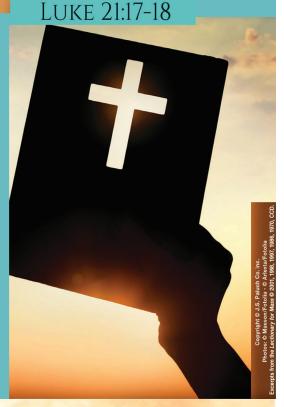
# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.







**NOVEMBER 13, 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





#### FIRST COMMUNION

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



#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



# **FUNERALS** Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721

# Welcome

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# Hello,

The Gospel readings at this time of year often relate to how we view death. Last week we heard the Sadducees, 'those who deny that there is a resurrection', asking whose wife a woman would be if she is a widow of one brother, and then the next brother marries her and he dies, and so forth through seven brothers, at the resurrection who's widow would she be? This week we hear Jesus telling people that the temple will be thrown down, this incredible place of worship that is to last for generations, so what does that mean? I think it is good to consider some of these questions they had, and that we might have at times, related to the future, our eventual death, and what we value, what we believe, and how that affects our actions.

When they talked about the temple coming down, I had to think a bit about All Things New and the mergers we will be having of many parishes. It is great that we have a strong connection to our parish community and the history we might have with our parish church building, but as the Jewish people faced when the Temple came down, would this be the end of their faith? It makes sense that we desire to preserve beautiful places that we may have a history with where we have come to worship together. This a great sign for the community of our faith that we wish to maintain and preserve for our future use and for the generations to come. But why do we want this? Like the Sadducees we could be focused on the future generations as the way that we live on, that we wish them to be able to have these things we did and to remember us in some way in this structure, in our practices of faith. This isn't bad, but it is limited and can have us putting too much emphasis on our living on through physical things, or in reflections of us instead of God.

Hopefully we look at our death, and our faith, and live it out a little different. This physical life and death is a part of who we are, but only a part. We were created and meant for an eternal life, that we pray continues past our physical death and leads to an eternity with God in heaven. The reason we hope for the generations to come to share in our faith and to have this place of worship, should not be about us, but rather about them, and about God. As we desire to spend our eternal lives in heaven with God after living as faithfully as we can here on earth, we desire for the generations after us to do the same. I've known many parents and grandparents who are concerned as they get older not about whether their children will remember them well or not, but rather if their children will have faith, a relationship with God. Hoping they are living out their lives and also raising their children with that faith and love. This is an appropriate way to show and live our faith in our lives.

It is good to have people, experiences, and even places that help us grow and live out our faith. But we need to be aware if instead of helping our faith, they are replacing it. The Church is not a building, but the living body of Christ. As we go through this month of November and are reminded of our mortal death, may we be even more conscious of our immortal life, which God wishes to share with us all. 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."

# Becoming Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Bob and Sister Theresa explaining the 2 greatest commandments

Liturgy of the Word is not just someone standing up and reading. No, it goes much deeper. In short, the Liturgy of the Word is what adequately prepares our hearts, minds and souls to receive the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ in the Eucharist. As we turn our focus to the lectern of the church and hear the Word of God proclaimed through his people, we have an opportunity to perk up and lend our ears to listen to what the Lord has to say to each of us.

The Word of God, then calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. Most important of all, the Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say.USCCB.org

What happens when the RCIA group are dismissed after the homily? We have heard the Liturgy of the Word and now will examine how the readings impact us. This is called "breaking open the word". What happens in this discussion? Small groups gather and discuss their first impressions. We invite you to break open the word with us each Sunday.

# HOW DOES THE TEXT INFLUENCE YOU?

- · What word or phrase grabbed you?
- · What feelings did you notice?
- · What questions do you have?
- · What were you delighted at?
- · What were you uncomfortable with?





# **Assumption Blood Drive - Next Sunday!**

ImpactLife will be in the parish hall on **Sunday, November 20, 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 <a href="https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/114347">https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/114347</a>, 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 <a href="https://www.bloodcenter.org">www.bloodcenter.org</a>.

BLOOD DONOR REMINDERS: Picture ID is required. Get 8 hours of sleep and eat a hearty (eggs, meat, leafy greens, fruit) evening and morning meal. To help stabilize your blood pressure, drink lots of water (and minimize caffeine). Your body will lose about two cups of fluid during donation, so being fully hydrated is important. ImpactLife has changed their policy of requiring masks. Masks are now optional. ImpactLife's EARLYQ system is available on the website for donors who would like to complete their Donor History Questionnaire prior to their appointment.





"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..."

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 or 8:00am Mass on Thanksgiving Day.



