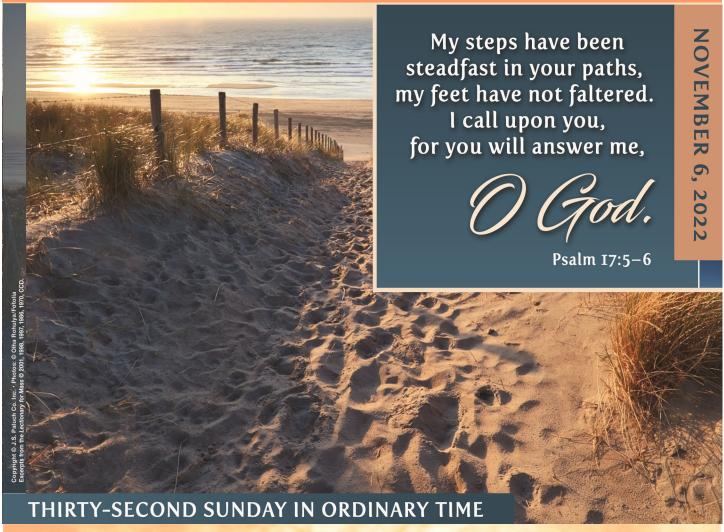
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

October 30, 2022



Sacraments and Parish Information



BAPTISM

Scheduled every Sunday at :15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



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.



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.



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.



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





FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2nd grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.



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Sunday Pre School

Hello,

they are being called to it.

Today we begin National Vocation Awareness Week. The Bishop's Conference (USCCB) specifically intends this to be a week to promote vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated (religious) life. I usually get a bit upset when people only consider clergy and religious when they talk about vocations, since the majority of people have a vocation to married life and others to single life. I also realize the necessity to give greater attention to clergy and religious life when it may not be something people are as familiar with and so they might not be able to recognize if

When I was growing up we had sisters teaching in my school as in many other schools, so it was not only a way that you could see a part of what their lives were at class, but also just have the ability to see them as people too, with individual personalities and characteristics. Most children grow up today, even having gone through Catholic schools or active in their parish throughout their childhood, and may never get to know a woman in religious life.

One of my uncles was a Capuchin, which is an order of Franciscan priests. I didn't see him that often as he served in different places such as Nicaragua, an Indian reservation in Montana, and for years in Saudi Arabia. As a child I remember him being very good at Ping-Pong and knowing a few magic tricks, but also being a very kind, soft-spoken, and humble man. I also learned the difference between religious and diocesan priests in that he didn't own anything himself but the priest at our parish did, (I think we might have gotten him a black umbrella for Christmas more than once). I got to know some other Capuchins I met through my uncle as well as a full variety of our parish priests from childhood on. I guess this gave me a little idea of what it would be like to be a priest, but just as important was to recognize the wide variety of people I knew who had been called to be priests and so when I thought I might be called it was something that I might also be called to even if I wasn't exactly like a certain priest.

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit." ~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II

As we celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week I hope we all are open to how God might call us, and realize that however that may be, we are meant to have joy in that calling.

Peace.

Fr. Nick

Hospitality Sunday TODAY! November 6th ~ TODAY...Join us in the Parish Center after our 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm Masses!! We are so excited to have donuts, bagels, coffee, milk, juice and lots of fellowship!!



"...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."



For those of you who did not attend the 8:00am Mass last weekend, an explanation of the Rite should be explained more in depth.



PRIEST: Catechumens, I ask your sponsors to sign you with your new way of life as catechumens (those to be baptized) Candidates will receive from your sponsors the sign of your life in Christ (already baptized).

PRIEST: Catechumens receive the sign of the cross on your forehead. It is Christ himself who now strengthens you with this sign of his love. Learn to know him and follow him. Candidates receive the cross on your foreheads as a reminder of you baptism into Christ's saving death and resurrection.

