# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."

LUKE 23:43



#### 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



#### FIRST COMMUNION

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



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Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



## **FUNERALS**

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721

## Welcome

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### Hello,

I put this information in last year and thought I would do it again this year. As we are celebrating Thanksgiving this week I am giving you a summary in just some of the many ways in which our parish community has been generous to so many different charities throughout this last year (this is from 11/1/21 - 11/1/22).

We continue to be very generous to our St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Society with almost \$70,000 donated through the parish. This is only the amount that was donated through the parish and like many of the other charities, parishioners are also donating directly to the causes. For example, the SVdP amount shown here does not include money donated directly to SVdP.

When the war broke out in Ukraine we took up a special collection to assist people there. There were a variety of organizations offering humanitarian services. The funds that we collected went through the Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia. As that war continues, please continue to also keep them in your prayers.

Beyond these special collections we were also very generous again to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). We surpassed our goal with a total of

Catholic University	\$731
Seminary	\$7,691
Black & Native Americans	\$1,285
Catholic Relief Serv	\$1,528
Holy Land	\$2,730
Regina Cleri	\$3,873
Peter's Pence	\$1,085
Mission Sunday	\$1,304
Campaign for Human Dev	\$710
Catholic Communications	\$548
Mission Co op	\$13,700
Rice Bowl	\$265
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$4,262
Catholic Home Missions	\$733
Retired Religious	\$1,944
Ukraine	\$6,290
Permanent Diaconate	\$1,113
St Vincent De Paul	\$69,240
Growing Project	\$175
Sts Joachim & Ann Care Center	\$1,420
Hurricane Relief	\$2,844
Total	\$123,471

\$176,405 pledged for the year. This money supports Catholic elementary and high schools, Catholic Charities, numerous ministries with special needs, helps the poor, and it also continues to allow us to grow in our faith throughout the Archdiocese.

Recognizing the gifts that we have received, and sharing those to help others, is a key part of stewardship and of giving thanks to God for all he has done for us.

Thank you again for your generosity not only to our parish but also to so many others throughout the year and may you and your families have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Please pray for us as we spend today in one of two Spiritual Retreat Days. We

begin the retreat by attending the 8:00am Mass. Today will not be a dismissal. Our theme this year is Prepare your heart... a retreat focusing around Mary preparing her heart for Jesus. This retreat invites us to get ready for the coming of Christ by exploring familiar Advent themes: Mary, hope, preparation, joy, peace and prayer, and Mary and the life miraculously created in her. We explore how Mary submitted to the



Sharon and Carolyn teach the session on Catholic morality, conscience, sin, and free will.



Holy Spirit's work in her physical being—and how Mary's response to mystery and waiting can inform our own. Readings in the next few weeks are chosen with care for their ability to convey the message and meaning of this holy time. adding a valuable way to grow deeper into the Advent spirit and prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Will I try to give myself time and space for silence so as to savor the mysteries of Christmas? Do I pray? Real wisdom is to know what God's gifts to us are for. We have to be alert and watchful for all the ways he comes to change our image ourselves.

There always is a period of preparation and anticipation. Advent is a time for us to wait with Mary for Jesus's birth.

We want to surround ourselves in Advent traditions and devotions in order to increase the longing and open our hearts more fully to the coming of the Savior at Christmas.

How will you wait this season?



#### Assumption Blood Drive – TODAY, SUNDAY, November 20th!

ImpactLife is in the parish center today from 9:00am through 1:30pm. If you scheduled an appointment to donate blood today, we look forward to welcoming you there! If you did not, please feel free to stop down to see if we have any open appointments available. You are eligible to donate, if you have not donated blood since September 25.

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.



#### **THANKSGIVING DAY Mass at 9:00am**

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.

"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..."

Jeremiah 29:10-

13

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.



