś	15,844	\$	167,112
Total	\$	39,352	\$	466,490



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

Needed to sustain our mission \$526,500

Loan Balance as of 8/31/2020: \$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



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Holy Family...Pillar of Formation



For the month of September, the O'Fallon-based Pooper Troopers did a diaper drive in coordination with KMOV-TV and Aldi Grocery Stores, benefiting the St. Louis Crisis Nursery. During that time, the Pooper Troopers were able to raise over 312,000 diapers!

The storage of the diapers is provided for FREE by St. Peter Church in St. Charles, but said storage is located up three flights of stairs. On two different occasions, a large group of young men and women from Assumption School helped transfer all 300,000 diapers up the three flights of stairs! This couldn't have been accomplished without their amazing hearts, spirit and time. *MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED*!!!

Though the official diaper drive is finished, it isn't too late to help. If you would like to donate diapers, please visit *www.poopertroopers.org* and donate via Amazon for direct delivery to the Crisis Nursery. For more information please contact Justin Emge at Pooper Troopers C: 636.485.0440 or *justin@poopertroopers.org*





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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.



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

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