Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11



11.13.2021

Saturday | 9AM-4PM | Assumption Church Halls B & C

Have you ever wondered: "What are my God Given 'gifts'? " "Where is God calling me to serve?"

Jane Guenther, Director of the Catholic Renewal Center for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, will be guiding us through a day of small talks, reflections, and prayer! We will take a spiritual gifts assessment & have small table sharing! You don't want to miss this!

~Breakfast and lunch included!

RSVP Today! Jeannette Hamann abvmjeannette@yahoo.com or (636)240-3721 ext 247



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.



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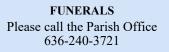
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INITIATION of ADULTS (RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For more information, call Missy Lowrey 314-630-3983.

RITE of CHRISTIAN







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 2^{nd} grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

Sacraments/Other Information

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Hello,



Well...today is Halloween, tomorrow is All Saints Day, and Tuesday is All Souls Day. I think most of us know how they are related to some degree. Fall is a time of year many associate with death and

Halloween, which was first a Celtic holiday in which it was thought that the dead returned to earth. Christianity considered this would be a good day to celebrate All Saints Day and Pope Gregory III established it on November 1st, around the year 1000 A.D. All Souls Day would begin to be celebrated on November 2nd, using some of the common aspects to teach about Christianity and our beliefs on life after our death.

As we think of these holidays, I would ask you to think about how you celebrate them. On All Saints Day we go to Mass (a holy day of obligation most years, but since it falls on a Monday this year it is not). On All Souls Day we might go to a cemetery and visit the grave of a relative or someone we know, or reflect on those we know who have died over this last year. In Mexico, along with some other cultures, they celebrate the Day of the Dead. Most of us probably have deepest memories as children of going trick-or-treating on Halloween. Even that practice has changed as many of us have seen the treats go from fruit or baked goods, to pennies and popcorn balls, to candy and then candy bars. Trick-or-treating itself really only started around the 1940's to 1950's. If you read some of the history you can see how it developed through the decades and centuries. I even saw comments about why jokes may be said (which I never heard of before moving to St. Louis).

I think it is good to recognize some of these changes in our celebration as we consider how we celebrate All Souls Day. As a priest one of the ways that I can celebrate All Souls Day is to celebrate three Masses on that day; one for a particular intention, another for all the faithful departed, and a third for the intention of the pope. While this still can be a good practice, it was much more common before Vatican II, when priests did not concelebrate Masses. They would then often be at side altars in churches celebrating some of these Masses with only a server in attendance. After Vatican II, and the focus on the active participation in the celebration of the entire congregation was given greater emphasis, this practice has dropped off. As I mentioned, many used to visit specific graves in cemeteries on this day, but people also used to take care of the grounds in the cemetery themselves, making visiting the cemetery a regular practice. The perpetual care we have at most cemeteries now changes that, the grounds are kept in consistently good condition, but it is harder to establish the practice of going to visit the grave. So what do we do instead?

As our Halloween practices have changed, we realize we haven't just abandoned the holiday but it has adjusted to fit our lives today. Consider what ways we can continue to remember, give honor to, and pray for the dead in our lives today. Having something from them in our homes that reminds us to remember them, remembering the anniversary of their death on our digital calendars so we are reminded each year, or as we celebrate All Souls Day setting aside a special way to pray for them that day. As we begin November let us always remember to keep our deceased loved ones in our prayers, and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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St. Francis . . . Pillar of Prayer



"For thus savs 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 4 Me. Yes, when 0 you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me ... " Jeremiah 29:10-13

'Mass Confusion' A Pastoral Workshop on the Catholic Mass

Beginning Thursday, November 11th, and then for the next two following Thursdays (excluding Thanksgiving Day) we will meet in the Meyer Room of the Parish Center to explore the wonders of the Catholic Mass. These workshops will run 7:00 -8:30pm. So, if you're confused about the meaning of the Mass, or find the Mass boring, or just want to learn something you were unaware of before, make plans to join us as we take a pastoral overview of the meaning of the Catholic Mass. To reserve your place at this workshop please call the parish office during normal business hours at (636) 240-3721, and leave your name and the total number attending with you. Seating will be limited.

