Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Psalm 63:2

2020

NOVEMBER

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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.



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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Hello,

We just celebrated All Saints Day last Sunday. This week we had two very different saints that we celebrated their saints day that show us of the variety of ways we can be called to serve God and one another.



Tuesday, November 3rd, was the feast day of St. Martin de Porres. Born in Lima Peru in 1575 he was the son of a well-respected Spanish man (who would later be appointed governor of Panama) and of a freed black slave. His father supported him and arranged for him to be an apprentice to a barber-surgeon in his teen years, but he would not claim him as his son, so he was considered illegitimate and discriminated against in their society. He joined the Dominicans at the age of 16 and would stay as a lay brother. His medical knowledge would be useful in caring for fellow Dominicans, but he would be most known for his care of the poor and sick in the community. He would also be entrusted with distributing to the poor the convent's daily alms of food and other goods. He was considered practical, caring, and humble in all of his works and honored by rich and poor alike when he died.

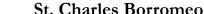
Wednesday, November 4th, was the feast day of St. Charles Borromeo. Born in 1538 to a noble family he would be well educated, receiving his clerical tonsure at the age of twelve and obtaining a doctorate at the age of 21. He would also receive other honors, and responsibilities at a young age. His uncle became Pope Pius IV in 1559 and named Charles a cardinal along with appointing him to many other positions, including administrator of the archdiocese of Milan. It should be noted that Charles was still only in minor orders and wouldn't be ordained a priest until 1563. He had a major role in the reconvening of the Council of Trent and was specifically involved in the writing of a Catechism and in liturgical books. Since he was occupied in his duties in the Vatican he wouldn't be able to fully take up his duties in Milan until after his uncle, Pope Pius IV, would die in 1565. Credited for educating the people of Milan in the faith through Sunday catechism classes, founding seminaries to educate his priests (a practice that would be widely copied), he also lived a very simple life and used the wealth and profits of the diocese to support those in need. He was only forty-six years old when he died, but managed to serve God faithfully, helping to lead the Church in the time of the Counter-Reformation.

The saints demonstrate that no matter our position in life, we can still live



faithfully in a manner that will truly touch the world around us, sharing that faith through our actions and our example. Consider what way God may be calling each of us to be saints today. Peace,

Fr. Nick



St. Martin de Porres



"...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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Parish Office Volunteers Needed!!

Do you have office experience and would like to volunteer at the Assumption parish office? (Even if you do not have office experience, we can teach you! It's very easy and stress free! We have fun!)

We are in need of someone to answer phone calls, as well as do light office work during regular parish office hours and greet those coming to the parish office. Volunteers hours are varied and flexible. We have implemented safety measures for your peace of mind and are looking for friendly, caring and reliable people who can help us out. If you would be interested, please call Angie at 636-240-3721 ext. 235 for more information.

EARLY Bulletin Deadlines

The following are the early bulletin deadlines for the upcoming Holidays:



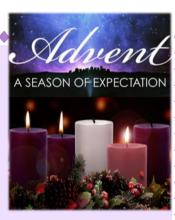
Bulletin for November 29,
Announcements due by Nov. 18, Wednesday by 9:00am
Bulletin for December 20,
Announcements due by Dec. 9, Wednesday by 9:00am
Bulletin for December 27
Announcements due by Dec. 15, Tuesday by 9:00am
Bulletin for January 2, 2021
Announcements due by Dec. 21, Monday by 9:00am

Please send bulletin announcements to: peggy.assumption@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR AN ADVENT EVENING!

This year, due to Covid-19, this night will take the place of our annual *Advent By Candlelight*. However, we still have something very special planned. Join us from your homes or in church on Sunday, November 29th from 7-8:30pm!

Our special presenter this year will be our very own: Missy Lowrey!



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We will be livestreaming our Advent Evening in church. We will have a talk with reflections and music. This year, we will open this evening up to families, small faith groups, anyone who would like to attend in person *or* online. Ladies, we still encourage you to gather your *"tables of eight"* if you are able to in your homes! You can both come to the church for the presentation with your group and then head to your host home for refreshments and fellowship! Either way, we want you to take advantage of this very special evening as we begin to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior!

If you have any questions, please contact Tedra at 636-379-5958 or *tedra.courtis@gmail.com*.

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!!

If you are interested, please call Betty at 636-795-0406

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 family's gifts.

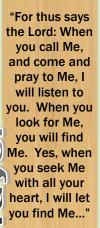
PLEASE KNOW.... We do offer 'no contact' PICK UP at your home, or you can drop items in the

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

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!!





