Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

IS HOSTING ...

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

with Becky Whitaker

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Doors open at 6:30pm



ASSUMPTION PARISH HALLS

LET'S BEGIN THIS ADVENT SEASON
WITH AN EVENING OF
REFLECTION, PRAYER, MUSIC, AND
FELLOWSHIP

Ladies: RSVP your table of 8 to Lynn Crews @ 314-578-0741 or email lynn.assumption@gmail.com

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Happy Thanksgiving,

I thought for Thanksgiving I would give you a summary of the many ways parishioners have financially been generous to different charitable causes through collections here at Assumption during the last year. (Specifically from 11/1/20-11/1/21.) As you know with all of the special collection envelopes we receive each month, you can see by the table below there are many different needs out there. I am proud to see how we've responded to them.

One of the charities that has always been strong here at Assumption has been our support for the St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Society and their work to help those locally who are in need. As you can see, we have donated almost \$70,000 through our par-

ish (and other money is donated directly) to our SVdP Society along with food and other goods throughout the year and especially in the Giving Tree over the next few weeks.

Other support can be seen as going towards a variety of missionary works, education of clergy, communications, disaster relief and other needs. Like our support of SVdP, I realize many of you are also supporting these and similar causes directly and this is only a small portion of the generous sharing of your gifts

Every year our parishioners also support the general work that our archdiocese does through our Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). This year we donated a total of \$160,635 to the ACA that helps support Education, Social Responsibility, help for the poor, and help to keep our faith growing in our archdiocese.

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Seminary	\$3,080.00
Black & Native Americans	\$1,070.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,666.00
Holy Land	\$2,065.00
Regina Cleri	\$2,664.00
Peters Pence	\$910.00
Mission Sunday	\$1,472.00
Compaign for Human Davidanment	¢802.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$803.00
Catholic Communications	\$358.00
Mission Co op	\$27,115.00
Rice Bowl	\$728.00
Cardinal Glennon	\$1,630.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$1,264.00
Retired Religious	\$1,786.00
Eastern& European Church	\$510.00
Permanent Diaconate	\$1,381.00
St Vincent De Paul	\$69,580.00
Haiti Relief	\$7,808.00
Sts J & A Care Center	\$1,660.00
Hurricane Wildfire Relief	\$525.00
Total	\$128,523.00

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. 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, Adult Formation held and joined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love."

'Mass Confusion' A Pastoral Workshop on the Catholic Mass Given by Msgr. McCumber

Two more sessions available, November 18 (*Not November 25th Thanksgiving Day*) and concluding on Thursday, December 2nd, we will meet in Hall C of the Parish Center to explore the wonders of the Catholic Mass. These workshops will run 7:00 -8:30pm.

So, if you're confused about the meaning of the Mass, or find the Mass boring, or just want to learn something you were unaware of before, make plans to join Msgr. McCumber as he takes us through a pastoral overview of the meaning of the Catholic Mass. To reserve your place at this workshop please call the parish office during normal business hours at (636) 240-3721 and leave your name and the total number attending with you. Seating will be limited and there is No Charge for this Workshop on the Catholic Mass given by Msgr. McCumber.

Assumption Adoration Chapel

Adoration is available 24/7 in the old church by using the code at the north transit entrance.

EXPOSITION on Tuesday begins after the 8:00 am Mass and through Rosary at 6:15 pm, followed by Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction to close.

Please sign up at assumptionbym.weadorehim.com.



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Assumption Giving Trees!

This weekend 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 \$20-\$25 range. Please return the tags and unwrapped gifts to the downstairs tree in the parish hall no later than December 5th. Any questions, please call Steve at 636-443-5854.





Annual Christmas Dinner Monday, December 6th

This year the cost will be \$10 a person (for members). Besides great food we will be entertained by Ed, a magician and musician who will keep us in the holiday spirit. Since it will be catered, we will need a count of those attending as soon as possible. Please bring a dessert or fruit salad. If you are planning on attending. For more info, please call Bob or Liz Allmeyer at 636-240-8638. Make checks payable to **Assumption 50** + and mail to: (Treasurer) Linda Lambing

153 Aspencade Circle
St Peters Mo 63376

We hope to see you there!

OR put payment in envelope marked

50+club and drop off at parish office.



Men of Assumption parish, this Saturday, Nov 27th, we will take a break from our "That Man is YOU!" series, so that you can spend time with your family over the Thanksgiving weekend. **Give Thanks to God for ALL your Blessings!**See you on December 4th!



"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..."

29:10-13





What is #iGiveCatholic? November 30, 2021!

Over the past few years Giving Tuesday (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving) has become a time many are using to support different charities with online donations. The Archdiocese has set up a link for all parishes and diocesan organizations to participate in this through #IGiveCatholic. Any money that is donated to Assumption Parish through #IGiveCatholic this year will be used to provide financial assistance to families with Pre-School, Day school, or PSR tuition or to participate in LifeTeen retreats. A means to help our children grow in their faith. Please go to our Assumption parish website to donate! assumptionbvm.org Thank you!

