

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## Second Sunday of *Advent*

December 5, 2021

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;  
look to the east and see your children gathered  
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

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

### 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.



#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

# Welcome

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## Hello,

It is the second week of Advent and the candle for this week represents PREPARATION. If you had only one word for Advent preparation, this would probably be it. "Prepare the way of the Lord" John the Baptist tells us, quoting from Isaiah, that our purpose in Advent is to prepare for the birth of Christ. How do we do that?

Consider the different things you would have to prepare for if you are having a child. There are the physical things like where will they sleep, getting a car seat and their baby clothes. I think those are more like the decorations we put up around Christmas, they are important and help us realize the change that is about to happen, but they aren't the most important parts, or the most difficult.

When people are having a child, especially their first child, I think the biggest part is to realize and be ready for their whole life to change. While their lives had been focused mostly on themselves, or hopefully their spouse and their relationship, now they will be completely responsible for this new child, and this is going to take a priority in their lives. Young couples that used to go out to restaurants, to movies, to various other activities often are now going to have to change. Not everything will, or has to, but your new duties as a parent are really going to make you consider how important an activity is, or if it does conflict with your new responsibilities as a parent.

Now instead of that new baby, we are open to Christ coming into our lives. I think if we take some time we can recognize how that requires a change of focus in our lives. Certain activities may now need to change. We can always start with the activities that we know are sinful, and no matter what the circumstances, we know we shouldn't have been doing them. Then there will be some other things that are good for us, like being on that Pickle Ball league, that can be good in keeping us healthy and in good relationships, but unfortunately it is on Sunday morning and what if it means we can't get to Sunday morning Mass? Are Saturday and Sunday evenings also scheduled? Maybe we need to say no to something to make time for Christ. Or we can read a book related to our faith instead of the latest novel. Or if we have time for a cooking class, do we possibly have time for a Bible Study?

Advent is a good opportunity to look at the many different ways Christ can come into our lives, and to realize that if He is really important to us, how we can be more open to Him? Will we be ready to receive the most important gifts this Christmas?

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."

- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

## 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 [assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com](http://assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com).

- ◆ **K of C Queen of Hearts! KC Hall, every Tuesday. Doors open at 5:00pm and drawing is at 7:00pm. Pizzas and beverages available for purchase every week**
- ◆ **Remember...KC Hall is available for rental!**



## Holiday Concert ~ December 19th ~ Assumption Chapel

Former parishioner Gabe Rackers and his friend Landon Wink are inviting you to a special holiday concert in our Chapel on Sunday, December 19th at 3:00pm. This bass and tenor duo from Macomb, Illinois, have put together an hour-long program that will tell the story of Christmas completely in song. The concert will have no stops and is sure to take your breath away. Tickets are not required, but Gabe and Landon will welcome your goodwill donations to Toys for Tots.



## Annual Christmas Dinner Monday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm.

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 Aspenade Circle  
St Peters Mo 63376

OR put payment in envelope marked 50+club and drop off at parish office.

*We hope to see you there!*

**Men of Assumption Parish** - In our modern society and the ever-increasing connectivity of our individual lives, it is truly a battle to find silence. Yet that is precisely when, where, and how God speaks. If we don't fight back, we're simply sucked into the relentless noise and chatter of the world. This week, John Sablan will draw upon the practical wisdom of a modern spiritual giant to help us with the single most important aspect of our lives: a daily appointment with God. How we are living comes forth from how we are praying. How we are praying reveals how we are living! So... how you livin' brothers? **Come Join us for... "That Man is You!"**

This Saturday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building. **Our start time is 7:15am** with breakfast and after a short video and table discussion, Questions? Contact Deacon Richard at [DeaconRichard@charter.net](mailto:DeaconRichard@charter.net) or by cell at 314-397-2433.

