Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

October 9, 2022



Saturday, Oct. 15 • 4 to 10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 • 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Haunted Hayrides on Saturday • Live Music • Inflatables Kids Games • Funnel Cake • Quilt Raffle • Wine & Beer Cotton Candy • 50/50 • Adult Games • Country Store Cakewalk • Traditional Hayrides on Sunday • Barrel Rides

Live Musical Performances:

Music by Mandalyn 4–6 p.m. and Almost Famous 7–10 p.m., Saturday Cole Blue Steel takes the stage from 1–5 p.m., Sunday



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Hello,

You may have noticed last weekend, if you were at the 5pm Saturday Mass, that I sent one of the servers to say something to someone during the Mass. I was just reminding the ushers that we were supposed to begin our annual Mass Counts last weekend. We are counting how many attend each of our Sunday Masses over a three week period to get an average. This can be useful in verifying our perceptions of how full different Masses are at times and also to see how things change from year to year. Especially in the last four years since I have been at Assumption, we have had wild changes in the numbers due to COVID, when we couldn't gather for a while, and then the obligation for Sunday Mass wasn't in effect, and seeing how we are now.

Our attendance over the last 4 years has been:

 Year
 2019
 2020
 2021
 2022

 Attendance
 1914
 953
 1528
 1700 (first weekend)

As you can see, our attendance is getting back towards what it was before COVID, but not quite there (we will see what the next two weeks bring). This is important to note because I don't believe there are many people who have not come back to public Masses anymore simply out of concern for getting or spreading COVID. We probably have a few each week who currently have COVID or still might be contagious and so are appropriately not gathering with us, but I doubt those number 200.

Some people probably got out of the habit of going to Sunday Mass while the virus was spreading and the dispensation was in place. Others, I have heard speculated more consciously, and have decided that they didn't need to go over that lengthy period, so why should they need to go now?

I bring up this topic this weekend because we are conducting our Mass Counts, but also because we have our All Things New Listening Sessions this week. This is pertinent not only because the number of people in a parish, the weekly Mass attendance, and how big the church is, are all factors that need to be considered when looking at the practical concerns of merging parishes. It is also an opportunity for the primary purpose behind All Things New to come forth; becoming a more evangelical Church. It is great, but can be challenging at times, to be evangelical in going out and bringing God's Word to those who have never been to Church. However, it can be much easier to simply invite people back, we may already know very well, who for whatever reasons no longer are coming. They might be neighbors, family members, friends, school families, people who are on soccer or volley-ball teams with your kids. It might even be someone that you always saw at the Mass you attended and now you don't see in 'their pew', that you could invite back.

We are not a church of numbers, but those numbers represent people, and we are a church of people. Why not take the opportunities to show that care by taking the opportunity to let someone know that they are missed?

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."

Adult Formation

Assumption Fall Festival! MANY Donations Needed

CAKE WALK Donations: We need handmade and store bought cake donations, as well as Hostess favorites, Cosmic Brownies, Zebra Cakes, Entemanns baked goods, etc. Questions? Please call Ann Gessert, 314-322-5696.

Spirit Wagon Donations: Drop off donations of liquor, beer and wine at the parish office!

Dessert Stand Donations: We need your favorite pies, brownies, cookies, and sweet treats.

Kids Games Donation ~ Three ways to donate!

Shop Amazon and have your purchased items delivered directly to the Games Captains. Here is the Amazon wish list, **QR code:**

Purchase candy bars and drop them off at parish or school office.

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Donate cash and we'll do the shopping! Questions? Call Vanessa Markelz at 618-980-8817.

Country Store Donations ~ The Country Store is back! We are in NEED of MANY homemade tasty treats (of any kind) such as breads, candies and jams to be donated A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE festival! We're also looking for NEW seasonal decorations (or VERY gently used) for any season!! Drop these items in the prefunction area of the parish center, in the orange bins. Questions? Please call Lisa Serino at 314-479-1097.



Raffle tickets available in THIS bulletin. Cut them out and return with your money, to the parish office!



Pastoral Care & Community Life Associate Director

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon are looking for a Pastoral Care & Community Life Associate Director. This individual works to enhance life for the individual CPPS Sisters living at Villa Theresa and Abbey Senior Health, deepen sisterhood and a sense of mission, promote CPPS values, and keeps the individual Sister involved in congregational life as appropriate for each. This position is a full-time salaried position. Please send resumes to Sr. Helene Cooke at https://hooke@collaborativegovernance.org.

THIS WEEKEND! October 8/9

St Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Weekend We Need You!

This is the time of year that our backup supplies tend to run low and is just before the Scouting For Food drive in November replenishes our stock. Understandably we've had increased calls for food from our neighbors in need. We are currently low on the following food and non-food items:

Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper, tuna in pouches and pull top cans (which our homeless clients find useful), canned ham, canned fruits (pears, oranges), raisins, applesauce, boxes of cereal, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent.



Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be handing out free tootsie rolls on October 8th and 9th after each Mass. We ask for a donation and any money collected goes to help kids with Special Needs. Half of the money will go the Knights Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon and the other half goes to Community Living off of Tom Ginnever. Can't afford a donation, feel free to take one and say a prayer for all the kids and their parents we help!



"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..."

IN INVING MEMORY

Catherine Fitzpatrick Sister-In-Law of Paul Fitzpatrick

Paul England
Nephew of Jeanette Huffman



RCIA Sessions are in full swing!

God is amazing!



"I believe in Jesus Christ, his (God the Father's) only Son, our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary." Where have we heard this before? Admitting that such a truth—similar to every other revealed truth—can be justly apprehended only by faith, we are conscious that we are dealing with —the rational deference due to faith. To strengthen such faith this weekend our catechesis will concentrate on the mystery of the God -Man. all I have is yours and all you have is mine" (Jn 17:10), which amounts to saying, "The Father and I are one" (Jn 10:30). EWTN.com Reflections: Why did God become man? What does it mean to have a relationship with God? When God made Man he made us "in his image" (Gen. 1:26-28). How will you show your God-like side this week?

October is Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month, during which Catholics in the Archdiocese of

St. Louis and around the nation come together to serve as witness to the dignity of every human life.

We are excited to share that the Respect Life Apostolate was able to purchase a billboard with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Thank you to all who support our ministry!

- ⇒ Sunday, October 9 Respect Life Dinner with guest speaker Bishop Joseph Streckland.
- ⇒ Questions or for a ride to the event? Call Sylvia at 636-978-8803

Catholic Woman of the Year Nomination: MICHELLE ENRIQUEZ





Please join Fr. Nick and all the Assumption Parish family in congratulating our own Michelle Enriquez for her nomination for Catholic Woman of the Year. Michelle, along with approximately 20 women from across the Archdiocese, where honored by Archbishop Roszinski for their lives of service on September 25th.

Congratulations Michelle!



Queen of Hearts. Every Tuesday, 5:00pm. Knight of Columbus Hall, 202 W. Third St.

Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

MONDAY 10.10.22

6:30am John Flavin 8:00am Alma Pratt

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

TUESDAY 10.11.22

6:30am Salome Mueller 8:00am Ronnie Cross

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

WEDNESDAY 10.12

6:30am Richard & Maryann Smythe 8:00am Selma Boschert

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

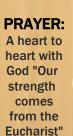
ALL THINGS NEW



Assumption Listening Sessions!

Listening Sessions for All Things New are coming up this Monday, Oct. 10th and Wednesday, Oct. 12th from 6-8pm. Register for our listening sessions by scanning this **QR code**, or go on line at https://bit.ly/ListeningSessionsRegistration. If you can't register online you can stop in or call the parish office at 636-240-3721. The same information will be shared at each session so there is no need to attend both.





To help prepare for the listening sessions Parish Workbooks, meant to equip us with data about the Archdiocese of St. Louis, our local planning area, and our specific parish are posted on https://bit.ly/AssumptionParishWorkbook, or scan this QR code.

Some discussion will be held at the meeting. However, the primary opportunity for parishioners to provide open-ended feedback will be through an online survey. The survey will remain open until December 31, 2022.

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.

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!

Our Annual Stewardship Renewal 2022!

<u>THANK YOU</u> to all of you who have turned in your Commitment Cards. If you haven't yet, there is still time! PLEASE drop them in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

How Do I fill my Stewardship Commitment Card? Please pray through these areas:

In the category of Time, you can make commitments to spend more time with God in prayer. Prayer is the most important part of being a good steward, because when our relationship with God is strong, we are much better able to use our gifts and resources to help our parish and The Church.

In the category of Talent, you can either recommit yourself to your current ministry/s, or sign up for new ones. Our goal is for each of us will use our gifts and skills in service for others.

In the category of Treasure, we are asking everyone to commit to giving a specific percentage of their income to the offertory each week or month for the next year. We are asking everyone to commit to giving half of their tithe— 5% of income—to the parish. If this is something new to you, pray with your family about what you can do.

THURSDAY 10.13.22

6:30am Shirley Mannion 8:00am Anthony & Ruth Ell

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

FRIDAY 10.14.22

6:30am Vacations to PH and RL 8:00am Norbert & John Rothermich

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

SATURDAY 10.15.22

8:00am Selma Boschert 5:00pm Ed Stevens

4:00-4:50pm Or by appointment

SUNDAY 10.16.22

8:00am Deceased Members of the Prinster Family 10:00am People of the Parish 12:00pm Jim Meece 5:30pm Clarence Thessen By Appointment

From the Principal's Pen



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Celebrating St. Francis of Assisi – The Blessing of Pets

St. Francis of Assisi was born in the 12th century, lived in Italy, and founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, and the Third Order of Saint Francis for men and women not able

to live the lives of preachers. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor, his willingness to minister to the lepers, and for his love for animals and nature. He is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment.