Week at a Glance

Mass Times/Intentions

Readings

Reconciliation

MONDAY 11.22.21

6:30am John Strickland 8:00am Ruth Ell

1st Reading: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Gospel: Lk 21:1-4 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment

TUESDAY 11.23.21

6:30am Norbert Bathon Family 8:00am Bridget Gasich

1st Reading: Dn 2:31-45 Gospel: Lk 21:5-11 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment

WEDNESDAY 11.24.21

6:30am Needs of Immigrants and Refugees 8:00am Mark Stelzer

1st Reading: Dn 5:1-6, 13,14 Gospel: Lk 21:112-19 7:30 -7:50am Church Or by appointment

Pray the Rosary Before Weekend Masses:

Please join us in Church 30 minutes before each weekend Mass for the Rosary. We gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.

All are Welcome, Every TUESDAY!

Please come and pray for peace and special intentions. The Rosary, Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction: Tuesdays at 6:15pm in the Chapel.





Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Patricia Mueller
Wife of Jim Mueller

Fern Bauer
Of Our Parish Family



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



This weekend will be one of 2 in which we join all of you at the 8:00 am Mass in its entirety. Our Candidates/Catechumens will come forward for a blessing. Our theme this year is Prepare your heart... a retreat of waiting. Lord, Am I at the right place? 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. This retreat invites us all to get ready for the coming of Christ by exploring familiar Advent themes: Mary, hope, preparation, joy, peace and prayer... Readings in the next few weeks are chosen with care for their ability to convey the message and meaning of this holy time. Individuals and families alike find them instructive, consoling and inspiring — a valuable way to grow deeper into the Advent spirit and prepare their hearts for Christmas.

There always is a period of preparation and anticipation. Advent is a time for us to wait with Mary of Jesus's birth. We need to plan spiritual exercises, customs, and quiet times that will lead us into, and hold us in, the attitude of holy expectation. 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?

Pray for our journey.

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY

This year is the 40th Anniversary of Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary, appearing in Medjugorje. Our Blessed Mother is still giving the visionaries messages every month. In every message she says, "Pray, Pray, Pray". We can do this. Every Tuesday evening, beginning at 6:15pm, Rosary, Perpetual Help Devotions, and Benediction with Fr. Nick or Deacon Richard are held in the Chapel along with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Think about our world situation and then please come to "Pray, Pray, Pray".



THURSDAY 11.25.21	FRIDAY 11.26.21	SATURDAY 11.27.21	SUNDAY 11.28.21
9:00am LaVerne Schneider	6:30am Nancy Cook 8:00am William & Viola Vogt	8am Hugo Nanny 5:00pm Tommie Lakes	8:00am Jim Ballmann 10:00am Andy Delano 12:00pm Hilary Jurgens 5:30pm People of the Parish
1st Reading: Dn 6:12-28 Gospel: Lk 21:20-28	1st Reading: Dn 7:2-14 Gospel: Lk 21:29-33	1st Reading: Dn 7:15-27 Gospel: Lk 21:34-36	1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16 2nd Reading: Thes 3:12—4:2 Gospel: Lk 21:25-28 By appointment
7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30-7:50 am Church Or by appointment	4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment	

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Youth Formation

From the Principal's Pen





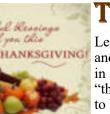


Blessings For Thanksgiving

As we take time to remember our many blessings, let us pray for the laughter of the children, for the abundance of food on this table, and for the ones who prepared this sumptuous feast. May we remember that many do not have a roof over their head or clothes on their back. Let us be the hands and feet of Christ, by helping who are marginalized in society.

May we be blessed with health and thank God for the opportunity to celebrate with family and friends. Be thankful that we have the freedom to pray these words without fear, in this great country, whose landscapes are as vast and beautiful as her inhabitants.





THANKSGIVING DAY 2021

Let's begin by celebrating Thanksgiving together! Join us on Thursday, November 25, 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.



Happy November! It has been an incredible semester of fun, faith and community with Life Teen and our new EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry. Our Life Teen retreat (held the last weekend of October) was an incredible time of authentic prayer and community, learning about how the Holy Spirit moves in our lives, and connecting our faith to beyond Sunday Mass. Thank you for your prayers! The young Church is alive and well and we can't wait to see how the Lord puts the teens at His service.



Here's what's going on this week:

November 21 - Life Night: Friendsgiving ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm in HQ (LOCATION CHANGE)

All high school teens are invited to join us for our annual Friendsgiving! Please bring a dish to share for dinner. We will be in HQ, the Life Teen Head Quarters House (formerly known as the West House). Expect food, fun with your LT family, and powerful prayer. See you there!

November 22 - NO LT Alpha Youth. Thanksgiving Break

November 24 - NO EDGE. Thanksgiving Break

Coming Soon:

November 28: No Life Teen – Thanksgiving Break January 19 – 23: Generation Life Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

Details and registration can be found on our website and through our Instagram bio.

