

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SECOND SUNDAY OF

May you find Christ here...May you bring Christ to the world.

Advent

DECEMBER 4, 2022

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:1

Sacraments and Parish Information



BAPTISM

Scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



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.



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Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



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.



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



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.



FIRST COMMUNION

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

Welcome

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Hello,

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and the full title is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I make that distinction because it is not unusual for people, when they hear about the Immaculate Conception to think we are talking about Jesus. (That is the Feast of the Annunciation – March 25th – nine months before Christmas.)

Unlike us, who by baptism have the stain of original sin removed, for Mary original sin was excluded from her soul from the moment of her conception. That makes her one of four people that we consider were conceived without original sin: Adam, Eve, Mary and Jesus. Sometimes this results with Mary referred to as the New Eve, (and Jesus as the New Adam) (this is even stated in the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* in which the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was officially declared by Pope Pius IX).

I like this description and comparison of Mary as I think it gives me more hope for all of us. If we just think about Adam and Eve succumbing to temptation even though they were completely innocent and did not have the stain of any sin, things can seem pretty hopeless for us being able to resist temptations. But Mary, facing many temptations and challenges in her own life, managed to stay without sin. I don't consider that this means I will be without sin, but it does give me more hope that with the grace of baptism and the other sacraments I can resist temptations. I don't expect it to be perfect, but it encourages the effort and provides more hope that I am not just destined to sin. With Adam and Eve we see succumbing to temptation, but with Mary we saw the overcoming of temptations.

The image of Mary with her foot on a snakes head is a good reminder to us of the New Eve conquering over temptation and sin. Hopefully it can inspire us to be open to God's graces to overcome the temptations in our lives.

Peace,

Fr. Nick



Advent Reconciliation Schedule

M-F 7:30-7:50am in church

Saturday 4-4:50pm in church

Friday, December 9th, 6-9pm in chapel

Saturday, December 10th, 9am-3:30pm in chapel



Adult Formation

“...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.”



*RCIA Spiritual Retreat Day
November 20, 2022*



Christmas Choral Concert!

The Choral Arts Singers invite you to join us for our 51st year of musical performance on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00pm as we present our annual CHRISTMAS CONCERT here at Assumption Parish in the CHAPEL.

“Let Heaven and Nature Sing” features the gorgeous “Breath of Heaven”, the uplifting “The Heavens Are Telling” by Haydn and several other holiday favorites. We are so happy to be singing again and hope that you can join us in a fun and festive afternoon of music. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated to help the Concert Arts Assoc. continue their efforts of bringing musical enjoyment to our community. For additional information and concert dates, contact Bonnie Lang at 636-887-2899 or visit www.concertarts.org and Facebook (Choral Arts Singers).



Prayer

"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



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 8th 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.



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

**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.

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 8:00am Mass. We are in need of Adorers at 2:00pm, 3:00pm and 4:00pm. Please sign up at

assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com.

**WE NEED
YOUR
Help**

Mass Times/Intentions

Reconciliation

MONDAY 12.05.22

6:30am Teresa Schmierbach
8:00am John & Evelyn Hooker

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

TUESDAY 12.06.22

6:30am Shirley Mackey
8:00am William Grumich

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

WEDNESDAY 12.07.22

6:30am Anthony Ricciardi
8:00am Elizabeth Luetkenhaus
5:30pm Sal Becerra

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



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24th
4:00pm (Church, Livestream & Parish Center)
4:30pm (Chapel)
6:00pm (Church)
10:00pm (Church & Livestream)

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25th
8:00am (Church)
10:00am (Church)
12:00 Noon (Church)

Confessions

Mon. Thru Fri. – 7:30-7:50am before 8am Mass
Saturdays – 4:00 to 4:50 pm before the 5pm Mass

IN LOVING
MEMORY

Tomas Pena, Husband of Celia Pena

Covenant Network Catholic Radio fills the airways with inspirational and educational programming that will help prepare your heart and mind to welcome the Christ Child at Christmas. Listen to Catholic radio on KHOJ 1460 AM or 102.9 FM. You can also listen anytime on our Covenant Network App or at OurCatholicRadio.org.



TODAY ~ DECEMBER 4TH HOSPITALITY SUNDAY!

If you already registered online but have not gotten your Welcoming Folder, please stop by our New Member Registration table downstairs in the Parish Center on Hospitality Sunday, TODAY, Dec. 4th. The Welcoming team will have folders ready for you that include our Parish Directory and lots of information describing the *what's*, *where's* and *when's* of both our Church and Chapel. We will be at our table after the 8am, 10am and Noon Masses to help with any questions you may have about our parish. Questions? Please contact, Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741 or lynn.assumption@gmail.com.