ALL SOULS' DAY Tuesday, November 2nd

All Souls' 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. **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

As November approaches, please know that we will be praying in a special way for all of our loved ones who have died. There are 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, Tuesday, November 2nd so that we may pray for them with devotion, and remember them with love.

Assumption Blood Drive – Coming Soon!



Week at a Glance

Assumption Parish is hosting another blood drive and you are encouraged once again to consider making a donation of the Gift of Life. You may donate if you have had COVID-19, if you are at least 14 days symptom free. There is no deferral period after receipt of the COVID vaccine. With the current critical need for all blood types, ImpactLife (formerly Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center) will be in the parish center on Sunday, November 14, 9:00am – 1:30pm, and we look forward to welcoming you there! If you have not donated blood since September 19, you are eligible to donate at this drive. Donations must be by appointment only to accommodate social distancing.

You may go to www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org (use sponsor code 9007) to schedule an appointment; or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401 for assistance in scheduling. Please visit www.bloodcenter.org for information about COVID-19 protocols relating to blood donations. ImpactLife representative, Terry Deters, is also available to answer any questions you may have about donating, 314-852-

3842. Parish coordinator, Mary Anne Robinson, can also be reached at 636-541-2823 to assist with scheduling.

This year, All Saints Day falls on a Monday (Nov. 1st), and it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

WEDNESDAY 11.03.21 MONDAY 11.01.21 **TUESDAY 11.02.21** Mass Times/Intentions 6:30am LaVerne Schneider 6:30am Mary Elizabeth Remiger 6:30am Sr. Timothy Cullen, CPPS 8:00am Andrew Janosik 8:00am John Rothermich 8:00am John Hooker, Sr. 7:00pm Donna Hoermann Readings 1st Reading: Rv 7:2-4,9-14 1st Reading: Wis 3:1-9 1st Reading: Rom 13:8-10 2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-3 2nd Reading: Rom 5:5-11 Gospel: Lk 14:25-33 Gospel: Mt 5:1-12 Gospel:Mt 5:1-12 7:30 - 7:50am Church 7:30 - 7:50am Church 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment Reconciliation Or by appointment Or by appointment

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Assumption Adoration Chapel

Adoration is available 24/7 in the old church by using the code at the north transit entrance. EXPOSITION on Tuesday begins after the 8:00 am Mass and through Rosary at 6:15 pm, followed by Perpetual Help devotions and Benediction to close. Please sign up at assumptionbym.weadorehim.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL FISH FRY! **NOVEMBER 5TH ~** 5:00-7:00pm *Curb Side Pickup Only **Call ahead to order:** 636-281-9223 or 636-409-1251 OR order on-line with a credit card: knights-of-columbus-council-2269.square.site Meals include *delicious*: cod, cat fish (or a combo), green beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert. \$12/meal, \$13 if paying with credit card. You can pay either with a credit card or cash. HERE IS THE PROCESS! ... Order ahead on our web-

site or by phone, and provide the following: cell phone number, desired time of pickup, catfish, cod or combo meal. Park in the church parking lot across from the Hall near the requested time of pickup and you will receive a call from K of C to come pick up your order on the upper parking lot of the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Or by appointment

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Or by appointment



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Helen Carrell Mother of Tom Carrell

The Assumption Legion of Mary

would like to offer the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe to visit your home. Spend a week with the image and let our Mother help her children at their time of need. For more information please contact Diane Donnelly (978) 223-8597 or at *dianedon63@gmail.com* or Kathy at (314) 308-7332, mikebsr8518@gmail.com

************** **Pray the Rosary Before** Weekend Masses:

Please join us in Church 30 minutes before each weekend Mass for the Rosary. We gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.



Or by appointment

THANK YOU to all who attended the 3 hour March for Life at the abortion clinic. We are so grateful for your support!

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

Eucharist"

7:10-16 24-28 Gospel: Mk 12:38-44 By appointment

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY

This year is the 40th Anniversary of Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary, appearing in Medjugorje. Our Blessed Mother is still giving the visionaries messages every month. In every message she says, "Pray, Pray, Pray". We can do this. Every Tuesday evening, beginning at 6:15pm, Rosary, Perpetual Help Devotions, and Benediction with Fr. Nick or Deacon Richard are held in the Chapel along with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Think about our world situation and then please come to "Pray, Pray".