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

Donny Spotanski Son of Ray & Judy Spotanski

Vivian Donjon
Wife of Lee Donjon

Vince Scully
Husband of Sharon Scully

Velma Allen Mother of Roger Allen

#### **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.)

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 11.21.22

6:30am Frank Becerra 8:00am Mike & Karen Ballmann

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

#### **TUESDAY 11.22.22**

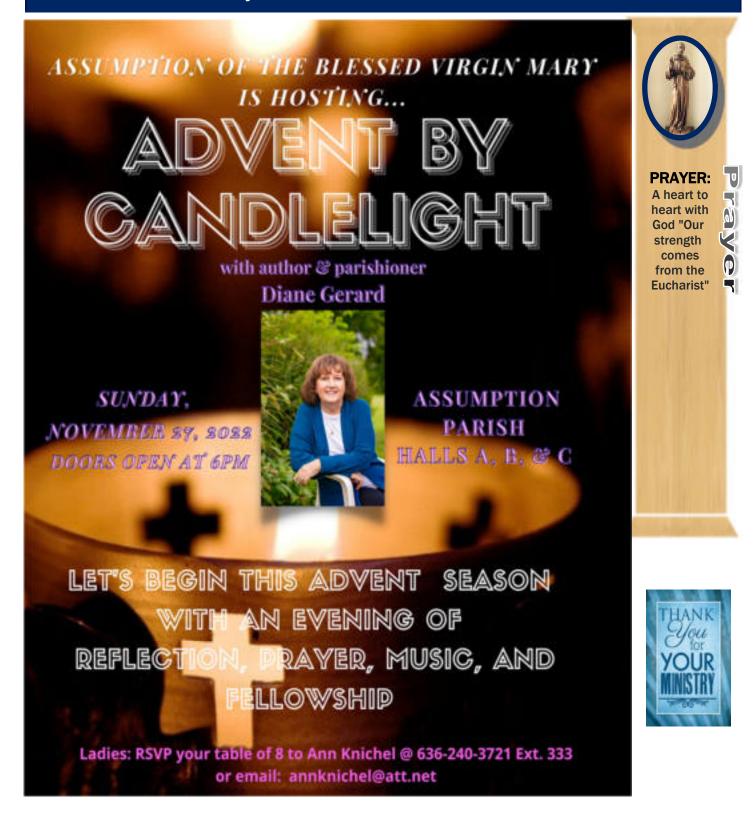
6:30am Delores Gonzalez 8:00am Mark Stelzer

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

#### **WEDNESDAY 11.23.22**

6:30am Malida Becerra 8:00am John & Evelyn Hooker

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



#### **THURSDAY 11.24.22**

9:00am The Ell Family

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

#### FRIDAY 11.25.22

6:30am Nancy McDonough 8:00am John & Evelyn Hooker

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

#### **SATURDAY 11.26.22**

8:00am Ed Kullman 5:00pm People of the Parish

4:00-4:50pm Or by appointment

#### **SUNDAY 11.27.22**

8:00am Jean Wynn 10:00am Kevin Hale 12:00pm Jane Schwane 5:30pm Val Uttecht Schoenfelder

By Appointment

## From the Principal's Pen

FORMATION
Continuous
conversion
of mind and
heart
"Following
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#### Oh, When the Saints Come Marching In! Assumption 1st Grade All-Saints Prayer Service

November 4<sup>th</sup> our 1<sup>st</sup> grade helped us celebrate our All-Saints Feast Day. Each student had chosen a saint and then dressed as that saint. What was most impressive, was that whatever saint was chosen, the student knew the story of the saint. Below we have: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Catherine of Bologna, St. Michael the Archangel, and St. Patrick.









#### Congrats Assumption 5th Grade Boys Soccer!

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grades Assumption boys are the St. Charles County District Champions! Stay tuned as they move to the Archdiocese playoffs.