Jeremiah 29:10-13

Week at a Glance

Mass Times/Intentions

Readings

Reconciliation

MONDAY 11.9.20

6:30am Glennon Hibbeler 8:00am Charle Luntz

1st Reading: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9 2nd Reading: 1Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Gospel: Jn 2:13-22

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

TUESDAY 11.10.20

6:30am Ken Wilmas 8:00am Dick Willis

1st Reading: Ti 2:1-8 Gospel: Lk 17:7-10

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

WEDNESDAY 11.11.20

6:30am Community Benefactors & Prayer Enrollments 8:00am Frank & Betty Ryan

1st Reading: Ti 3:1-7 Gospel: Lk 17:11-19 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment



Thanksgiving Day 2020

Let's begin by celebrating Thanksgiving together! Join us on Thursday, November 26, 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. St. Vincent DePaul members and ushers will assist you. (Safe distancing measures will be in place.)

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.



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. 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.

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.

FRIDAY 11.13.20 **SATURDAY 11.14.20 SUNDAY 11.15.20 THURSDAY 11.12.20** 6:30am Helen Copeland 9:00am Sr Marie Frances Wieder-8:00am Ken Wilmas 6:30am Living & Deceased CPPS holt, CPPS 8:00am Carmela Bamert 10:00am William Kaufhold Parents & Relatives 5:00pm Herbert Simon 12:00pm Charles Luntz 8:00am Frances Vomund 5:30pm People of the Parish 1st Reading: 2 Jn 4-9 1st Reading: Phlm 7-20 Gospel: Lk 17:26-37 1st Reading: 3 Jn 5-8 1st Reading: Wis 6:12-16 Gospel: Lk 17:20-25 7:30 - 7:50am Church Gospel: Lk 18:1-8 2nd Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18 Or by appointment Gospel: Mt 25:1-13 7:30 - 7:50am Church 4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment Or by appointment By appointment



PRAYER: A heart to

heart with God
"Our strength
comes from
the Eucharist"



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

Youth Formation

From the Principal's Pen



Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Sponsored by the Student Council

The Assumption Student Council sponsored the Pumpkin Decorating Contest the week of Halloween. With 102 entries, our Pre-Kindergarten students had a difficult time selecting the winners.

Individual or group entries were allowed, in one of three categories:

K-2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8.

Each category had 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. The pumpkins were brought to school on Monday the 26th. On Tuesday the Pre-K judged them, and students took home their pumpkins to enjoy for Halloween on Wednesday, our last day of school. (Parent Teacher Conferences were held on the following days).





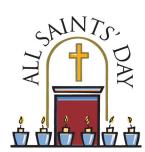
Celebrating the Feast of All Saints

Every year on November 1, Roman Catholics and other Christians around the world observe All Saints Day, which honors all saints of the church that have attained heaven. The saints remind us that the Church is holy, can never stop being holy and is called to show the holiness of God by living the life of Christ.

The Christian celebration of All Saints Day and All Souls Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven and the living. We joined our First Graders, dressed as Saints of our Church, to lead us in our All Saints' Prayer Service. Parents came to church for the service, but it was also live-streamed for our students who remained in their classrooms. Readings were done by those on the sanctuary steps, while other "saints" lined the aisles.

The First Grade Readers for our All Saints' Day **Prayer Service**







St. Joseph

St. Anthony



St. Patrick

Thanks for reading about our school!

Pat Hensley





@assumption_life_teen



Assumption Life Teen



@assumption_LT

Sunday, November 8th. Life Night ~ Karaoke Night Masquerade!!

All teens are invited to come and see what the Life Teen family is all about in a fun, dynamic night of karaoke and dance parties! Expect fun, tasty snacks, community, and an opportunity to grow in relationship with others and with our incredible God. 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, November 11th: 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

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SAVE THE DATE II December 4-6

ASSUMPTION LIFE TEEN REVIVAL ANTHEM

Assumption Life Teen Winter Retreat

Teens: vou're invited on an incredible weekend with the Assumption Life Teen family! Expect a retreat weekend filled with great food, impactful stories, crazy good fun, powerful prayer, s'mores, the Sacraments and so much more!

Retreat Cost has been reduced to \$75!

We want to make it as easy as possible for all teens to be part of this incredible weekend. Our teens deserve a retreat and our parish is willing to make the sacrifice – we believe that Life Teen is an investment in the present & future of our Church. If cost is a significant barrier for your family, talk to us. We want to remove any barriers between our teens and what God wants to do with

this retreat! Retreat packets available on the website and in the parish office. Scholarships

are 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. Hand sanitizer is always available.
- * 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.

Have a question? Becky Whitaker, Director of Youth Ministry 636-240-3721 ext. 243 OR

A Spiritual Journey

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.