Thanks to our school's Faith Formation Team, led by Ann Marie Quan, the blessing service was developed and included an invocation, song, blessing, and benediction. Assumption used its Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom as the location where pets of our students and of those in the community gathered. Deacon Richard Tadlock, presider, used the glorious70 degree mid-day, to celebrate with the 450+ people in attendance. All students in Mrs. Cook's third grade, took part in reading the "Creation Story" as part of the service. Dogs, cats, fish, and lizards (all leashed or caged) filled the area, enjoying their owners and time with students. Even our therapy dog, Crusader joined in the blessing, having a blast with all of his 'human" school friends.

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.

You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land.

You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters.

We ask you to bless these pets.

By the power of your love, enable each to live according to your plan.

May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation

Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.





Crusader



Blessings, Pat Hensley

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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! Thank you for your generosity in participating in our Big Board Fundraiser! Thank you for partnering with us to reach teens for Christ and His

Church. You make it possible for us to continue our mission of leading teens closer to Christ and we are forever grateful.

Sunday, October 9 ~ Life Night: Satisfied. 6:30 - 8:30pm in Hall C
All teens are invited to join us as we complete our first series of Fall: More
Than Flesh and Bones, focusing on the dignity of the human person.
We will start with our LT Mass at 5:30pm - teens, please sit in the front
rows - then head downstairs for a great night of fun, food, and friendship.
If you've never been to Life Teen, tonight is a great night to come see what
we're all about! We would love to meet you.

Wednesday, October 12 \sim EDGE: Issue Night –Wonderfully Made 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Parish Center

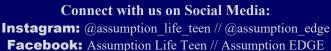
All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to join us for our Edge Middle School Ministry! Expect fun, community, and faith. During this night, we will focus in on the beautiful truth that we are made in the image and likeness of our God - we are created good! In a world that is always focused on earning our value, we'll see that our dignity can't be earned or taken away - it is given to us by our God. We can't wait to see you there!

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Save the Date:

October 15: Haunted Hayride at the Assumption Fall Festival November 18-20: Life Teen Fall Retreat March 3-5: Luke 18 Retreat







QUESTION? Contact Becky Whitaker, Dir of Youth Ministry
636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionIt@gmail.com

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A Success Story from Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Conference:

This summer we were able to assist a retired couple with several areas of need. Due to the need to replace tires on their car, they found themselves a little short on the amount needed for rent. The landlord informed us that these were reliable, responsible renters and asked if were also able to help them avoid having their vehicle towed. It seemed that they lacked the funds to pay for vehicle inspection and licensing, which meant the landlord would need to have the vehicle towed from the property. By working with a local auto repair facility for the inspection, it was determined that the vehicle, which had over 300,000 miles, was not worth the money required for the necessary repairs. Instead, we worked with the Car Purchase Program, available through the St. Louis Council office, and were able to purchase a lower-mileage vehicle for this Neighbor In Need. As there is no public transportation system in O'Fallon, this was invaluable for this couple. They now have a reliable vehicle that allows them to remain independent and avoid the expense of cab fare or ride services such as Uber. They greatly appreciated the assistance we were able to provide at their time of need.

Much thanks go to our Assumption Parishioners for the financial help they provided so we could make this a success story.

Peace,

Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Conference





"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



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



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.**

Our Gifts to God and Parish



7/1/2022 - 9/18/22 **Weekly Offertory September 18, 2022** The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12) 407.384 We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36) 29,126 **Actual Collections God Honors It** (Gen 14:18-20) \$ 463,000 35,000 **Budget Target** (55,616)**TITHING** \$ Surplus / (Shortfall) (5.874)

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school \$ 3,306,127 Original Loan Current balance owed \$ 1,054,471 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.

Assumption Fall Festival **50/50 Raffle!**

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4:15-16

in our lives, even before ourselves. Generosity means sharing all of your gifts, especially the ones that mean the most to you, including your money

See reverse for a personalized Giving Guide.

Deepen your commant with God by reflecting on these versus: I These alonians 5:16-18 - Isalah 6:6 - Matthew 6:21.

Athletic Association News

Basketball Signups (3rd - 8th grade - High School Boys) are NOW open through October 31st.

Watch the Athletic Association Facebook page for signup information.

St. Charles CYC is looking for volunteers for the following:

- Golf District Chair, Vice Chair, Course Manager
- Baseball / Softball District Chair

You have a charism, a spiritual gift, given to you by the Holy

an essential part of life of the Church.

Spirit. It must be nurtured to fulfill Christ's mission, and becomes

For more information, please contact Matt Maher (maherphine@gmail.com).

CYC is in need of officials for many sports. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us at assumptioncyc@gmail.com. We especially need ref's for basketball! Pay for 3rd - 4th grade games is \$25/game and 5-8th grade games will pay \$30/game.



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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 314-578.0741.

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