PRIEST: Receive the sign of the cross on your ears, that you may hear the voice of the Lord; Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes, that you may see the glory of God; Receive the sign of the cross on your lips, that you may respond to the word of God;

Receive the sign of the cross over your heart, that Christ may dwell there by faith; Receive the sign of the cross on your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ; Receive the sign of the cross on your hands, that Christ may be known in the work which you do. Receive the sign of the

cross on your feet, that you make walk in the way of Christ.

From the front of the church the celebrant then makes the sign of the cross over all the catechumens

and candidates saying:

PRIEST: I sign you with the sign of eternal life in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.









"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..."

Assumption Parish Presents:

'Celebrating Catholic Funeral Rites Not Wrongs'

~November 10th at 7:00pm~

Planning a funeral should not be seen as a burden, but rather as a gift to the person who dies. Please join Monsignor William McCumber, as he presents, *Funeral Rites Not Wrongs*, Thursday, November 10, at 7:00pm in Hall A of the Parish Center.

As expressed by Cardinal Benno Gut of the Congregation of Divine Worship, the Order of Christian Funerals has been the practice of the church not to simply commend the dead to God, but to raise high the hope of its children and to give witness to its own faith in the future resurrection of the baptized with Christ. Msgr. McCumber will discuss this pastoral expression in relation to the funeral rites of the Catholic church which include the vigil, liturgical celebration, and burial committal. Pre-planning of funerals, choosing readings, hymnody and discussing how family and friends might be involved in the funeral liturgy also will be discussed.

This one-night presentation is free and open to all ages. For more information or to register, please call the parish office at 636-240-3721.



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



Arthur Niebur
Husband of Thelma Niebur
Father of Lynett Hazell

Shirley Mackey
Mother of Mary Mackey

Assumption Adoration Chapel

Adoration at Assumption is available 24/7 in the old church by using the code at the North transit entrance. (please call the parish office for the code, 636-240-3721.)

EXPOSITION is on Tuesday and begins after the 8:00 am Mass. We are in need of Adorers at 2:00pm, 3:00pm & 4:00pm. Please sign up at assumptionbym.weadorehim.com.



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.

Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

MONDAY 11.07.22

6:30am Nancy McDonough 8:00am Tony Bange

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

TUESDAY 11.08.22

6:30am John Setzer 8:00am John and Evelyn Hooker

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

WEDNESDAY 11.09.22

6:30am Ram Becerra 8:00am Clarence Thessen

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

PRAYER:

A heart to

heart with

God "Our strength

comes

from the

Eucharist"



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 and 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!



DON'T MISS THIS!

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@bic.org

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experience this AWE-some weekend! Sign up TODAY!

THURSDAY 11.10.22 SATURDAY 11.12.22 SUNDAY 11.13.22 FRIDAY 11.11.22 6:30am Christine Hinton 6:30am Frank & Betty Ryan 8:00am People of the Parish 8:00am Joe Grivois 8:00am M.C. & Marge Gentemann 8:00am Oz & Wink Maher 5:00pm Allen Eise 10:00am Deceased members Legion of Mary 12:00pm John & Evelyn Hooker 5:30pm Clarence Thessen 7:30 - 7:50am Church 4:00-4:50pm 7:30 - 7:50am Church By Appointment Or by appointment Or by appointment Or by appointment

From the Principal's Pen

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

ASSUMPTION ENRICHMENT PROGRAM – Grades 2-5

Again, this year, Assumption will offer an Enrichment Program for students in Gr. 2-5. This program is run by Mrs. Tere Bowman, Learning Consultant each week for 20 minutes per grade level. The criterion used to pick which child would be asked to participate was based on ITBS Testing and teacher recommendation.

Most of the activities used are puzzles and games that rely on critical thinking skills and math. The Salamander Line-up involves placing salamanders on a square grid so that no salamander is in the same row or column as another salamander. It is a good puzzle for developing logical and reasoning skills.

This is an example of a Grade 4 exercise:

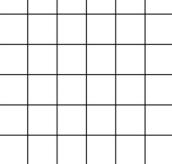


Place the 6 Captain Salamanders in the squares on the board so that no captain is in the same line (either horizontal, vertical or diagonal) as









How many ways can you do it?