## December 11th – Week 12 - The Battle Against the Dictatorship of Noise

Speaker: John Sablan  
Deafening Noise  
Silence is What a Man Needs  
Man Defined in Silence  
The Fruit of Silence  
Into Great Silence  
Make an Appointment with God





"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

Prayer



Share God's Word

Join us for

## Assumption Parish Sunday Preschool

Sundays during 10am mass in  
Assumption Early Childhood  
Center

Drop-off begins at 9:45  
Pick-up at the conclusion of  
mass

## Sunday Preschool

Children ages 3-6 welcome  
(preschool through kindergarten)

October 24, 2021 through May 1, 2022  
\*children can be entered throughout academic year

Tuition is \$40 for the first child and free for each additional  
child registered.

"First Class Trial" is welcome! Call Denise to schedule

Contact Denise Hoehne at 314-954-3192 for additional information.



### Sunday Preschool Registration Form – 2021/2022

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ IN KINDERGARTEN? Yes or No

PARENTS' NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ CELL #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT (OTHER THAN PARENT): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_

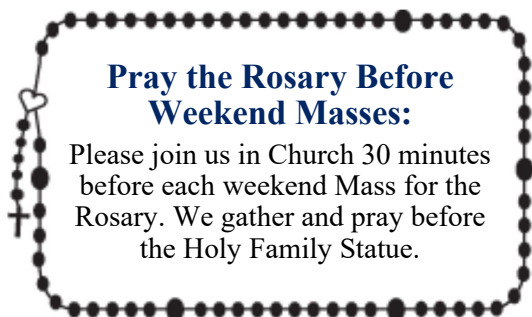
Please list any HEALTH CONCERNS, ALLERGIES, SPECIAL NEEDS, ETC:

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### Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 12.6.21	TUESDAY 12.7.21	WEDNESDAY 12.8.21
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Ruth Ell 8:00am William Grumich	6:30am Leona Feril 8:00am Elizabeth Luetkenhaus 5:30pm Kenneth Naumann	6:30am Sr. Dory Obermann, CPPS 8:00am Gerald Schoenherr 7:00pm Amon Owens
Readings	1st Reading: Is 35:1-10 Gospel: Lk 5:17-26 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: Is 40:1-11 Gospel: Mt 18:12-14 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	1st Reading: Gn 3:9-15 2nd Reading: Eph 1:3-6 Gospel: Lk 1:26-38 7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment
Reconciliation			





**In Loving Memory**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:  
*Patricia Henbrink, Mother of Amy Long*  
*Norm Ochsner, Husband of Carol Ochsner*



**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.

**The Assumption Legion of Mary** would like to offer the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe to visit your home. Spend a week with the image and let our Mother help her children at their time of need.

For more information please contact Diane Donnelly (978) 223-8597 or at [dianedon63@gmail.com](mailto:dianedon63@gmail.com) or Kathy at (314) 308-7332 [mikebsr8518@gmail.com](mailto:mikebsr8518@gmail.com).

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

Prayer

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception 2021 – Holy Day of Obligation**



**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:

**Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in Church ~Vigil Mass**

**Wednesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Mass at 6:30am; 8:00am & 7:00pm in Church \*\*Please note that the 7:00pm Mass will be live-streamed.**

**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 12.9.21**

6:30am Deceased CPPS  
8:00am Jim Ballmann

1st Reading: IS 41:13-20  
Gospel: Mt 11:11-15

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

**FRIDAY 12.10.21**

6:30am Jim Griesenauer  
8:00am Tom Groark

1st Reading: Is 48: 17-19  
Gospel: Mt 11:16-19

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

**SATURDAY 12.11.21**

8:00am Sr. Dory Obermann, CPPS  
5:00pm People of the Parish

1st Reading: Sir 48:1-4  
Gospel: Mt 17:9a

4:00 - 4:45pm Church  
Or by appointment

**SUNDAY 12.12.21**

8:00am Mabel Nielsen  
10:00am Jack Begley  
12:00pm Agnes Benne  
5:30pm Lou Bognar

1st Reading: Zep 3:14-18a  
2nd Reading: Phil 4:4-7  
Gospel: Lk 3:10-18  
By appointment

**FORMATION**

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Youth Formation

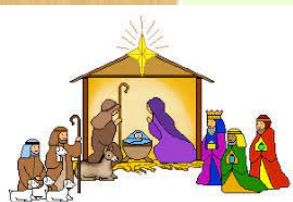
*From the Principal's Pen***Assumption 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Cheerleaders –**

The sport of cheerleading happens to be one of the many extra-curricular programs offered at Assumption for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Two St. Dominic seniors, Chloe Hammond and Savannah Lamb, along with two adult moderators, Janelle Gibbs and Amie Huff, set practices each week after school. Students learn modified SDHS cheers and dance routines which are performed for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' weekend soccer and basketball games.