Every bundle is carefully chosen and thoughtfully presented to be a journey that helps spiritually awaken, engage, and evangelize our parish community from the front pew to the fringes, especially this year given the state of our world and Church with COVID-19.

We only have 500 copies of this amazing bundle, so please RSVP if you want to take advantage of this special gift. Reserve your copy by contacting Ann Knichel at: annknichel@att.net or 636-240-3721 Ext. 333.

It's simple, powerful, and cancel-proof, so you can ensure you are well-served this coming Advent & Christmas - rain, shine, or pandemic! Make this Advent and Christmas one like never before!



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.



Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary

2020 Commitment Card
My Offering of Time, Talent & Treasure

A Stewardship Renewal thought...

What a year this has been! None of us could have imagined how 2020 would play out. The global pandemic has affected every part of our lives. We quarantined in place, students and teachers had to learn how to do distance learning, and you watched Mass on your TV, tablet, or computer. Even with all of these challenges, our mission to help people *find Christ here and bring Christ to the world* continues – with even greater urgency and enthusiasm.

We strive to meet your spiritual needs and try to help you grow in faith, even though we are apart. What we do know is that the Good News of the Gospel cannot be quarantined! It must be proclaimed and lived! Our priests have strived to learn how to be YouTube priests and offer Masses,

reflections and teachings to help all of us grow. Our Parish Annual Report gave you a glimpse that our mission continues! Yes, our parish continues to grow, even in the midst of Covid-19!

Thank you for your steadfastness and your dedication in helping us. We have all struggled in these times, but we ask you to consider your support to our parish and our mission. How might Jesus be inviting you to give more *time* in *prayer*, more of yourself in *service*, and from your bounty – helping support the parish with your *treasure*?

Finally, this is truly a time for Renewal - for you and your family, and for our parish as a whole. Please pray with your family and ask God to guide you, and then bring your Commitment Card with you to Mass on November 21/22, 2020.

You can pick up a Stewardship Commitment Form in the back of church, fill it out online, or pick one up at the parish office. You will notice that in addition to our regular Time, Talent, and Treasure Commitment Form, we ask you to prayerfully consider your Prayer Commitment. You will also find a "Stewardship Commitment of Prayer & Faith" forms in the back of church for you to read through.



We are excited to welcome Dave Baranowski this weekend at all of our Masses! Dave is the Director of Parish Stewardship & Leadership Formation at the Archdiocese of St. Louis. He is an enthusiastic speaker and on fire with his faith and completely lives a stewardship way of life!

You will want to hear his message that he has for us!



"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



Our Gifts to God and Parish

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

7/1/2020 - 10/25/2020 October 25, 2020 338,347 Envelopes (232) & Checks Loose \$ 1,623 \$ 75 Electronic \$ 185,991 \$ 8,920 Total 525,961 \$

STEWARDSHIP

Needed to sustain our mission \$622,500

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

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





Dear Supporters of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Assumption Parish,

November 8th is St. Vincent de Paul Sunday and we want to thank you for your generosity, your time, and most importantly your prayers. This year has been a challenging one for your Society as we dealt with helping the poor of our community. Many of our neighbors in need have suffered from layoffs, health issues, loss of family members, support issues for children at home, and lack of food.

Through your most generous support we have been able to provide the following help to our poor:

- 1. \$88,000 of support including rent/lodging, utilities, car repairs, cab rides, and medical Rx. This included helping 725 neighbors in need.
- 2. 144 food baskets and gift cards.
- 3. 92 families in our Christmas Program
- 4. 84 families in our Thanksgiving Program, "No Hunger Holiday"
- 5. 33 gasoline vouchers.
- 6. 21 SVDP Thrift Store Vouchers.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and pray for you each day that our Lord Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit continue to provide you with mercy, compassion, hope and trust in our Lord.

If you have any interest in joining our St. Vincent de Paul Society here at Assumption Parish, please contact Mike McCleish at 717-919-7558 or email: michaellmccleish@msn.com

Thank you and Peace!



Knights of Columbus

202 W. 3rd St. O'Fallon, MO 63366 Phone: (636) 281-9223

Every Tuesday, Queen of Hearts!!

Doors open at 5:00pm and drawings are at 7:00pm.

Collection drive on Sunday, Nov. 15th, will help multiple local charities and organizations. We are looking for various personal care, food, and household items.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Betty Villinger ~ Of Our Parish Family

Pamela Huss ~ Wife of Michael Huss

Bob Jones ~ Father of Jeannie Renaud

Kenneth Pitts ~ Husband of Lisa

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Submit to Parish Office (peggy.assumption@yahoo.com) by Tuesday 9:00am

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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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