

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**THIRD
SUNDAY OF**

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

Advent

DECEMBER 11, 2022

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“Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5

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 2nd grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

Welcome

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Hello,

This coming Monday is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the most celebrated apparition of Mary here in the America's.

There is so much about this apparition that is of interest and encouraging for our faith that I hope just in mentioning four aspects of it, you may be encouraged to find out more.

First is Juan Diego, the man to whom Mary repeatedly appeared. (His feast day is Dec. 9th, last Friday.) He is usually described as a common peasant man who converted to Christianity when he was 50 when some of the native Mexicans were first being converted by Spanish missionaries. It would only be seven years later when Mary would appear to him.

Second, the apparition itself. She first appeared to him on Dec. 9, 1531 and asked him to go to the bishop to tell him to build a shrine for her on the hill where she appeared. The bishop sees Juan Diego but is not convinced. The next day Mary appears to him again and he goes to see the bishop, this time the bishop asks for proof that Mary appeared to him. Then on Dec. 12 Mary appears to him a third time and told him to take the blooming roses on the hill as proof to the bishop. Gathering the roses in his cloak (tilma) he would take them to the bishop and as he let the roses fall on the ground in front of the bishop, Mary's image appeared on the tilma.

Third, the response to the apparition. Not only did the bishop build the shrine but hundreds of thousands would convert to Christianity in the New World.

Fourth, the tilma with the image of Mary. While the garment is still on display (now sealed behind glass) after over 500 years, the material that it is made of should have degraded and fallen apart after only a few decades.

Scientists today not only can't figure out how the image could have been made on the tilma, but there are also incredible details on it that in themselves can be considered miraculous.

As we light the rose candle on our wreath and celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday, remembering the apparition of Mary and all connected to it seems like a good way to be joyful.

Peace,

Fr. Nick





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."



Second Sunday of Advent.
Mike and Carolyn teaching the 7 Sacraments during the RCIA session.

We are waiting. Quietly waiting for God to speak to our heart.

Isn't this what Advent is all about? Listening to the quiet in our hearts, waiting for the whisper of God? Isn't this what we do as we wait for the wonder of Christmas — the birth of Christ? Isn't this what we have been doing for centuries as we await the return of Christ at the end of times? Wonderful waiting! Listening.

With the chaos of our world and the busyness of the holiday season, isn't it time to wait in wonder for Emmanuel, God with us, to speak to our hearts? This is the wonder of waiting. We never know when we might feel the nudge or hear the voice of God speak to us — we wonder. Will we take the time to sit quietly, wait and listen?

During this season of Advent, We pray that you will take time away from the busyness and chaos of our world to sit in wonder waiting to hear the voice of God speak to your heart. "Be not afraid." God is waiting for you in the silence of your heart. Join our group as we wait and ponder.....

*I sit in quiet,
My mind races ahead of me.
I let those thoughts pass,
Waiting.
Listening in quiet
for that gentle voice of God.
Wondering when will I hear the whisper.
Waiting. Waiting.
Emmanuel, God with us
Come be with me as I sit, waiting.
Wondrous waiting.*



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



December 11, 2022 – Third Sunday in Advent

IS 35:1-6A, 10; PS146:6-10; JAS 5:7-10; MT 11:2-11

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this

Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. ***"Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."***

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas, when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life.

In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, ***"making our hearts firm"*** by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.



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 12.12.22

6:30am David Delmas
8:00am Joe Grivois

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

TUESDAY 12.13.22

6:30am Priest Intention
8:00am Bob Bross

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

WEDNESDAY 12.14.22

6:30am Priest Intention
8:00am Arthur Osseck

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

Connie Dobelman
 Daughter of Sam & Elaine Mercurio

Arlene Hamilton
 Mother of Wendy Fuchs



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

Payer



Members only:

Please join us for our annual catered Christmas Dinner!!
 Monday, December 19th at 6:00pm. Dinner begins at
 6:30pm in Halls B & C.

**CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

What better way to spend the evening than to eat great food and listen to Christmas music
 by the Old Timers dulcimer group. **Please bring a dessert or salad to share.**

Please RSVP to Linda Lambing at 314-599-8429, if you wish to attend. Cost is \$10.



We will have a Pro-life basket available for any donations.

Please bring canned goods to help us replenish St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry.

Questions? Please call Bob or Liz Allmeyer at 636 240-8638.