2022 STUCO (Student Council) **Pumpkin Decorating Contest**

Again, this year, our Student Council organized a "Pumpkin Decorating Contest" for our students. They set categories for judging: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. The PreK students will select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from each category, and the Principal will also choose the "Principal's PICK".

Here are some of the wonderful entrees:



















During Hospitality Sunday, November 6th, we will have a Welcoming Table set up in the parish center after the 8am, 10am and Noon Masses to register and welcome anyone who would like to join our parish family. Please stop by our table so that we can help answer any questions about our parish or about the many ministries we offer here at Assumption. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741 or lynn.assumption@gmail.com.



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NEEDS
Kindergarten and
Pre-K kids!

We have a need for several younger kids to be sheep or bell ringers in this years show. If interested, please contact Ken Thornhill at 636-294-7920, or *gocurtis28@gmail.com*, or text 918-430-8035. The show is Tuesday and Wednesday, December 13th and 14th at 6:30pm...a few Sunday practices will be needed. Hope to hear from some of you soon!



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THANKSGIVING DAY 2022 Let's begin by celebrating Thanksgiving together! **Join us on Thursday, November 24**, and we will once again have a special Eucharistic celebration at **9:00am**. It is special in several ways. First, let this day be a reminder that "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving". Taking part in the Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day is a beautiful way to begin celebrating this holiday--we hope that you will join us.

We also invite you to bring gifts for the poor. These can be money or the usual items you bring for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. On this day, please **DO NOT** leave them at the St. Vincent de Paul Society Depository but bring them to your pews. At the time of the Presentation of the Gifts, you will be asked to bring your own gifts forward to bins that will be provided as a sign for us to see. The St. Vincent DePaul Society & Ushers/Greeters will be there to assist you.

Finally, you are invited to also bring something that you will be using at your own Thanksgiving Dinner or taking to someone else's. Let it be anything--cooked or uncooked, that you can handle easily. Again, bring this to your pew with you. During the Intercessions, you will be asked to hold up these items to be blessed. After Mass take them home with you to be used for your meal.

We hope that this will help to make a connection between the Lord's Table and your own feasting table. In this way you are bringing God's blessing to your own table and might even use this item to focus your meal prayer that day.

We do hope that you will join us as one family at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish to give *Thanks to God for all that He has done for us!* Please Note: There will not be a 6:30am Mass on Thanksgiving Day.



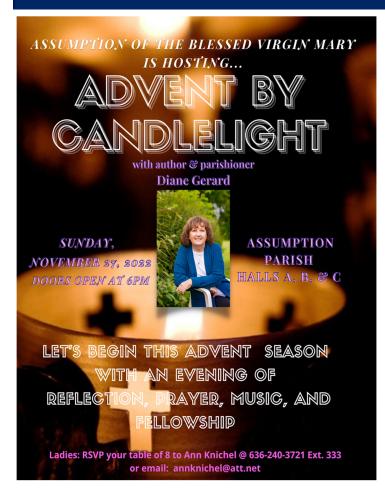


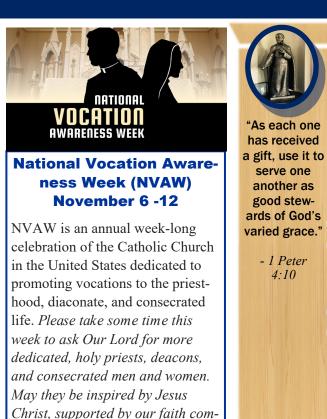




Connect with us on Social Media:
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Facebook: Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

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





munity, and respond generously to

God's gift of their vocation.

Assumption Blood Drive – Coming in November!

Assumption Parish will be hosting another blood drive and you are encouraged once again to consider making a donation of the Gift of Life. ImpactLife will be in the parish hall on Sunday, November 20th, 9:00am - 1:30pm, and we look forward to welcoming you there! If you have not donated blood since September 25, you are eligible to donate at this drive. Donations must be by appointment only to accommodate social **distancing.** To schedule go to https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/ drive schedule/114347, scan the QR Code below or call ImpactLife at 866-448-3253 for assistance in scheduling. Parish coordinator, Mary Anne Robinson, can also be reached at 636-541-2823 to assist with scheduling. For information about COVID-19 protocols relating to blood donations please visit www.bloodcenter.org.



