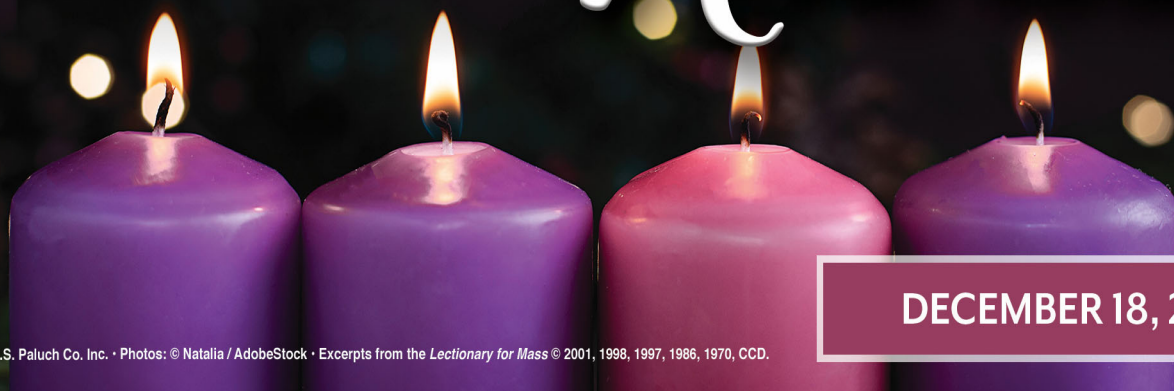


Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**FOURTH
SUNDAY OF**

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

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

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*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

MATTHEW 1:23

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.



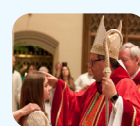
RITE of CONFESSION

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,

One week left until Christmas, so how do I prepare? I might be worried about the gifts I've yet to buy, because I want to show my friends and family how I care for them. Maybe I'm focused on the Christmas cards I need to send, because I want to be sure I keep in touch with them and let them know that I am thinking about them. I might get distracted looking through past Christmas cards I've received or photos from past Christmases and be reminded of what I'm looking forward to. I could be rushing to put up decorations that I haven't managed to get completed, so I and others can be helped to be in the festive holiday spirit.

All of these things are worthy to be concerned with and are good ways in which we celebrate Christmas, showing our love for one another, but are we also showing our love for God?

I might compare going to confession to cleaning up your house before friends and family come over, wanting to be sure things are as good as they can be to fully celebrate Christmas. I might recognize a charity that I could contribute to, a way of showing God appreciation for all that I have. I might be reading through one of the Gospels as a reminder of how incredible a gift I really do recognize and celebrate on Christmas. I might consider planning to invite family or friends to come to Christmas Mass with me to share in the fullest way in the gift that is at the center of this holiday, the gift of Jesus Christ being born among us, God and man.

I know it can get a bit crazy as we get closer to Christmas, the last minute things that we feel we need to do, and just how busy we can become.

Hopefully we don't let the activity distract us from the real center of Christmas as we celebrate Jesus's birth. Consider it to be like celebrating a birthday of a parent or grandparent, we realize one of the main things they do want is to see all of us gathered and happy together, but they can appreciate that the most if we are sure to have them present at the celebration.

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."

THANK YOU!



Support
Catholic Schools

You can support Catholic schools with a full credit against your state income tax!

Did you know that up to half of your state income tax liability can help families attend Catholic schools? For every dollar given to the MOScholars program, you'll pay one dollar less to Jefferson City, not to exceed 50% of your tax liability. So, if you expect to owe \$3,000 in state taxes, you can donate up to \$1,500 and get a tax credit for that amount.

Here's how it works in 3 simple steps:

1. **Reserve your tax credit** of \$500 or more at <https://treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/ReservationApp>. Be sure to select Today & Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) from the dropdown menu when asked which Educational Assistance Organization (EAO) you want to support.
2. **Submit your tax credit authorization, along with your donation**, within 30 days to TTEF. Upon receipt, they will send you a tax credit certificate for the full value of your donation.
3. When you **file your state taxes** for 2022, include the tax credit certificate you received to reduce your tax liability by the amount of the donation you made!

Gifts to the MOScholars program through the TTEF will be used to provide scholarships to students attending eligible Catholic schools, including Assumption, based on their family's income level or the child's learning requirements.

Any individual or entity with a state tax liability can participate. This is an incredible year-end tax planning strategy!

If you have questions, call Mark Vogt in the Parish Office at 636-240-3721, extension 225.



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 18, 2022 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

IS 7:10-14, 10; PS 24:1-6; ROM 1:1-7; MT 1:18-24

As our Advent preparations draw to a close and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day.

In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he obeys God's call to him through the message of an angel.

We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God, who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ.



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

	MONDAY 12.19.22	TUESDAY 12.20.22	WEDNESDAY 12.21.22
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Evelyn Keller 8:00am John & Evelyn Hooker	6:30am Kristi Nichles & Family 8:00am Jim & Lorraine Fitzgerald	6:30am Alois Orf 8:00am Jane Sachs
Reconciliation	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	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

Monday - Friday: 7:30-7:50am, before 8am Mass
Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:50pm, before the 5pm Mass
 (Except Saturday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve)



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.



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

Prayer

CHRISTMAS PARTY



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.

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 12.22.22	FRIDAY 12.23.22	SATURDAY 12.24.22	SUNDAY 12.25.22
6:30am Mary Ann Oyrak 8:00am Joan Proch	6:30am The Ell Family 8:00am Larry Kiphart	8:00am Carmela Bamert 4:00pm A.J. Renaud 4:30pm People of the Parish 6:00pm Anthony Buffa 10:00pm Henry Prinster	8:00am Lester Wood 10:00am Bob Crangle 12:00pm Patricia Francis Mueller
7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment		By Appointment



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From the Principal's Pen



Jesus is at the Center of Assumption

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of mind, body and spirit. Continue to send the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide our students, faculty and staff in all ways.