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



Gregg Viscomi
Father of Tedra Curtis

Chris Echelmeyer
Granddaughter of Ed Echelmeyer
Niece of Deacon Richard & Maria Tadlock

Margaret Rademacher
Mother of Donna Buchheit

Donna Spotanski Son of Ray & Judy Spotanski

Robert Hoffman Husband of Jerris Hoffman

# **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 11.14.22

6:30am Clarence Mueller 8:00am Carmela Bamert

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

# **TUESDAY 11.15.22**

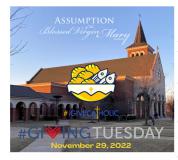
6:30am Al Becerra 8:00am Stephen & Virginia Frankosky

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

# WEDNESDAY 11.16.22

6:30am John Tucker 8:00am Patricia Francis Mueller

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



# **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!



# November 13, 2022 — Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MAL 3:19-20A; PS 98:5-9; 2 THES 3:7-12; LK 21:5-19

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings offer a sober reminder that this life is not our aim and that God's justice will triumph in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in order, putting God above all else as his faithful stewards.

Our Lord brings home the urgency of right priorities in our Gospel passage from Luke, reminding the people around him who were looking at the temple nearby, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Our Lord reminds us that all in this world is passing. We must keep our focus on eternity.

Yet before the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tried and tested. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name."

Sounds scary.

But if you are living a stewardship way of life, there is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place. All you need to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with your talents, and through your use of treasure. This way of life is not easy. But Jesus promises it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him. "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives."

Onward Christian stewards, the struggle is worth the joy that awaits!

THURSDAY 11.17.22	FRIDAY 11.18.22	SATURDAY 11.19.22	SUNDAY 11.20.22
6:30am Louis Becerra 8:00am Jim Ohmes	6:30am Carlos Becerra 8:00am Ed Kullman	8:00am Karen & Mike Ballman 5:00pm Bernice Fulhorst	8:00am Richard Lindeman 10:00am Larry & Donna Johnson 40th Wedding Anniversary 12:00pm Tommie Lakes 5:30pm People of the Parish
7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	4:00-4:50pm Or by appointment	



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

# From the Principal's Pen

# Neon Science in Middle School

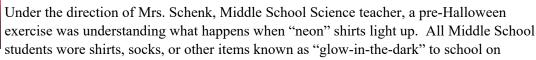




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Have you ever wondered what makes things glow in the dark? With so many cool items that glow, from stars on your ceiling to glow sticks at a concert, you might be surprised to know that there's some real science behind it. Each item you own that glows uses a special process that helps to create its awesome glowing effect. You've probably had some fun with glow sticks at Halloween or worn a wristband during an event that helped to light up the night. This amazing glow is due to a scientific process called luminescence. Even some animals have these properties and glow in the dark.

# **What Makes Things Glow?**



Wednesday, October 26th.

Students learned that luminescence is what causes items to glow brightly when it's dark. Unlike charcoal, wood, or paper, which can all give off light when they burn hot, things that use luminescent emit light without needing heat. When you have something like a toy that glows in the dark, it can glow because it contains materials called phosphors. Phosphors can radiate light after they have gotten energy from the sun or another source of bright light. The phosphors soak up the energy from the light, and then they radiate this energy as light.



Glow in the dark clothing has phosphor that radiates visible light after being energized or charged from a light source. They are made from threads dyed with photo luminescent materials. This allows the vinyl to radiate visible light when charged or exposed to a light source or energy.

One of the coolest forms of luminescence is called bioluminescence, which refers to living things that glow in the dark. These creatures have an internal process that causes a chemical reaction and creates a bright light. Some examples of animals that use bioluminescence include fireflies, some species of deep-sea fish, jellyfish, certain algae, and even a few species of plants like mushrooms.





Thanks for reading about our school!

Pat Hensley

Our students are pictured here, doing their luminescence experiments!



# **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!

FE TEEN Sunday, November 13 ~ Life Night: Always Forward 6:30 - 8:30pm in Parish Center

All teens are invited to join us for a night focusing in on how the Lord always calls us forward—to live in the present with an eye on the future, not stuck in the past. We will start with our LT Mass at 5:30 p.m. –teens, please sit in the front rows—then head downstairs to Halls B & C for a great night of fun, food, and friendship. See you there!

Wednesday, November 16 ~ EDGE: Reconciliation

**6:00 – 7:30pm in Parish Center**All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for Edge, our middle school youth ministry program! Expect fun, fellowship, and faith. We will be receiving the Sacrament

of Reconciliation this week. Please pray for us!