**The cheerleaders are:** Gwen Briz, Sarah Kenkel, Syd Moore, Izzy Schenk, Ava Grossman, Madison Huff, Kaitlyn Tuepker, Elaina Arrowood, Anna Kleckner, Caitleen Doriman, Zoey Igo, Natalie Frazier, Makenna Swier, Faith Gibbs, and Gabby Keithly.



**Thanks for reading about Assumption!** *Pat Hensley*

**Christmas Pageant December 14th and 15th!**

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to present the youth of our Parish in this year's show! The show will start at 6:30pm in Church. Come and see the kids of our Parish act out the Christmas Story following the Gospel accounts and sing Traditional Christmas Songs. It's free for you to enjoy...so make plans to attend!



### Mass in Memory of Our Children Old Cathedral, Downtown St. Louis

The Annual Mass in Memory of Our Children will be celebrated on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 2:00 pm at the Old Cathedral, 209 Walnut St, Downtown St. Louis.

Fr. Mitch Doyen will be the celebrant.

This Mass is an annual tradition that provides families who have lost a child with a way to include them in their Christmas celebrations. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Cindy Swain at (314)313-1701.

## Athletic Association!

Basketball practices are starting up!



The 2022 Baseball/Softball registration will be opening up sooner this year than normal, Wednesday, December 15. Closing date is still TBD. Signups will be for Pre-K 4 thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade. For older students who have a full team or are looking for a team, please reach out directly to Heather Wilkinson ([haw322@yahoo.com](mailto:haw322@yahoo.com)).

We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate this year or help with field management for the Pre-K / K games. Please contact Heather Wilkinson if interested.





LIFE TEEN



## Happy Advent!

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:

**December 5 - Life Teen. Stress ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm in Hall C**  
All teens are invited to join us for a night on stress and how to manage it well. Expect food, fun and fellowship with your LT community. See you there!



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Youth Formation

### December 7 - LT Alpha Youth Series Marathon - 6:30 - 8:30 pm in LT HQ

Fun, food, faith, and open discussion on the big questions of life continues each Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at LT HQ. Whether you're solid in our Catholic beliefs and want to explore it more OR aren't sure where you're at with the Faith and have questions, Alpha is a safe place to talk about what matters.

### December 8 - EDGE. Advent/Christmas Party - 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Center

All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to the EDGE - our new middle school youth ministry program! In tandem with 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade PSR, EDGE seeks to foster community, joy, and getting to know Christ and the teachings of our faith in a powerful and dynamic way. On Wednesday, we celebrate the first semester of our EDGE Community and the gift of Christmas. Middle schoolers, you can expect fun, games, real talk and the transformative power of our Catholic faith.

### Coming Soon:

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

Have a question? Contact **Becky Whitaker,**  
**Director of Youth Ministry**

636-240-3721 ext. 243 or [becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com](mailto:becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com)



## 150th Anniversary Gray Sweatshirts and T-shirts

**Sweatshirts \$15**

**T-Shirts \$10**



**Available in the Parish Office!**  
**Adult Sizes only**



FRONT



BACK





## Society of St. Vincent De Paul needs your help this Christmas! Neighbors In Need Christmas Day



**ALL GIFT DONATIONS DUE TODAY (Dec. 5th)!**

**Treats for the Treat Table can be delivered on Dec. 10th.**

Our SVDP Christmas program for our neighbors in need and our homeless clients will take place on December 11th.

**GIVING TREE GIFTS** Are due on December 5th. **TODAY.**



**"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. 11<sup>th</sup>. If we could obtain the treats on Friday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> that would be great! **Please drop them at the Parish Center while we are setting up, or at the Parish Office (anytime).** Thank you!