Our Gifts to God and Parish

Weekly Offertory October 16, 2022 29,184 **Actual Collections** 30,000 **Budget Target**

\$ \$ (816)

7/1/2022 - 10/16/22 539.882 609,500 (69,618)

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

STEWARDSHIP

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school Original Loan \$ 3.306.127 Current balance owed \$1,020,796 20,923 Monthly payment

Last expected payment, August 2026

Surplus / (Shortfall)

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

HOSPITAITY: Christian kindness "We are ALL hospitality ministers"

SVDP Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program

SPONSOR FORM ~ Please return by November 8th



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 8th.

Thank you so much for your generous help!

Your name:		
You are: An IndividualFamily/group		Help
Address:		others
Phone Number: ()	A SA	
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 8th



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





MEN of ASSUMPTION of the BVM Parish

At "That Man is You!" (TMIY) this Saturday, we will be learning about: THAT MAN IS YOU WHY GOD? Speaker: Dr. John Bergsma

The Case for God. The First Cause. The First Life. Cosmic Constants and Natural laws. The Faulty 'Infinite Multiverse' Theory. Looking inside the Human Conscience.

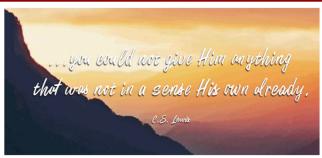
Come Join Us... That Man is You! Saturday Mornings, 7:15 to 8:30am

Your St. Vincent De Paul team needs your help!! The BSA Scouting For Food drive will be collected on Saturday, November 19 in the upper KC Hall beginning at 10am. We need able bodied workers to sort items, pack boxes, and carry full boxes weighing up to 50 LBS to the trailer for transport to the pantry. This is a very fast paced day with periods of down time in between deliveries. This is a great opportunity for service hours. Expect to work 10am-2pm. Park in the lower lot across the street from the rectory, the upper lot is held for deliveries. Questions? Call Cathy Hackman 636-699-8942.

A quick reminder for donating food in the SVDP Narthex box. NON-PERISHABLE items only! We've had a recent run of milk, eggs, yogurt and bread donations being left in the box which had to be taken to the dumpster. Also, PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES! A good rule to follow is if you wouldn't feed it to your family, please don't expect someone else to feed it to theirs.

We are currently very low on these items: sloppy joe's, breakfast bars, packaged raisins, instant oatmeal packs, Hamburger Helper, Chicken Helper, Tuna Helper, crackers and deodorant.

Thank you for your continued generous support! Your St. Vincent De Paul Team



November 6, 2022 **Thirty-second Sunday** in Ordinary Time

2 MC 7:1-2, 9-14; PS 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 THES 2:16-3:5; LK 20:27-38



"...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

Today's readings challenge us to focus on the "why" of stewardship. Why embrace this challenging way of life when it seems hard enough just to pay the bills, take care of our loved ones, meet the demands of our jobs, and fall into bed at the end of each full day? Because this life is not all there is. We were made for more — for eternal happiness in union with God. While we cannot earn our way into Heaven, what we do now with the life God has given us has eternal consequences. Stewardship living helps us to keep focused on our hoped-for destination in the choices we make each day.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, Christ reminds us very clearly that we were made for more than just this life and that our choices in this life have eternal consequences. In this passage, our Lord corrects some Saducees for their mistaken notion that there is no resurrection. He instructs that "those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead...can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."

Stewardship is not ultimately about the amount or kind of time, talent, and treasure we offer. It is about the conviction that everything we have is a gift from our loving God whom we can never truly repay and with whom we want to live forever. Revisiting these three aspects of our lives regularly, prayerfully discerning the best use of our gifts, and putting this down in writing clarifies and strengthens our conviction to **put God first**. It is a clear guide and a powerful aid in living out this conviction in concrete ways day-by-day.

That is the "why" of stewardship.

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WEBSITE: www.assumptionbvm.org

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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.

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