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Life Teen Save the Date:

**November 18-20: Life Teen Fall Retreat** 

March 3-5: Luke 18 Retreat



# **Connect with us on Social Media:**

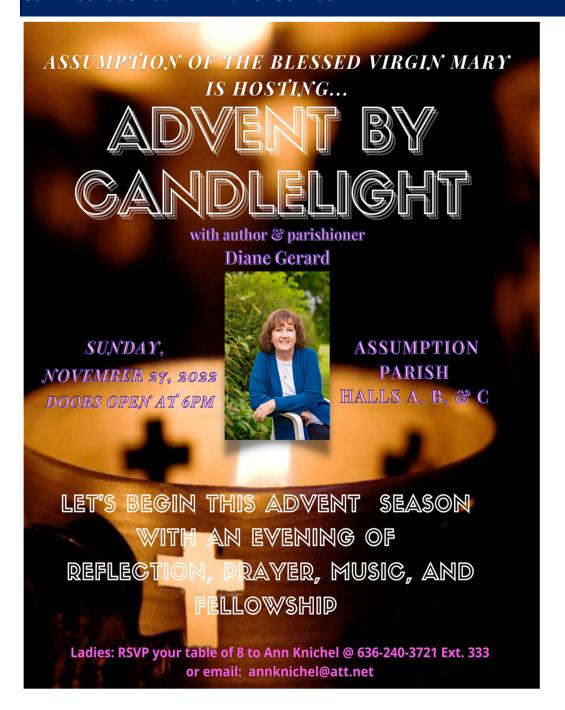
Instagram: @assumption\_life\_teen // @assumption\_edge Facebook: Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE

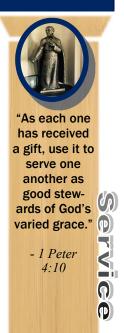
QUESTION? Contact Becky Whitaker, Dir of Youth Ministry 636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com



# K of C Christmas Pageant 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!** 





# Unclaimed Winning Ticket from the Fall Festival!

If you bought a ticket for the States Game at the Fall Festival, you may be a winner! We still have an unclaimed prize for round no. 10434 on Sunday. The winner for round no. 10434 was Kansas. If you have the winning ticket, please bring it to the Parish Office to claim your \$50 prize.

# **Our Gifts to God and Parish**

20,923

Weekly Offertory October 23, 2022

Actual Collections \$ 26,280 \$ Budget Target \$ 35,000 \$ Surplus / (Shortfall) \$ (8,720) \$

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school
Original Loan \$ 3,306,127
Current balance owed \$ 1,020,796

Last expected payment, August 2026

Monthly payment

7/1/2022 - 10/23/22

566,162 644,500 (78,338) The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12) We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36) God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

STEWARDSHIP

**TITHING** 

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



Christian kindness "We are ALL hospitality ministers"

Hospitality



# The Assumption School Dinner Auction Committee Needs Your Help!

Please join us on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 6:30pm, in the Meyer Room of the Parish Center for an informational meeting to learn how you can assist with the school's largest fundraiser of the year - the Annual Dinner Auction! This year marks the 10th anniversary of this exciting event and many hands are needed to make it a continued success.

If you cannot make the meeting, but would still like to assist, please contact Amy Rinearson at *auction@abvmtech.org* or 314-412-5364 (call/text). All volunteers, donations, and sponsorships are much needed and are greatly appreciated!





# MEN of ASSUMPTION of the BVM Parish

At "That Man is You!" (TMIY) this Saturday, we will be learning about: WHY JESUS CHRIST? Speaker: Dr. John Bergsma

Has the Creator tried to communicate with us? Who speaks for God? The four world religions. Prophets from other world religions. Jesus Christ: The Ultimate Prophet. Other world religions commend Jesus.

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

For more information, contact: Deacon Richard Tadlock at DeaconRichard@charter.net. 314-397-2433

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



# Please join us for our Chili and Dessert Fellowship Gathering!

# Monday, November 28th at 6:30pm in Hall C

Our guest will be Sally Faith! Former Mayor of St Charles and author of 'I'M LOSING MY MEMORY ... I'M NOT LOSING MY MIND'. She will speak of her personal experience with Dementia and Alzheimer's. Books will be available for purchase. Non-members are welcome to check us out.



- Membership dues for the upcoming year can be paid. \$15/30.
- Members only: Save the date Dec.19th, catered Annual Christmas Dinner. Cost \$10/ member.
- Pro-life basket will be available for any donations.
- Branson Dec-5-9 Trip: Parking will be available directly behind the St. Vincent DePaul house.
- Donations of canned goods are asked to replenish St. Vincent's pantry due to Thanksgiving.
- Any questions please contact Bob or Liz Allmeyer at 636 240-8638.



...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







# Assumption Giving Tree Volunteer Meeting...We Need YOU!

Please join us in the Meyer Room on November 17th from 7:00-8:30pm. We will be making tags for the Giving Tree and setting up the Christmas Giving Trees for this year. Please bring a pen, scissors, and hole punch if you have them. Any questions call Steve at 636.443.5854. We would really appreciate if you could come and help!

#### OFFICE INFORMATION

403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366 636.240.3721 Parish Office Hours - Mon-Thu 8:00am-4:00pm Fri 8:00am-3:00pm ST VINCENT DE PAUL 636.272.4758 (Helpline)

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

WEBSITE: www.assumptionbvm.org

facebook.com/@assumptionmedia assumptionparish

# 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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