Questions, please contact Tammy Young at 314-603-2395 or [styoung6@aol.com](mailto:styoung6@aol.com).

**Thank you so much to all of our generous parishioners!!**

Hospitality

Help  
needed

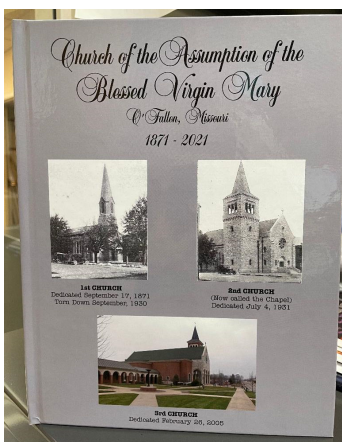
### HOSPITALITY:

Christian  
Kindness  
"We are ALL  
hospitality  
ministers"

### Blood Drive – Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

ImpactLife collected **twenty-five units** of blood at our recent blood drive. If you came and were able to donate, and even if you were not, may God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity! Blood donations save lives and there is a great need for blood in our community. We are very grateful to all parishioners who come to our drives. **THANK YOU!!**

Please mark your calendars for the blood drive dates coming in 2022 at Assumption:  
Sunday, January 23; Sunday, May 15; Tuesday, August 2.



### Great Christmas Gift Ideas!

Here are some perfect Christmas gifts for the current and former parishioners on your list:

The Assumption Heritage Book! This beautiful book chronicles the history of our parish and school, including rare photos and fascinating facts and stories from the past 150 years! We have a limited supply of these hardback books available in the Parish Office for \$35 each, cash or check.

Keep warm by the fireplace with an Assumption 150th anniversary sweatshirts, including hoodie or zipper jackets, available in youth and adult sizes. Prices start at \$15. Call the Parish Office to see if your size is available.



When the weather warms up, be prepared with an Assumption T-shirt in gray (adult sizes only) or blue (youth and adult sizes). Prices start at \$10. Call the Parish Office to see if your size is available.



ASSUMPTION  
of the  
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PARISH

2021 Commitment Card  
My Offering of Time, Talent & Treasure

## Our Annual Stewardship Renewal is still in process!

If you haven't had a chance to fill out your Commitment Card, you can do so right online! Visit [assumptionbvm.org](http://assumptionbvm.org) and once on our HOME page, click on the Stewardship Annual Renewal box and follow the directions! Thank you for completing your Annual Stewardship Commitment Card! How can I fill my Stewardship Commitment Card?

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 to 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. Teresa 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."



"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

Service



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve – Friday December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm (Church, Livestream and Parish Center)

4:30pm (Chapel), 6:00pm (Church)

10:00pm (Church and Livestream)



### Christmas Day – Saturday December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00am (Church), 10:00am (Church and Livestream), Noon (Church)

## CONFESSIONS

Monday thru Friday – 7:30-7:50am before 8:00am Mass

Saturdays – 4:00 to 4:50pm before the 5:00pm Mass

## Our Gifts to God and Parish

Weekly Offertory	November 21, 2021	7/1/2021 - 11/21/2021
Actual Collections	\$ 30,600	\$ 724,712
Budget Target	\$ 35,000	\$ 797,000
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$ (4,400)	\$ (72,288)

### Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

Original Loan	\$ 3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$ 1,290,760
Monthly payment	\$ 20,923

Last expected payment, August 2026

STEWARDSHIP  
a way of life

The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)

We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)

God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

## TITHING

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





Becoming Catholic  
RCIA



"...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."

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Adult Formation



## December 5, 2021 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

BAR 5:1-9; PS 126: 1-6; PHIL 1: 4-6, 8-11; LK 3: 1-6

The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two 'comings' of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — *His faithful disciples* — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us.

While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents, and our treasure now.

**The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God's love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ's coming among us.** We are told the precise time, place, and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first "coming" on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

This Advent let's turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept into our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. **This is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.**

### 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)

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL: 636.240.4474

### BULLETIN NOTICES

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

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

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