We certainly have a lot to be thankful for at Assumption! May God bless you and yours this Thanksgiving,

Pat Hensley







#### **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!





**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



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception 2022 - Holy Day of Obligation

*Mary*, *Mother of God* ~ *captured by a photographer that shot into midair* where the children from Medjugorje were staring at in a trance. This showed up after the film was developed.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** is the *Feast of the Immaculate Conception* and a holy day of obligation. The Immaculate Conception means that the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings. We will celebrate Mary's state of being "immaculate" and "full of grace" with Mass times listed here:

Wednesday, December 7th at 5:30pm in Church Vigil Mass Thursday, December 8th Mass at 6:30am, 8:00am and 7:00pm in Church. **FORMATION Continuous** conversion of mind and heart "Following Jesus is the work of a

lifetime"



The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood offer an Open House Tour of their beautiful historic chapel and heritage area. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Sr. Cecile Gunelson at 636-293-8013. Address: 204 North Main Street. O'Fallon. MO. Directions: Use the entrance at Main and 3<sup>rd</sup> street and take the first right. Parking is available on the south side of chapel. Chapel is handicapped accessible.



#### 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!

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP THIS CHRISTMAS...

## Neighbors In Need Christmas Day

## Saturday, December 10th

**2022** has been a tough year for us all. After a slow recovery from Covid, this year has already been extremely difficult with rising gas and food prices. Local residents are also still dealing with the flooding and clean up issues and many of them with the loss of their homes. This year with our Christmas program we will be focusing on clients basic needs. If you would like to help our Neighbors in Need and our local homeless clients, please consider helping our Saint Vincent de Paul program this holiday season. We have few different ways that YOU can help:

**Giving Tree gifts** - Our giving trees are up in church and filled with gift needs! Limit your spending for each tag to the \$25-\$40 range. Please return the **tags attached to your wrapped gift** to the downstairs tree in the parish hall no later than December 4th. Questions? Please call Mary Luntz at 636-751-5286

**Adopt a Family or Senior** - If you feel that your family or organization would like to adopt a family or senior - We Need YOU! Please call Betty at 636-795-0406 OR Pat at 636-385-6462.

**Donation items** - Our Neighbors In Need and homeless clients lack the necessities that we often take for granted. When they pick up their items and food baskets from the Giving Tree, they are allowed to come in a choose a toy (toys are graciously donated by the O'Fallon Fire Department) and some personal need items. If you would like to donate any items to our basic needs table, here are some of the items we are in need of:

- Gas gift cards
- Food and Walmart gift cards
- Small tents for homeless clients
  (Amazon and Walmart.com currently have small, 2 person tents for \$20.99)
- Sleeping bags
- Blankets

- Pillows
- Extension cords
- Lightbulbs
- Batteries
- Towels
- Adult diapers
- Small fans or heaters

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Thank you so much for your consideration.

Happy Holidays to each of you!



If you have any questions, please call Tammy at 314-603-2395

#### **Our Gifts to God and Parish**

 Weekly Offertory
 October 30, 2022

 Actual Collections
 \$ 27,088 \$

 Budget Target
 \$ 32,500 \$

 Surplus / (Shortfall)
 \$ (5,412) \$

593,250 <u>677,000</u> (83,750)

7/1/2022 - 10/30/22

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

STEWARDSHIP

TITHING

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our schoolOriginal Loan\$ 3,306,127Current balance owed\$ 1,020,796Monthly payment\$ 20,923Last expected payment, August 2026

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





## November 20, 2022 — The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 SM 5:1-3; PS 122:1-5; COL 1:12-20; LK 23:35-43

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. "All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together." It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!

Yet what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking, sneering, and reviling him. They tauntingly urge him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end his suffering with a great show of power. "if you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of his greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as his followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings.



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

The giving trees are up for the needs of people in our parish. Please help support this mission. Limit your spending for each tag taken to the \$25-\$40 range. Please return the tags attached to your wrapped gift to the downstairs tree in the parish hall no later than December 4th.

Any questions please call Mary Luntz at 636-751-5286



#### MEN of ASSUMPTION of the BVM Parish

At "That Man is You!" (TMIY) this Saturday, we're taking a break to be with our families for the Thanksgiving weekend. Join us on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

#### 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

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!



"...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



## 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 of \$16 and signing by Sally will be available. 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.





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WEBSITE: www.assumptionbvm.org

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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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