At the beginning of this new semester we implore your mercy. Bless the students, teachers, and staff at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn how to follow your Son, Jesus.

Expand the horizons of our minds that we may grow in wisdom and Understanding. Let us remember that you are the center of Assumption School, and through You we transform our students through faith and knowledge. Please deepen our commitment to inspire each of our students to bring Christ to the world.



Glory and praise to you, Lord God, in the Church and in Christ

Amen

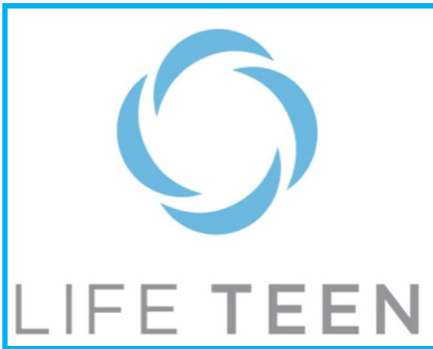
**HAPPY
NEW
SEMESTER**



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 number 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.

We close out 2022 with grateful hearts for all the ways that the Lord has drawn us closer to Him and each other, looking to the future with hopeful expectation that there is more to come!



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Sunday, December 18

Life Night: Birthday Boy – Christmas Party 6:30 - 8:30pm in Parish Center

All teens are invited to join us for a celebrating the birth of Jesus with their Life Teen Community! All teens are invited to attend. We will start with our LT Mass at 5:30pm – teens, please sit in the front rows—then head downstairs to Halls B & C for a great night of festive fun, food and friendship. This will be our final Life Night of 2022.

Wednesday, December 21

No EDGE – Christmas Break!

EDGE will be on Christmas break until we resume on January 11.

Save the Date:

January 8: LT Kick Off – Bunco Bonanza

January 11: EDGE Kick Off

March 3-5: Luke 18 Retreat



Youth Formation



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



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)



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"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 27, 2022	YTD 7/1/2022 - 11/2022
Actual Collections	\$ 32,073	\$ 744,134
Budget Target	\$ 33,000	\$ 824,000
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$ (927)	\$ (79,866)

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

Please Pray For Our Troops

Service Members on Our Prayer List:

Christopher Schneider	Son of Shelly and Jim Schneider
Anthony Horvath	Nephew of Judy Horvath
Scott Boatright	Son of Mary and Don Boatright
Thomas Townsend	Grandson of Lorraine Cully
Shaun Brown D.O.	Son of Rick and Andrea Wild
Aaron Davis	Son of Tammy and Tim Davis
Jason Jones	Grandson of Joyce Hunn
Dustin Hesscamp	Grandson of Joyce Hunn
Austen Thomas	Son of Jeanine Thomas
Alexander Boden	Grandson of Bob and Jan Weber
Christopher Weber	Grandson of Bob and Jan Weber
Gabriel Gage	Nephew of Madeline and Larry Gage and Grandson of Julitta Gage
Alex Struckoff	Nephew of Keith and Jean Boal
Connor Smit	Nephew of Keith and Jean Boal
Sydney Smith	Niece of Keith and Jean Boal
Miranda Gerringer	Granddaughter of Keith and Jean Boal
Marissa Johnson	Great Granddaughter of Ruth Ell
Michael Pabst	Son of Cathy and Chuck Pabst
Garrett Einggeli	Grandson of John and Sherry Busken
Robert Rodamaker	Great Grandson of Clarence Schneider
Brian Cole	Grandson of Henrietta Cole
Calvin Pieper	Grandson of Howard and Carol Pieper
Brenden Seibert	Grandson of Larry and Shirley Boyer
Ellie Prinster	Granddaughter of Henry & Norma Prinster
Caroline Victor	Granddaughter of Henry & Norma Prinster
Anthony Northway	Grandson of Mary Lou Becker
Jeffrey Northway	Grandson of Mary Lou Becker
Virginia Brawley	Granddaughter of Walter and Pat Curtis
Joseph Gibbons	Grandson of John and Sharon Gibbons
Graham Mullin	Grandson of Norbert and Mary Stoverink
Jason Nickell	Nephew of Larry & Sue Buehler
Tanner Swafford	Grandson of Marilyn Shaffer
Caleb McDowell	Great Grandson of Larry & Dolores Lantiegne
Alex Murphy	Grandson of Larry & Dolores Lantiegne
Drew Huskey	Son of Karla & Bret Falkner
Logan McCummisky	Great Grandson of Arnold & Dottie Becker
Cody Wade	Son of Mike & Beth Wade
Anna Bello	Niece of Tina Cay
Justin Dimitry	Nephew of Gary & Jan Doerr
Sabrina Huddleston	Granddaughter of Maribeth Huddleston
Shaun Brown	Nephew of Angela Ward
David Baine	Son of Larry and Elizabeth Baine
Samuel Davis	Son of Tim & Tammy Davis
Colin Emge	Great Grandson of Ruth Rothermich



Do you have family or friend who are currently serving in the Armed Forces? If so, we would like to pray for them by name as a community! To **add** or **remove** a name from our list, please call the parish office, 636-240-3721. Thank you for your prayerful support to help keep our troops serving our country safe!

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.



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 nicholaskastenholtz@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: _____



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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation



OFFICE INFORMATION

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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

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

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.