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

Praye**r**

St. Vincent de Paul News:

We thank everyone who donated so generously to the Boy Scouts, Scouting For Food drive Nov. 19. We received 4,700 items from the boy scouts, mostly canned goods. We are currently very low on these food items: pancake mix and syrup, jelly, raisins, boxed instant potatoes, cake mix and frosting, brownie mix, and stuffing. We are also low or out of these non-food items: toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, liquid dish soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and family sized toothpaste. Thank you for your support!

THURSDAY 12.08.22	FRIDAY 12.09.22	SATURDAY 12.10.22	SUNDAY 12.11.22
6:30am People of the Parish 8:00am Jerry Schoenherr 7:00pm Art Niebur	6:30am Keith Vollmer, Sp. Int. 8:00am Norbert & John Rothermich	8:00am Ed Kullman 5:00pm Tom Groark	8:00am Joe Grivois 10:00am Ronald Hanebrink 12:00pm Jack Begley 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	By Appointment



From the Principal's Pen

**FORMATION**

Continuous
conversion
of mind and
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Youth Formation

Assumption Robogirlz Robotics Team

During our Faculty meeting on November 11th, the Assumption RoboGirlz team presented (as a practice run) information on their project during this semester to the faculty. Their hope was to win the competition on the next day at the First Lego League Missouri Qualifying competition. The presentation included information on their self-sustaining hydroelectric generator: what it would do and why it was beneficial to the environment.

For the competition, they were required to do a presentation in front of the judges on their specific project and were given points, which then would be combined with points from their competitions. This would give them their final score.

The Robo Girlz took 2nd place in a field of 20 teams at the First Lego League Missouri Qualifier competition on November 12. As part of the competition, Addison Markelz, Charlotte Thomas, Danica Willis, and Claudia Woodside created a working, self sustaining hydroelectric generator that wowed the judges during their presentation. The girls also performed very well in the robot challenge missions where they built, programmed and piloted their robot to complete seven unique missions related to this year's "Supercharged" energy theme. The

Robo Girlz were one of three teams that qualified to advance to the Eastern Missouri Regionals competition in late January. Congratulations and best of luck at Regionals!

Congrats, RoboGirlz team (sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri), on a great competition!

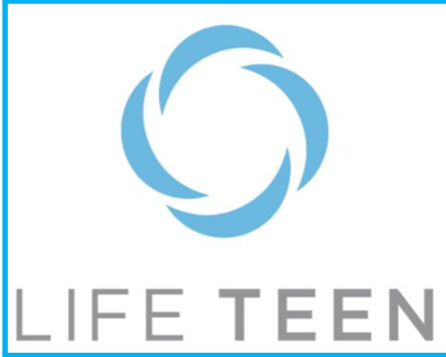


Thanks for reading about ASSUMPTION!

Pat Hensley

**PRAYER SHAWL WEEKEND at ICD December 3rd and 4th**

Prayer Shawls will be available after all Masses at Immaculate Conception Church Dardenne Prairie the weekend of December 3-4. A Prayer Shawl makes a beautiful gift. It is a gift of prayer, especially appropriate for those who are ill or lonely. All shawl recipients are prayed for by our committee. When picking up a shawl, you will be asked to log the recipient's name in our prayer registry. Donations are accepted, but not required. Donations go to purchase yarn for more shawls. For more information on ICD's Prayer Shawl Committee, contact Louann Maldeney 314-650-0938.



Happy Advent from Assumption Youth Ministry!

We have seen the Holy Spirit move in such beautiful ways in our teens this semester. The weekend before Thanksgiving, we had our Life Teen Fall Retreat – which had nearly three times the amount of teens we had on the same retreat last year. This transformative weekend of prayer and community was a powerful time for our teens to encounter the Lord and grow in their understanding of their call to Endless Days with the Lord.

Thank you for your prayers!



FORMATION

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

Youth Formation

Sunday, December 4

Life Night: Retreat Reunion

6:30 - 8:30pm in Parish Center

All teens are invited to join us for a night recapping what the Lord did in our lives during this semester, but especially during Fall Retreat. All teens are invited to attend even if they weren't able to attend the retreat. We will start with our LT Mass at 5:30 pm – 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, December 7

EDGE: A Reason to Celebrate – Advent & Christmas

6:00 – 7:30pm in Parish Center

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us for Edge, our middle school youth ministry program! Expect fun, fellowship, and faith. We will be focusing in on the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas this week. Please pray for us!