THURSDAY 12.15.22	FRIDAY 12.16.22	SATURDAY 12.17.22	SUNDAY 12.18.22
6:30am Priest Intention 8:00am Doras Paez	6:30am Shirley Mackey 8:00am Joe Grivois	8:00am Alma Jean Gouge 5:00pm Herbert O. Simon	8:00am Arthur Osseck 10:00am Stephanie Carpenter 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm Stephanie Carpenter
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

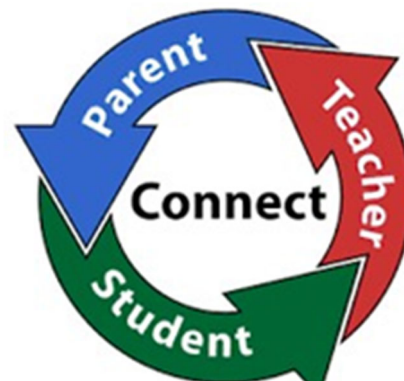


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Youth Formation

Assumption's PTO is focused on our Students!

Our school theme this year, is "Build His Kingdom" and through the volunteer efforts of our PTO parents, all teachers, parents, and students are able to meet, mingle, and truly build the community of Assumption.



Did you know that our Assumption Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) plans events throughout the year to help create fun for our students, and provide financial help for our school.

If you had the pleasure of being involved in the annual Trunk r' Treat, you would have seen the lower parking lot filled with family cars decked out for Halloween, parents and teachers in costumes, and goblins of all ages 2 through 14, anxiously waiting to be treated. Prior to goodie distribution, all families have pizza and drinks on the lot with resounding music from the Parish Hall. Laughter follows as the goblins tell their jokes or poems hoping that their effort bring in a candy bar, bubble gum, or popcorn ball. Pictures of the evening are posted on our Assumption Facebook and it appears that all attending have a blast.

The PTO also hosts our Santa's Workshop, where students PreK through 8 can enter Santa's Workshop and purchase (for a nominal fee) an item to give their parents at Christmas. The joy on the faces as students pass through is amazing – and if these students are like my children, they can't wait to surprise the parents and end up giving them the gift in advance of Christ's birthday! The "Brunch with Santa" is hosted by PTO on a Saturday in December, where Santa has brunch with all of his guests.

The Sweetheart Dance, in February, has dads and daughters enjoying one another's company for dinner and dancing – a great time for dads to meet one another, too!

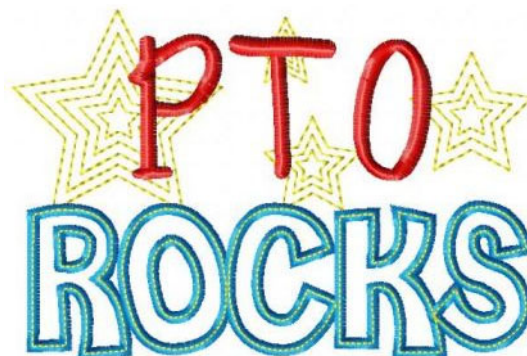
Each faculty member, because of the PTO's generosity, are given \$200 to help them buy classroom materials to use with their students. This is quite an expenditure, knowing that we have over 30 faculty members.

Thank you to all of the PTO volunteers from over the years who have dedicated their time and talent to our school.

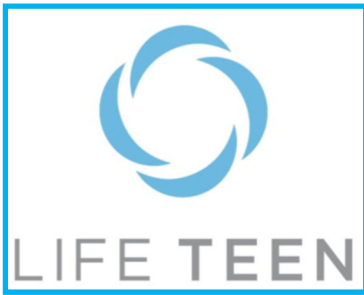


Thanks for reading about ASSUMPTION!

Pat Hensley



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 week-end 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!

Sunday, December 11 ~ Life Night: Advent XLT ~ 6:30 - 8:30pm in Parish Center

All teens are invited to join us for a night focusing in on the season of Advent and how Jesus meets us in our waiting, ending our time together with Eucharistic Adoration. All teens are invited to attend! We will start with LT Mass at 5:30pm – teens, please sit in the front rows—then head downstairs to Halls B & C for a great night of fun, food, friendship and powerful prayer. See you there!

Wednesday, December 14 ~ EDGE: Attending the PSR Christmas Program

6:00 – 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us for Edge, our middle school youth ministry program!

This week, we will be attending the PSR Christmas program. Please find a core member in the narthex if your family is unable to attend with you.