THURSDAY 11.04.21	FRIDAY 11.05.21	SATURDAY 11.06.21	SUNDAY 11.07.21
6:30am ABVM 8:00am Anna Rose Ballmann	6:30am Jerry Mennemeier 8:00am Helen Marie Copeland	8:00am Sr. Dory Obermann, CPPS 5:00pm People of the Parish	8:00am Margaret Peters 10:00am Mary Jane Hibbeler 12:00pm Ruth Ell 5:30pm Cathy Wise
1st Reading: Rom 14:7-12 Gospel: Lk 15:1-10	1stReading: Rom 15:14-21 Gospel: Lk 16:1-8	1st Reading: Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27 Gospel: Lk 16:9-15	1st Reading: 1 kgs 17:10-16
7:30 - 7:50am Church	7:30-7:50 am Church	4:00 - 4:45pm Church	2nd Reading: Heb 9:24-28 Gospel: Mk 12:38-44

St. Vincent de Paul ... Pillar of Service



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

From the Principal's Pen



There's nothing better that the Pumpkin Decorating Contest at Assumption. Halloween is always exciting for students. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.

Assumption's Student Council's annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest signals the Great Pumpkin is almost here! Each year, entries from K-8 grow in number and in cleverness. With over 100 entries for 2021, our Preschoolers had a difficult decision to make: which were the winners in each grade category.



Preschoolers looking at all the pumpkins!

On Monday, October 25, the preschoolers came to the main building entrance, where our "pumpkin tables" were lining the walls.

Below are some of the decorated pumpkins:

Captain Underpants



Pumpkin Girl in the Tub







On Friday, October 29th, the entire student body was invited to the Assumption's PTO Trunk or Treat on the parish center parking lot. Treats of all kinds were distributed from decorated cars with Pizza "car-parties" running all evening. The parents and the "trick-or-treaters" had a great time thanks to the PTO who organized this event.

Thanks for reading about our school! Pat Hensley



Athletic Association Basketball signups just ended and we're looking forward to a successful season. If you would be interested in officiating for basketball, contact Mike Bardgett at mrbardgett@gmail.com.

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Happy October! It has been an incredible semester so far of fun, faith and community with Life Teen and our new EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry.

LIFE TEEN Here's what's going on this week.



October 31 - No Life Night: Fall Retreat There is no Life Night tonight as we will be returning from Fall Retreat! Please pray for us!!

November 2 - LT Alpha Youth, 6:30 - 8:30 pm in LT HQ

Fun, food, faith, and open discussion on the big questions of life continues each Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at LT HQ. Whether you're solid in our

Catholic beliefs and want to explore it more OR aren't sure where you're at with the Faith and have questions. Alpha is a safe place to talk about what matters.



November 3 - EDGE: Endgame, 6:00-7:30pm All 7th & 8th graders are invited to the EDGE our new middle school youth ministry program! In tandem with 7th & 8th grade PSR, EDGE seeks to foster community, joy, and getting to know Christ and the teachings of our faith in a powerful and dynamic way. On Wednesday, we complete our series on A Great Marvel – looking at virtue through the lens of Marvel superheroes. Middle schoolers. you can expect fun, games, real talk and the transformative power of our Catholic faith.



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Connect with us on Social Media: Instagram: @assumption life teen // @assumption edge Facebook: Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE



Have a question? Contact Becky Whitaker, Director of Youth Ministry 636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com

150th Anniversary Gray Sweatshirts and T-shirts



Available in the Parish Office! **Adult Sizes only**





HOSPITALITY: Christian

Kindness

"We are ALL hospitality

ministers"

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 11th. As we begin our planning, we have included information below for our big, yearly event. All generous donations work in combination with the GIVING TREE, ADOPT A FAMILY and the CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. There are several ways that you can get involved to help those who greatly need our assistance this holiday season.

GIVING TREE GIFTS - Our Giving Trees will be up the end of November and filled with gift needs.

STOCK THE HOUSE shopping day - This will take place on December 11th.

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, towels, blankets or comforters, tool sets, hardware mini kits, hand mixers, crockpots, pillows, batteries, sheet sets, gift cards to purchase inexpensive prepaid phones for homeless.

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, Game Stop, Ulta or Target gift cards, teen games, jewelry and hair accessories.