Save the Date: 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



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 and 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



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

November 13, 2022

7/1/2022 - 11/13/22

Actual Collections	\$	34,855	\$	669,721
Budget Target	\$	35,000	\$	756,000
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$	(145)	\$	(86,279)

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	\$ 1,020,796
Monthly payment	\$ 20,923

Last expected payment, August 2026

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

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

Assumption Christmas Pageant Features Heartwarming Story of Jesus' Birth!

SAVE THE DATE: December 13 and 14



HOSPITALITY:

Christian kindness
"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality

Let the children of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish warm your hearts this holiday season with the fifth Annual Christmas Pageant, Tuesday, Dec. 13, and Wednesday, Dec. 14. Performances are free and begin at 6:15pm in the church! **Don't MISS THIS!!!**

Presented by the Knights of Columbus Council #2269, this 45-minute production features children in pre-K through 8th grades dressed in period costume while portraying the story of the birth of Jesus Christ through traditional Christmas songs and gospel messages. This year's show is written and directed by Ken Thornhill, Assumption parishioner by day and aircraft mechanic by night, with the assistance of previous show participants Molly Rost, Molly Vohsen and Kayla Coleman. The performance will feature four narrators, townspeople, shepherds, three wise men, a Chorus of Angels, and six main characters, including Mary, Joseph, Isaiah, Zachariah, Elizabeth and Archangel Gabriel. Fr. Nick Kastenholz, also will make a cameo appearance during the two-day event.

Don't miss it! This heartwarming performance is sure to get you into the Christmas spirit. Registration is not necessary and all ages are welcome! For more information about the performances, please contact Ken Thornhill at gocurtis28@yahoo.com or call Assumption Parish at 636-240-3721, ext 239.

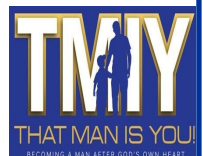



MEN of ASSUMPTION of the BVM Parish: At "That Man is You!" (TMIY) this Saturday. Topics include:

- Speaker: Michael Gormley
- What's so new about the 'New Evangelization'?
- The original Evangelization: The Mission Ad Gentes
- Pre-Christian and Post-Christian Civilizations
- America is Mission Territory
- The Marks of a Post-Christian Culture

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



 The Bruce Kreycik family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to Father Nick, the musicians and parish staff for the lovely service for Bruce. I would also like to thank all our kind parish members and friends that have sent cards and Mass and prayer devotions, and extended condolences to me in person. Also a thank you to Monsignor McCumber for coming to anoint Bruce before his passing.

May God bless. *Margo Kreycik and family.*

thank you

The Mass in Memory of Our Children will be on Sunday, Dec. 11th, at 2:00pm at the Old Cathedral, 209 Walnut St. The celebrant is Fr. Mitch Doyen. This annual Mass provides families who have lost a child with a way to include them in their Christmas observance. For more information on the Mass, please contact Cindy Swain at 314-313-1701.



“...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

Adult Formation

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL!!

We need nominations for parishioners to serve on our Parish Council over the next three years. The Parish Council is comprised of 12 people who serve three year terms each, requiring four new people each year. The Parish Council assists the pastor in fostering pastoral activity, they provide communications with the parish commissions and other committees as well as providing consultative advice at monthly parish council meetings.

I would ask that you consider if you or someone you know may be called to serve our parish in this manner. To nominate yourself or someone else for the parish council please e-mail me at nicholas.laskastenholtz@archstl.org or fill out the form below and return to the parish office or in the collection basket. Once we have received our nominations they will be contacted and we will have an evening where the nominees can find out more specifically about what is involved as a Parish Council member to help them discern if this is appropriate for them. New council members will be drawn from those accepting their nomination at Mass. Any questions... please contact Fr. Nick or any of our current Parish Council members.

Parish Council Nominee

I am nominating _____ for Assumption Parish Council.

Their contact information is: Phone: _____

Email: _____

My name is (if not nominating yourself) _____

My contact information is: Phone: _____

Email: _____

OFFICE INFORMATION

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636.240.3721 Parish Office
Hours - Mon-Thu 8:00am-4:00pm
Fri 8:00am-3:00pm

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636.272.4758 (Helpline)

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL: 636.240.4474

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

WEBSITE: www.assumptionbvm.org
facebook.com/@assumptionmedia
[assumptionparish](http://assumptionparish.org)

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.