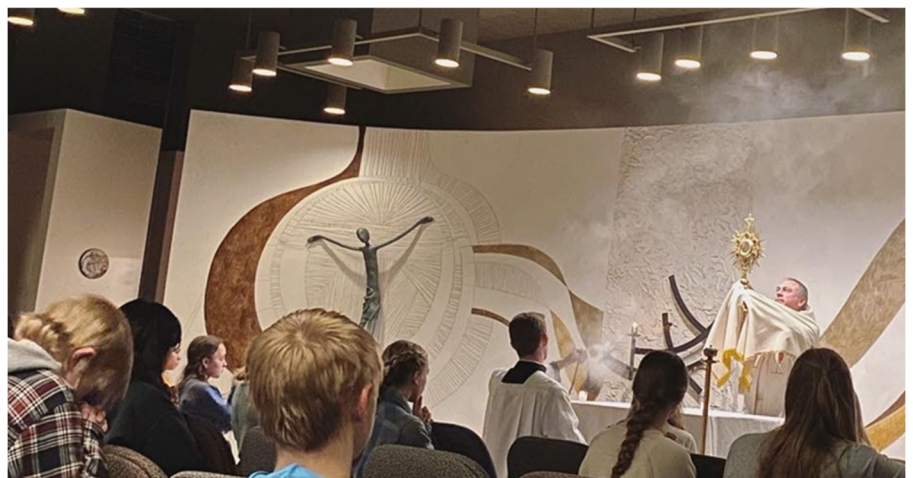
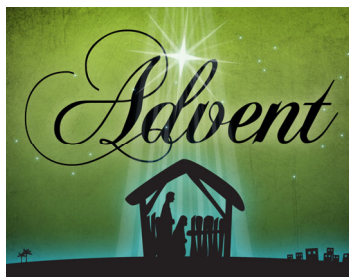
Save the Date:

March 3-5: Luke 18 Retreat



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Youth Formation



Connect with us on Social Media:

Instagram: @assumption_life_teen // @assumption_edge

QUESTION? Contact **Becky Whitaker**, Dir of Youth Ministry

636-240-3721 ext. 243 or becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com



Take a Chance to Win a Golf Cart and Help Raise Money for Assumption!

Would you like to take a chance to win a brand new electric golf cart? This beautiful 2022 ICON i40L Caribbean Blue, four-person Golf Cart, courtesy of **STL Custom Cartz** and the Carrino family, is being raffled off at the 2023 Assumption School Gala (**Dinner Auction**): Prom Through the Decades on Saturday, April 22.

Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100, and can be purchased with cash, check (made out to Assumption), and online at abvm.home.qtego.net. There is no limit on the number of tickets purchased. Tickets will be available in the month of April.

To participate in the golf cart raffle, please send the completed golf cart raffle ticket with payment in a sealed envelope to Assumption School. Attention: 2023 Gala committee (which is the Auction Committee), or drop it into the church donation basket.



Assumption Gala 2023 GOLF CART RAFFLE TICKET

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Seller: _____

Seller phone #: _____
(or homeroom teacher)



Assumption Gala 2023 GOLF CART RAFFLE TICKET

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Seller: _____

Seller phone #: _____
(or homeroom teacher)



"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



Mark your Calendar Now...The Fall Festival will be a little earlier Next Year!

Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1, 2023

A special thank you to Larry and Donna Johnson for doing such a wonderful job chairing the festival this year. It was a spectacular event! Unfortunately, Larry and Donna will be stepping down, and Russ Schaller will be taking over as the new chair in 2023.

We look forward to bringing the community together for another year of fun, food and fellowship. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Russ at 314-608-6551.

Our Gifts to God and Parish

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

Weekly Offertory

November 20, 2022

7/1/2022 - 11/2022

Actual Collections

\$ 42,340 \$ 712,061

Budget Target

\$ 35,000 \$ 791,000

Surplus / (Shortfall)

\$ 7,340 \$ (78,939)

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.*

**HOSPITALITY:**Christian
kindness"We are ALL
hospitality
ministers"

Hospitality



Assumption Christmas Pageant

Features Heartwarming Story of Jesus' Birth!

SAVE THE DATE: December 13 and 14

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.



Assumption Blood Drive

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

THANK YOU!

ImpactLife collected **twenty-one units** of blood at our recent blood drive, enabling area hospitals to assist at least 63 patients in their care. 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 critical need for blood in our community. We are very grateful to all who come to our drives. THANK YOU!!

Please mark your calendars for the next blood drive coming to Assumption: Sunday, January 15, 2023.

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood offer an Open House Tour of their beautiful historic chapel and heritage area. To schedule a tour or for more information, contact Sr. Cecile Gunelson at 636-293-8013.

Address: 204 North Main Street. O'Fallon. MO

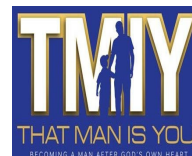
Directions: Use the entrance at Main and 3rd street and take the first right. Parking is available on the south side of chapel. Chapel is handicapped accessible.

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 family of Vince Scully would like to convey our gratitude to Fr. Nick and Deacon Richard for the beautiful service to honor Vince. We would also like to thank Peggy and Lynn for their assistance, Bonnie for the beautiful vocals, and the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Team. Your words and kindness will always be appreciated by our 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.



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- 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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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.