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.

"TREAT TABLE" - This year we will be including a *Treat Table* for our Neighbors in Need. Most do not have the ability or supplies to make holiday goodies, so if anyone would like to share some sweet treats with our NIN's this year, they would greatly appreciate it. (Cookies, pies, fudge, candies, etc.) The program date is Saturday, Dec.11th. If we could obtain the treats on Friday, Dec. 10th that would be great. You can drop them at the Parish Center while we are setting up, or at the parish office, OR we could have someone pick up donations if you need assistance. Thank you!!

ALSO COLLECTING any NEW wrapping paper, bows, rolls of tape and small holiday decorations. We try to provide a small amount of wrapping supplies and a few decorations for those in need.

PLEASE KNOW.... We do offer 'no contact' PICK UP at your home, or you can drop items in the SVDP bin in Church. Whatever you feel comfortable with ... We are happy to assist in any way!

> Questions or to schedule a donation pick up, please contact Tammy Young at 314-603-2395 or styoungblaaol.com. Thank you so much to all of our generous parishioners!!



Christmas Program info, including links and Adopt-A- Family forms, are now on the parish website!

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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 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 7th!

Thank you so much for your generous help!

Your name:	
Address:	
Phone Number: ()	
You are:IndividualFamily/group Business	
(Name:)	
You/Group would like to sponsor: A family w/children A senior No preference	
The maximum number of family members you would like in your sponsored family	
Please drop off your form at the Assumption Parish Office <i>or</i> drop in the collection basket at Mass. Completed forms due by November 7th.	- Age
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If you Have any questions or need more information, please call:

Betty at 636-795-0406 OR Pat at 636-385-6462.

Our Gifts to God and Parish

Weekly Offertory	October 17, 2021		
Actual Collections Budget Target Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$ \$ \$	29,043 <u>30,000</u> <u>(957)</u>	\$ \$ \$
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The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12) We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)

WARDSHIP

We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36) God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20) TITHING

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

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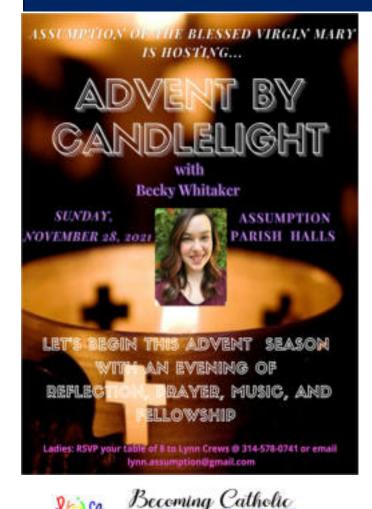


"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

> - 1 Peter 4:10

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Men, once bound in the grips of evil, John Sablan walks us through his dramatic and inspirational testimony. Only a miraculous deliverance and outpouring of God's mercy and grace would be enough to triumphantly overcome the demons. This powerful session is one you don't want to miss! See you this week and bring a friend, Come Join us for... "That Man is You!" This Saturday, Nov 6th, in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building. Our start time is 7:15am with Breakfast and after a short video and table discussion. Contact Deacon Richard at DeaconRichard@charter.net or by cell at 314-397-2433 for more information.



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

- Ephesians

4:15-16

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Let's reflect on what the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming Means to our Candidates and Catechumens. The Church joyfully welcomes today those who will be received into the order of catechumens. In the months to come they will prepare for their initiation into the Christian faith by baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. We also greet and welcome our Candidates already one with us by baptism, who wish to complete their Christian initiation through confirmation and the Eucharist or to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Not only are they welcomed into our community but they are signed with the cross on various parts of their bodies. This is done by their sponsors. Our sponsors, along with team, have determined that they are ready to move forward in their journey. So what happens in this rite? Sponsors make the sign of the cross on their eyes, that they may see the glory of God; their lips, that they may respond to the Word of God; their heart, that Christ might dwell there by faith; their shoulders, that they may bear the gentle yoke of Christ; their hands, that Christ may be known in the work they do; and their feet, that they may walk in the way of Christ. Now we are dismissed from Mass to go and reflect more on the Word of God.

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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. CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS Assumption Church #083750 403 N. Main Street O'Fallon, MO 63366

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