Connect with us on Social Media:

Instagram: @assumption_life_teen // @assumption_edge Facebook: Assumption Life Teen // Assumption EDGE





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Have a question? Contact Becky Whitaker. Director of Youth Ministry 636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com

150th Anniversary Gray Sweatshirts and T-shirts Sweatshirts \$15 T-Shirts \$10

Available in the Parish Office!

Adult Sizes only





HOSPITALITY: Christian **Kindness** "We are ALL

hospitality

ministers"

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 11th. As we begin our planning, we have included information below for our big, yearly event. All generous donations work in combination with the GIVING TREE, ADOPT A FAMILY and the CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. There are several ways that you can get involved to help those who greatly need our assistance this holiday season.

GIVING TREE GIFTS Our Giving Trees will be up till the end of November and filled with gift needs.

STOCK THE HOUSE Neighbors in Need shopping day - This will take place on December 11th.

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, towels, blankets or comforters, tool sets, hardware mini kits, hand mixers, crockpots, pillows, batteries, sheet sets, gift cards to purchase inexpensive prepaid phones for homeless.

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, Game Stop, Ulta or Target gift cards, teen games, jewelry and hair accessories.

ADOPT A FAMILY OR SENIOR - If you feel that your family or organization would like to adopt a family - WE NEED YOU!! Please see the form on the next (perforated) page.

"TREAT TABLE" - This year we will be including a *Treat Table* for our Neighbors in Need. Most do not have the ability or supplies to make holiday goodies, so if anyone would like to share some sweet treats with our NIN's this year, they would greatly appreciate it. (Cookies, pies, fudge, candies, etc.) The program date is Saturday, Dec. 11th. If we could obtain the treats on Friday, Dec. 10th that would be great. You can drop them at the Parish Center while we are setting up, or at the parish office, OR we could have someone pick up donations if you need assistance. Thank you!!

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!

Questions or to schedule 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!!

Christmas Program info, including *links* and Adopt-A- Family forms, are now on the parish website!











Tickets on Sale

NNW

GraceBeyondGravity.com

Click on Buy Tickets & pick your show!

> \$12 -- Ages 12 and up \$7--Ages 4-11





SHOW DATES

November 20th @ 3;00pm & 7:00pm (Saturday) November 21st @ 1:00pm & 5:00pm (Sunday)

St Dominic High School



"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

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL FISH FRY!



*Curb Side Pickup Only

Call ahead to order: 636-281-9223 or 636-409-1251

OR order on-line with a credit card:

knights-of-columbus-council-2269.square.site



Meals include delicious: cod, cat fish (or a combo), green beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert. \$12/meal, \$13 if paying with credit card.

You can pay either with a credit card or cash. HERE IS THE PROCESS! ... Order ahead on our website or by phone, and provide the following: cell phone number, desired time of pickup, catfish, cod or combo meal. Park in the church parking lot across from the Hall near the requested time of pickup and you will receive a call from K of C to come pick up your order on the upper parking lot of the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Our Gifts to God and Parish

7/1/2021 - 11/7/2021 Weekly Offertory November 7, 2021 659,864 42,774 **Actual Collections** \$ 726,000 \$ 44,000 **Budget Target** (66, 136)Surplus / (Shortfall) (1.226)

WARDSHIP

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

TITHING

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school Original Loan \$ 3.306.127 Current balance owed \$1,290,760 20,923 Monthly payment Last expected payment, August 2026

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







2021Commitment Card

Our Annual Stewardship Renewal 2021!

During the month of November we kick off our parish Stewardship Renewal. Over the remaining two weeks, please pray about your role in our parish. This week is our Ministry Festival – "Taste & See" and each parish family is asked to make commitments of time, talent and treasure. (Commitment Cards will be available this weekend November 20 & 21, 2021!)

How can I fill my Stewardship Commitment Card?

After walking through our Ministry Festival and reading through our new Ministry & Membership Directory... please pray through these areas and consider making commitments:

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

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

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

St. Theresa of Avila says: "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

Maybe our own reflection from St. Theresa's message is telling us that we are called to be ministers of the Lord's love and mercy. We are called to recognize how the Lord is blessing us. We are called to live out those gifts and not let them lay dormant yet be alive and active and that our prayer must also be alive and active! Recognizing that our Lord gives us every moment, every breath... and we are to live those *for* Him.

It is so important right now more than ever for us to be disciples of Jesus Christ – to be on fire here at Assumption parish. How could we not continue to build up our own family here and then set our community of O'Fallon on fire, our Archdiocese, our state, our nation! It begins with a single yes to our Lord. Jesus is calling us to be His disciples. He is calling us to be His stewards of His many graces and blessings.

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Praying together through this Renewal process... this is truly a time for Renewal - for you and your family, and for our parish. Please pray with your family and ask God to guide you, and then either drop your commitment card in the baskets provided at the Ministry Festival; bring them to Mass on the weekend of November 27/28; or mail them to the parish office.

Thank you to all who serve in countless ways that help people find Christ here... and bring Christ to the world!

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truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and ioined 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 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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